

**Ministerial policy dialogue on HIV and
related comorbidities in eastern Europe and
central Asia**

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Provisional Programme

13:00 - 14:00 Registration & lunch

Moderator: Mr James Chau

14:00 – 14:20

Welcome remarks

- Mr Lambert Grijns, Dutch Ambassador for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights & HIV/AIDS
- Dr Zsuzsanna Jakab, Regional Director, WHO Regional Office for Europe
- Mr Vinay Saldanha, Director, UNAIDS Regional Support Team for Eastern Europe and Central Asia

14:20 – 14:30

Setting the scene

- Ms Yana Panfilova, Founder of Eurasian Union, and adolescent and youth “Teenergizer”
- Dr Masoud Dara, Coordinator, Communicable Diseases, WHO Regional Office for Europe

14:30 – 15:10

Ministerial panel discussion on lessons learned and achievements

During this session, the panel members will present examples of good practices in addressing HIV in their settings

Countries to intervene (in alphabetical order)

- The Minister of Health of Armenia, Dr Arsen Torosyan
- The Deputy Minister of Health of Belarus, Dr Dmitri Pinevich
- The Minister of Health of Georgia, Dr David Sergeenko
- The Minister of Health of Republic of Moldova, Dr Svetlana Cebotari
- The Minister of Health of Tajikistan, Dr Nasim Hoja Olimzoda
- The Acting Minister of Health of Ukraine, Dr Ulana Suprun

15:10 – 15:15

Bridging the gaps

- Professor Michel Kazatchkine, Special Advisor to the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS for Eastern Europe and Central Asia

15:15 – 16:15

Round table dialogue on accelerating response in the Region. Priorities for action.

During this session, other Ministers or their deputies who did not speak at the panel and two civil society representatives and key partners will intervene and elaborate on the next steps of ensuring political commitment to scale up effective and efficient interventions, while addressing the below cross-cutting issues.

- Social determinants, equity and human rights
- Sustainable financing for HIV response
- The whole of society and the whole of Government approach under Sustainable Development approach
- Inter-country cooperation on addressing cross border care
- Working in partnership (civil society, academic, engaging communities and people living with HIV)

Countries to intervene (in alphabetical order) and partners (in alphabetical order)

- The Minister of Health of Kazakhstan, Dr Elzhan Birtanov
- Under State Secretary on Health Policy Issues, Ministry of Health of Latvia, Ms Daina Murmane-Umbrasko
- Vice Minister of Health, Ministry of Health of Lithuania, Mr Algirdas Šešelgis
- Deputy Minister of Health of the Russian Federation, Dr Oleg Salagay
- Executive Director of Eurasian Harm Reduction Association, Ms Anna Dovbakh
- Co-chairman of Eastern Europe and Central Asia Union of People Living with HIV (ECUO), Mr Wojciech Jerzy Tomczyński
- Director of Public Health, DG SANTE, European Commission, Mr John F. Ryan
- Executive Director, Stop TB Partnership, Dr Lucica Ditiu
- Deputy Regional Director, UNFPA for eastern Europe and central Asia, Mr Ian McFarlane

16:15 – 16:30

Closing remarks and next steps

- Mr Peter Sands, GFATM Executive Director
- Dr Zsuzsanna Jakab, WHO Regional Director for Europe

16:30 – 16:45

Official launch of the Compendium of good practices by co-organizers.

Reception with the participation of civil society representatives.

- Dr Zsuzsanna Jakab, WHO Regional Director for Europe
- Ms Vera Brezhneva, UNAIDS Goodwill Ambassador for eastern Europe and Central Asia
- Mr Lambert Grijns, Dutch Ambassador for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights & HIV/AIDS

16:45-18:15

Civil society dialogue to scale up response (*coordinated by AFEW International*)

During this session, the participants of the Ministerial Policy Dialogue and civil society representatives, building on the previous sessions, will discuss the progress, challenges and next steps with special focus on: sustainable financial mechanisms for programmes for key populations, meaningful involvement of communities into decision making and addressing the legal barriers to enable evidenced-based approaches.

Finger food and drinks will be served during the session.

18:15

Departure to RAI for Official opening of the 22nd International AIDS Conference

The official opening of AIDS 2018 is scheduled at 19:30

<http://www.aids2018.org/Programme/Conference-Programme/Conference-schedule>