

**ACCOUNTABILITY for
UNIVERSAL ACCESS - UNGASS – MDGs
for 2010 and BEYOND:**

Universal Access (UA) is a global commitment to scale up access to HIV treatment, prevention, care and support. It is enshrined in the *2006 UN Political Declaration (UNGASS)* and led by countries with support from UNAIDS and other partners. Specific targets have been set by countries and this feeds into the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

The recently released Report, *Towards Universal Access: Scaling Up Priority HIV/AIDS Interventions in the Health Sector*, highlights successes in areas of PMTCT and ART among others. Unfortunately it also underscores the ongoing problems for key populations facing concentrated epidemics such as gay men and other Men who have sex with Men (MSM), transgender, people who use drugs and sex workers.¹ New ARV treatment guidelines will add further pressure to meet goals set by countries. Although a range of evidence-informed prevention strategies have proven effective, efforts to stop the spread of AIDS is hindered by insufficient progress in addressing the underlying social determinants of HIV risk and vulnerability. High levels of discrimination against people living with HIV, against women and girls, against gay and other MSM, people who use drugs and sex workers combined with punitive laws, policies and practices continue to hold back effective national responses.

The UNAIDS UNGASS Reporting Timeline for 2010 is as follows:

Country Progress Reports compiled in-country:	Jan-March
Country Progress Reports submitted to UNAIDS:	31 March
UN Secretary General's Report:	June
Launch of the 2010 Global Report	1 December

The data will also serve to highlight progress towards UA.

There is a Millennium High Level Meeting scheduled in September 2010 where there will be HIV/AIDS data included in the MDG report.

In addition to the Reports, country dialogues are being held in various countries. In the Asia-Pacific region, there are “Universal Access Country Missions” whose purpose is to:

- Advocate with governments and civil society on meeting their commitments;
- Gain a comprehensive and realistic understanding of the current status of the country's progress to meeting 2010 targets;
- Make a realistic projection of progress towards targets by 2010 and beyond;

¹ *Towards Universal Access: Scaling Up Priority HIV/AIDS Interventions in the Health Sector*. Joint UNAIDS, WHO and UNICEF Report on the progress, released September 30, 2009.

- Agree on appropriate strategies to overcome the barriers to UA; and,
- Identify technical and financial support needs for addressing barriers identified that are constraining scale-up to UA.

MAPPING OF KEY EVENTS

2010

Jan-March	April-June	July-Sept	Oct-Dec
*GF Replenishment Meeting – The Netherlands: 24-26 March	* AIDS UNGASS Report published – June *G-8 – Muskoka: 25-27 June <i>(G-20 – to follow)</i> * 1 day Annual Review on UNGASS (to be determined)	*AIDS2010 – Vienna: 18-23 July * UNGA MDG Review – NYC: Sept 20-22	*GF Replenishment - Oct 4-5: UN NYC UN Sec. General is the host * World AIDS Day – Dec 1 st (Global Report published)

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	* World Health Assembly * UNGASS +10 ²	*G-8 and G-20 - France * UN GA – NYC: Sept (to be confirmed)	*World AIDS Day – Dec 1st

² As stipulated in the 2006 Political Declaration, the UN is to hold a Comprehensive Review. Data for this review will be from 2010.