



**STATEMENT BY H.E DR. MOKOWA BLAY ADU-GYAMFI AT THE  
INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE GLOBAL HIV PREVENTION COALITION**

**The Executive Director of UNAIDS, Mr. Michel Sidibe**

**The Executive Director of UNFPA, Dr. Natalia Kanem**

**The Executive Director of GNP+, Dr. Laurel Sprague**

**Honourable Ministers**

**Excellencies**

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

First of all, I would like to begin by thanking everyone for being here today in particular to those who spoke reiterating their commitments to the HIV response. We also thank the Executive Directors of the UNAIDS and UNFPA for organizing this meeting, which as Chair of the Programme Coordinating Board (PCB) we deem to be very important and timely particularly as it follows on the heels of the Thematic Segment of the 40th PCB.

I would not take up too much time by rehashing all the very salient points that have been made by the various speakers on prevention in general and on the Roadmap, but I would like us to cast our minds back to the 1980s when prevention was all we really had in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

We have heard from various countries on what they are doing with respect to HIV prevention. What was constant in most of the experiences shared is that we still have a long way to go and we have to do things differently to realize the global 2030 goals. The convictions were loud and clear that prevention is key; prevention works; prevention costs less than treatment; and prevention is better than cure. That said, prevention also costs money and there are still policy and structural barriers that continue to mitigate against reaching all and ensuring that no one is left behind in the prevention agenda.

As the Chair of the PCB, Ghana welcomes the coalition and endorses the HIV Prevention 2020 Roadmap which would mark an important milestone in the global HIV response. We are also in full support of the targets therein and in particular reduction of the number of new infections by 75% by

2020. On this note I wish to remind us all that 2020 is roughly 26 months away. This calls for urgent re-energised commitments on the part of all of Member States, Donors Countries, UNAIDS and Co-Sponsors and most importantly Communities.

Finally, I wish to entreat all stakeholders to ensure this discussion on prevention does not end here but continues and is translated into action.

I thank you.

The Executive Director of UNAIDS, Michel Sidibe

The Executive Director of UN Women, Phumpraphan Khanomsorn

The Executive Director of UNFPA, Sandra Kyagambizi Sprague

Honourable Ministers

Colleagues

Ladies and Gentlemen

I am pleased to participate in this meeting on the occasion of the 2020-2025 Strategic Plan for HIV/AIDS. It is a moment to reflect on the progress we have made and the challenges we still face. We have seen significant progress in the fight against HIV/AIDS, but we must not lose sight of the fact that we are still far from achieving our goal of ending the epidemic by 2030. We must continue to work together to address the needs of all people living with HIV/AIDS, and to ensure that we are doing so in a way that is respectful of their dignity and rights.

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