

UNAIDS (The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS)

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The Union Minister of State for Shipping (I/C) participated in the High-level roundtable of UNAIDS (The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS) on the theme **Access for all: Leveraging Innovations, Investments and Partnerships for Health** at World Economic Forum at Davos, Switzerland.

About UNAIDS

- UNAIDS is leading the **global effort to end AIDS as a public health threat by 2030** as part of the Sustainable Development Goals.
- Since it started operations in 1996, UNAIDS has led and inspired global, regional, national and local leadership, innovation and partnership to ultimately consign HIV to history.
- **UNAIDS is a problem-solver. It places people living with HIV and people affected by the virus at the decision-making table** and at the centre of designing, delivering and monitoring the AIDS response.
- **It charts paths for countries and communities to get on the Fast-Track to ending AIDS** and is a bold advocate for addressing the legal and policy barriers to the AIDS response.
- UNAIDS **provides the strategic direction, advocacy, coordination and technical support needed to catalyse and connect leadership from governments, the private sector and communities to deliver life-saving HIV services.**

- UNAIDS **generates strategic information and analysis that increases the understanding of the state of the AIDS epidemic and progress made at the local, national, regional and global levels.**
- It leads the **world's most extensive data collection on HIV epidemiology, programme coverage** and finance and **publishes the most authoritative and up-to-date information on the HIV epidemic**—vital for an effective AIDS response.
- UNAIDS is a model for United Nations reform and is the **only cosponsored Joint Programme in the United Nations system.**
- It draws on the experience and expertise of 11 United Nations system Cosponsors (UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP, UNDP, UNFPA, UNODC, UN Women, ILO, UNESCO, WHO and the World Bank) and is the only United Nations entity with civil society represented on its governing body.
- UNAIDS has shaped public policy on HIV at the global, regional and national levels. It has mobilized investment for a sound national policy using evidence, experience and political advocacy, built health and community systems, established legal frameworks and shaped public opinion towards creating healthy and resilient societies.