

CHGA Interactive

The CHGA advocacy strategy is concerned with ensuring that the findings and recommendations of the Commission are reflective of the widest possible constituency. In pursuit of this, CHGA will ensure that key target groups are fully apprised of the Commission's activities and seize of their knowledge to bolster its final recommendations. A central plank in this overall strategy is CHGA Interactive; an exercise in '**public hearing**', aimed at eliciting key input from a wide range of stakeholders into the Commission's final report.

1 Objective

The objective of CHGA interactive is to promote Civil Society Organization (CSO's) reflection on the issues of AIDS and governance, informing civil society of the work of CHGA, and obtaining civil society inputs into CHGA's own deliberations and recommendations. This engagement will ensure that the commission's final recommendations are not only reflective of critical analytical insight, but crucially, sensitive to the needs of those agencies and actors at the sharp-end of responding to the multiple challenges posed by HIV/AIDS.

2 Key Messages

CHGA Interactive will be driven by a series of specifically organized sub-regional consultations or 'public hearings' (unique for a UN Commission) on the following themes: Orphans, Gender, Treatment and Care, Legal protection for PLWHA, PMTCT, Human Capacity, the Elderly, Behavior Change and Food Security. Under the auspices of CHGA Commissioners, each interactive session will provide an opportunity for a wide range of stakeholders and constituents to identify key messages to facilitate the commission's advocacy work and key policy recommendations.

3 Strategy

The core themes will form the basis of the interactive sessions. It is envisaged that a short analytical paper will be devised on each topic detailing the critical issues to serve as background papers to facilitate the interactive sessions. These background papers will draw on and complement UNAIDS' 'best practice studies.' They will be circulated in advance of each sub-regional meeting to key constituent parties to guide the discussions on the day. This will ensure a focused discussion. The

meetings proper will last two days: the first day will be a broad discussion among invited participants on two issues derived from the above list. The second day will be a much more technical day focused on distilling the key messages from the previous day for CHGA Commissioners advocacy and onward transmission into the Commission’s Final Report.

4 Participants

CHGA Interactive will be organized sub-regionally: West, Central, East and Southern Africa – with the assistance of ECA’s sub-regional offices. For each meeting, CHGA will identify and invite key regional representative from appropriate NGOs, CBOs and experts. CHGA will invite no more than 30 participants, of which the larger group will be composed of NGOs, CBOs and APLWAs. Also included will be key policy makers from the host government, members of the media and the donor community.

5 Follow-up

In the follow up process to the meeting, the participants will be encouraged to join a specific Community of Interest based on the CHGA website to maintain the interaction initiated at the meeting and to share information on specific thematic areas of interest. They will also receive an outcome brief linking the electronic discussions, meeting deliberations and outcomes. This brief will also be widely disseminated using the CHGA networks.

6 Schedule

a. Table 1: CHGA Interactive Schedule

<i>Location</i>	<i>Themes</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Partner</i>	<i>Concept Papers</i>
Botswana	Scaling-Up treatment and Care	July 26-27	UNAIDS, WHO	Access to Treatment and Care PMTCT strategies for Africa
Ethiopia	HIV/AIDS and Food security; The elderly,	September 29-30	ECA Sustainable Development Division	HIV/AIDS and Food Security: Ethiopia The impacts of HIV/AIDS on the Elderly
Ghana	The world of work, legal frameworks	November 18-19	ILO, UNAIDS	HIV and Human Capacity: Zambia HIV and Human Capacity: Mozambique
Cameroon	Orphans; gender and feminisation of HIV/AIDS; Behaviour Change	December 16-17	African Centre for Gender and Development, UNAIDS	Gender and HIV/AIDS Orphans in Africa

