

CHGA INTERACTIVE: MOROCCO

22 – 23 APRIL 2005
PROVISIONAL AGENDA

DAY ONE: FRIDAY 22 APRIL 2005

09:00 – 10:30 OPENING SESSION

Chair: K.Y. Amoako, CHGA Chairman

Opening remarks: HE Mohamed Cheikh Biadillah, Ministry of Health, Kingdom of Morocco

HE Kebede Tadesse, Minister of Health, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia

HE Kenneth Kaunda, CHGA Patron

HE Pascoal Mocumbi, CHGA Patron

Overview of CHGA: CHGA Commissioners

10:30 – 11:00 **Tea/coffee break**

11:00 – 13:00 Plenary I – The Moroccan Response to HIV/AIDS

Chair: Joy Phumaphi, CHGA Commissioner

This session provides an overview of HIV/AIDS and the national response in Morocco. Morocco's experience presents a vital entry-point for capturing some of the challenges in the subregion. A series of brief presentations will be followed by a discussion of key aspects. The session will encourage other country representatives to interact with the Moroccan representatives, promoting inter-state dialogue and knowledge sharing.

13:00 – 14:30 **Lunch**

14:30 – 17:00 Plenary II – HIV/AIDS: Core Governance Issues

Chair: Alan Whiteside, CHGA Commissioner

This session will outline core challenges of HIV/AIDS to governance by examining a series of critical issues. The session will lay the foundation for the following day's technical working group discussions. The Commission will provide a framework for discussions through brief presentations on the following themes:

- Financing AIDS
- The challenge of treatment
- HIV/AIDS and youth
- Human capacity

18:00 **Reception/dinner**

DAY TWO: SATURDAY 23 APRIL 2005

09:00 – 13:00 Technical Working Groups

Chair: Seyyid Abdulai, CHGA Commissioner

This session is devoted to in depth/technical discussions. The aim is to consolidate and refine policy recommendations within key areas of the Commission's work. Participants are requested to meet in the plenary for a brief introduction, and to subsequently join one of the thematic working groups outlined below. Each working group is expected to identify key policy recommendations that will feed into CHGA's work. Specifically, each group is asked to identify five policy recommendations and prepare a brief presentation of these for the afternoon plenary. The venue for each group will be announced.

A. Strategies for HIV/AIDS Prevention and Treatment

Moderator: HE Kebede Tadesse, Minister of Health, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia

Rapporteur: Paolo Teixeira, CHGA Commissioner

HIV/AIDS is a fast moving epidemic confronting a slower moving set of cultures and political institutions. Yet, the predominant prevention strategies have emphasised individual behaviour change as crucial. To date prevention efforts have failed to make a consistent impact on the epidemic. Prevention requires renewed attention as a core element of the national response to HIV/AIDS. The group is asked to address what leaders at all levels must do in order to prevent HIV/AIDS more effectively.

B. HIV/AIDS and Gender: Policy Messages and Impact Mitigation Recommendations.

Moderator: Dame Yvonne Moores, UK

Rapporteur: Grace Malindi, Malawi

Gender inequalities have emerged as an important factor in both the spread and the impact of HIV/AIDS. However, we do not yet fully understand the linkages between gender inequality and HIV/AIDS nor how to most effectively intervene. The group is asked to address what policy makers and leaders should do, also with regard to legal reforms, in order to address key gender issues in the response to HIV/AIDS.

C. Youth and HIV/AIDS

Moderator: Joy Phumaphi, CHGA Commissioner

Rapporteur: Richard Mabala, UNICEF

Youth, especially young women, are particularly vulnerable to contracting HIV/AIDS. At the same time, youth are perhaps the most vocal group on HIV/AIDS and are working with partners to create what a number of intervention programmes have called "an AIDS-free generation". The working group is asked to identify crucial policy messages in order to address the youth-specific challenges of HIV/AIDS.

D. Human Capacity Planning for Health

Moderator: HE Pascoal Mocumbi, CHGA Patron
Rapporteur: Alan Whiteside, CHGA Commissioner

Lack of human capacity across all sectors, particularly for scaling up treatment and care for PLWHA, has emerged as a critical bottleneck in the African response to HIV/AIDS. The group is asked to provide recommendations on how to overcome the immediate human capacity shortages, as well as suggest ways forward for a long-term sustainable solution to this challenge.

E. Financing the response to HIV/AIDS

Moderator: Nana Poku, CHGA
Rapporteur: Rene Bonnel, World Bank

HIV/AIDS increases pressure on national budgets while it simultaneously erodes the tax base of governments. International funds are increasingly available for HIV/AIDS, but the management of these in the context of existing macroeconomic frameworks poses its own set of challenges. The group is asked to provide key policy recommendations on financing the response to HIV/AIDS.

13:00 – 14:30 **Lunch**

14:30 – 17:00 **Plenary III – Technical Working Groups Report**

Chair: Joy Phumaphi, CHGA Commissioner

The aim of this final plenary session is to consolidate the Commission's messages within the key areas covered in the morning session's working groups. Each working group will briefly present their recommendations and discussion outcomes. The plenary will provide ample opportunity for further comments and reflections in order to refine the messages from the Moroccan Interactive to the Commission.

17:00 – 17:30 **CLOSING SESSION**

Chair: K. Y. Amoako, CHGA Chairman

Closing remarks: HE Mohamed Cheikh Biadillah, Minister of Health, Kingdom of Morocco

Pascoal Mocumbi, CHGA Patron

Kenneth Kaunda, CHGA Patron