

UNAIDS Request for Proposals

UNAIDS invites joint bids from coalitions and networks of civil society organizations to come together to form a year long mechanism to support national civil society and community groups in maximising the impact of the 2008 UN General Assembly High-Level Meeting on AIDS.

The United Nations General Assembly meeting on AIDS is likely to be in late June 2008 in New York. The Resolution that sets out detailed plans for the session will be discussed by ECOSOC sometime in September. The session will most likely be similar to the session held in 2006 - most probably with a formal plenary, some kind of roundtables/panels and hopefully a civil society hearing. The session will provide an opportunity to track progress against the targets set out in 2001 and 2006 (including those relating to Universal Access.)

National reports (being coordinated by UNAIDS) have a deadline for 31 January 2008. A UNAIDS-led M&E training session this week will seek to ensure civil society is appropriately involved in national reporting.

The Request for Proposals asks for joint bids from civil society organizations to support a number of tasks including:

- building national and community level civil society capacity to engage in the 2008 review strategically;
- provide a communication/information link to civil society organizations;
- support civil society in participation in national reporting;
- ensure national links to global and regional reporting and advocacy;
- support networking among civil society groups working on AIDS and with UN organizations and Member States;
- plan for logistics needed to secure meaningful participation of civil society in the General Assembly Session including leading a process by which civil society participants will be identified for active participation.

You can find the Request for Proposals document in the following link

<http://www.un-ngls.org/docs/unaid/CS%20Support%20Mechanism%202008%20Review.doc>

Best wishes,

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