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HIV Prevention Research on the Continent

The Political & Legal Framework and Opportunities for Engagement
In its Abuja + 12 Declaration, African Heads of State and Governments committed to key actions towards the elimination of AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria in Africa by 2030.
The Catalytic Framework to End AIDS, TB and Eliminate Malaria in Africa by 2030 provides an overarching policy framework to respond effectively to the 3 diseases on the continent.
• Its objective is to intensify the implementation of the 2013 Abuja Declaration commitments to end AIDS, TB and Malaria as public health threats through building Africa wide consensus on the key strategic actions within the context of the existing targets and milestones
# AU Catalytic Framework: HIV/AIDS

## Vision
- An Africa free of AIDS

## Guiding Principles
- National Ownership and involvement of all key stakeholders at various levels
- Universal access to HIV services
- Protection and promotion of human rights
- Adaptation of the Catalytic Framework and targets of country level with regional and global collaborations

## Goal
- End AIDS as a public health threat by 2030

## Strategic Directions and Approaches

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<th>5. Health Systems Strengthening to ensure Universal Health Coverage</th>
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<td>2. Strengthen Strategic Information</td>
<td>6. Address HIV and Human Rights Issues</td>
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<td>3. Increase domestic and International financing for Health</td>
<td>7. Enhance research and innovation to end AIDS</td>
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<td>4. Support Community Ownership</td>
<td>8. Strengthen HIV Interventions for cross border and cross country populations</td>
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<td>HIV Infections</td>
<td>Reduce New Infections compared with 2005</td>
<td>Less than 375,000 per year</td>
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<td>Elimination of Mother to Child Transmission of HIV (EMTCT)</td>
<td>Reduce infections to children and mothers as well</td>
<td>Less than 40,000</td>
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<td>Young People</td>
<td>Empowered with skills to protect themselves from HIV</td>
<td>90%</td>
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<td>Men and Women</td>
<td><strong>Have access to HIV combination prevention and SRH services</strong></td>
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<td>Circumcision</td>
<td>Additional men in high prevalence settings are</td>
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AIDS Watch Africa: Comprises of Heads of State and Government who meet annually and review progress on the continental response to HIV/AIDS, TB and malaria and their pronouncements and decisions.

Key Opportunities for Advocacy: Presents an opportunity for peer review, sharing best practices and agenda setting on HIV prevention.
• **Africa Partnership and Coordination Forum** - serves as a continental platform to chart a collective way forward, identify opportunities for joint action, advocate for continued political commitment, and coordinate the efforts of the different partners to improve the health in Africa.

**Key Opportunities for Advocacy:** Forum is multi-sectoral in nature. Presents an opportunity for members to report back on priority actions and progress made by members in supporting the implementation of the Catalytic Framework.
Other Critical AU Organs:

- **NEPAD**: a technical body and socioeconomic flagship of the AU. Plays regulatory and capacity strengthening roles. Currently focused on the Catalytic Framework to promote access to affordable and quality assured medicines, commodities and technologies. Developing AU Policy on Research and Innovation for Health

**Key Opportunities for Advocacy**: To support the RECs to build capacity for facilitating approval for drugs for PrEP by NMRA – with an Initial focus in 22 countries.
African Centre for Diseases Control: Requires domestic financing to truly focus on African issues

Key Opportunities for Advocacy: Focus research and innovation on the region’s priority areas. Strengthen collaboration with research institutions within Africa to enhance innovation and evidence informed policies and programmes as well as increased investments in research and innovation.
Other Critical Continental Organs

Regional Economic Bodies (SADC, ECOWAS, COMESA, EAC and their research institutions):

Key Opportunities for Advocacy:

• Opportunities to collaborate on innovative African projects and research as well as sub-regional priorities in areas of economy, health.

• Possibility of approaching African Development Bank for Financing such projects.
Regional Initiatives

1. Office of the 1st Ladies (OAFLA)
   - Mobilise support for the HIV prevention research agenda

2. Regional parliamentary bodies
   - Have demonstrated leadership in voting for regional policies on HIV e.g. the Eastern African Legislative Assembly (EALA)
   - Parliamentary Caucus on TB
   - Presents opportunities to leverage on their work on broaden the scope of HIV prevention research

3. African Civil Society Networks (e.g. African Civil Society Health Platform)
   - Regional Coalitions involving CSOs, Researchers (e.g. AAVNET, CHReaD, SAHTAC))
   - Push for increased domestic and international funding to health through innovative financing mechanisms, social health insurance schemes and increased allocations at various levels
   - Presents opportunities to strengthen Africa-focused and led HIV biomedical prevention research, implementation and advocacy
Introducing ... 

*Network of African HIV Advocates* that will serve as a focal point for African-led, sustainable advocacy.

*Africa regional network* of African HIV advocates dedicated to advancing advocacy, policy, regulatory, community engagement and communications efforts that help accelerate biomedical HIV prevention research.
Background

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Setting the Foundation & Next Steps

- **Assessment**
- **Youth Agenda**
- **Network Building**
- **AfNHi Strategy**
- **Linking with country level networks and advocates**
- **Biomedical HIV Prevention Forum**

Next Steps:
- **Occupy Africa regional space**
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