

# AIDS WATCH AFRICA

African High Level Advocacy &  
Accountability Platform to Combat  
HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria

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# WHAT IS AWA?

Created at the Abuja 2001 Special Summit, AIDS Watch Africa (AWA) is an African-led instrument to stimulate leaders into action and mobilize the resources needed to address AIDS, TB and malaria in an effective, sustainable and accountable manner

# In January 2012: AU Assembly decides to revitalize AWA

## Why revitalize AWA?

- Top political leadership and commitment are paramount in accelerating continental action to address HIV, TB and malaria
- AWA can directly leverage all African Heads of State and Government
- AWA has the power to build viable and fruitful partnerships and to mobilize resources

# AWA objectives

- 1. LEADERSHIP:** Advocate to mobilize and sustain the political will of African Heads of State and Government to adhere to their commitments on AIDS, TB and malaria
- 2. OWNERSHIP:** Advocate for the promotion of national level ownership by governments, the private sector and civil society to ensure self-sufficiency of African countries to combat AIDS, TB and malaria
- 3. MOBILIZATION OF RESOURCES:** Advocate for the mobilisation of the necessary domestic and international resources to meet national, regional, and international commitments to combat AIDS, TB and malaria – resources for AWA Activities should not be overlooked
- 4. ACCOUNTABILITY FOR RESULTS:** Facilitate national governments' accountability for measurable results to ensure that people-level impact is achieved
- 5. INFORMATION FOR ACTION:** Maintain AIDS, TB and malaria as a priority on agendas at different levels, facilitate Continental and country decision-making processes and disseminate information widely to galvanize action to achieve the MDGs

# Future strategic directions of AWA

Institutionalize  
AWA within the  
AU and other  
African  
mechanisms

Integrate  
AIDS, TB  
and malaria  
efforts

Achieve AWA  
Continent-  
wide  
representation

Establish  
strategic  
partnerships

Accelerate  
implementation  
of AIDS, TB  
and malaria  
commitments

# **AWA's Implementation Structure**

**AWA Heads of State and  
Government Action Committee**

**AWA Consultative Experts  
Committee**

**AWA Secretariat**

# AU Member States

People's Democratic Republic  
of Algeria

Republic of Angola

Republic of Benin

Republic of Botswana

Burkina Faso

Republic of Burundi

Republic of Cameroon

Republic of Cape Verde

Central African Republic

Republic of Chad

Union of the Comoros

Republic of the Congo

Republic of Cote d'Ivoire

Democratic Republic of the  
Congo

Republic of Djibouti

Arab Republic of Egypt

Republic of Equatorial Guinea

State of Eritrea

Federal Democratic Republic  
of Ethiopia

Gabonese Republic

Republic of the Gambia

Republic of Ghana

Republic of Guinea

Republic of Guinea-Bissau

Republic of Kenya

Kingdom of Lesotho

Republic of Liberia

Libya

Republic of Madagascar

Republic of Malawi

Republic of Mali

Republic of Mauritania

Republic of Mauritius

Republic of Mozambique

Republic of Namibia

Republic of Niger

Federal Republic of Nigeria

Republic of Rwanda

Republic Arab Saharawi  
Democratic

Democratic Republic of  
Sao Tome and Principle

Republic of Senegal

Republic of Seychelles

Republic of Sierra Leone

Somali Republic

Republic of South Africa

Republic of South Sudan

Republic of The Sudan

Kingdom of Swaziland

United Republic of Tanzania

Togolese Republic

Tunisian Republic

Republic of Uganda

Republic of Zambia

Republic of Zimbabwe

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