

PANCAP DECLARATION

CONTRIBUTING TO ENDING THE AIDS EPIDEMIC IN THE CARIBBEAN BY 2030 THROUGH JUSTICE FOR ALL

We, Stakeholders including parliamentarians, faith leaders, people living with and affected by HIV, youth, representatives of the private sector, civil society, and key populations (men who have sex with men, commercial sex workers, transgender persons, injecting drug users, differently abled and migrant communities) endorse the actionable recommendations of the PANCAP Justice For All Roadmap initially presented to the Justice for All and Human Rights Consultation meeting at the Pegasus Hotel, Kingston Jamaica on 10-11 April, 2014; subsequently modified by recommendations from the CARICOM of Council of Human Development (COHSOD) and a series of stakeholder and multi stakeholder consultations at national and regional levels between September 2014 and July 2018;

Taking into consideration the Political Declarations from the UN High Level Meetings 2014 and 2016, contributed to and approved by all Caribbean Governments; the results of scientific developments from reputable sources including, The UNAIDS-Lancet Commission Report- Defeating AIDS, Advancing Global Health launched during the CARICOM Heads of Government Conference in Barbados July 2015, annual UNAIDS Reports and those from PEPFAR, CDC, PAHO, WHO, and PANCAP among others;

Aware that despite the gains made in treatment, prevention, care and support in the Region, the AIDS epidemic is far from over and gains may be reversed through complacency, and requiring compliance with the targets for an integrated health approach in the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals, approved by 192 Nations, including all Caribbean States , in September, 2015

Conscious of the collective actions which have in the past fuelled regional integration, and of which functional cooperation continues to be the mechanisms to enhance the well-being of the citizens of Region;

Recalling the Nassau Declaration (2001), that “the health of the Region is the wealth of Region”, which underscored the importance of health to development; the PANCAP Declaration 2010 on reducing stigma and discrimination and the UN High Level Meeting Political declarations 2011 and 2014 with reference to human rights in the AIDS response by reducing stigma and discrimination to the broadening scope of the 2014 political declaration to fast tracking the end of AIDS by 2030;

Inspired by the successes of our joint and several efforts that resulted in the Caribbean being the first Region in the world to eradicate poliomyelitis and measles;

Affirming the main recommendations of the consolidated JFA report of the national consultations in Guyana, Grenada, Jamaica, St Kitts and Nevis and Suriname which included strategies to create facilitating and protective environments as well as legal

reforms to address human rights and HIV related stigma and discrimination;

Impelled by a determination to reduce the suffering and burdens caused by HIV and AIDS on the citizens of our Region which is the one worst affected in the World;

Fully convinced that HIV related stigma and discrimination which contribute to the persistence of AIDS in our Region can be reduced and eliminated through collaborative programmes, partnerships and policies supported by governments, private sectors, FBOs NGOs, youth and our other social, regional and international partners;

Seized with the spirit of optimism, courage and determination in creating a just Caribbean;

Declare -

- Our full support for the initiatives and mechanisms in the PANCAP Justice for All Roadmap aimed at increasing access to treatment including affordable medicines, reducing gender inequality including violence against women, promoting sexual and reproductive health and rights, achieving legislative rights for modifying and repealing discriminatory laws;

- That we strongly encourage the efforts to ensure that the Caribbean is the first region in the world to achieve the dual targets for the elimination of mother to child transmission of HIV and Congenital Syphilis by the end 2020; Targets: (1) reduction of the rate of MTCT of HIV to 2% or less per year, along with reduction of the incidence of MTCT of HIV to 0.3 cases or less per 1000 live births, and (2) reduction of the incidence of congenital

syphilis to 0.5 cases or less (including stillbirths) per 1000 live births.

- That we make effort to promote prevent strategies based on scientific findings aimed at TEST, TREAT and DEFEAT; TREAT ALL and the 90-90-90 targets of 90% know their status, 90% of those who are on antiretroviral treatment and 90% of those who have successfully suppressed the virus and cease to transmit the disease by 2020-2022.
- That we will support the principle of the enactment of laws to ensure universal coverage for treatment by 2020
 - That we will pursue all avenues to ensure sustainable financing the HIV response including increasing domestic source or prevention and treatment programmes to achieve 90-90-90 targets 2020-2022
- Our commitment to amend existing equal opportunity acts setting out the prohibited grounds of discrimination in employment practices including HIV status, disability and sexual orientation and other statuses by the end of 2020;
- Our commitment to inclusive, respectful and systematic support for partners of Faith and Faith based groups in eliminating faith driven stigma and discrimination by 2020;
- Our support for the enactment of an overarching anti-discrimination Act utilizing the Model Policy Legislation approved by the CARICOM Legal Affairs Committee (2012) by the end of 2020;

- That as part of the anti-discrimination Act, HIV be treated as a pre-existing condition for the purposes of assessment for insurance as applied to other diseases between by 2020;

- Our endorsement of the need to strengthen the laws related to domestic violence and other forms of abuse against women and girls, youth and children by 2020;

Our endorsement of cultural and edutainment programmes in changing attitudes and beliefs that help to fuel stigma and discrimination;

- Our support for the revision and strengthening of the health and family life (HFLE) curriculum to include more relevant age appropriate content and stigma and discrimination information with reference to youth and adolescents, and particularly information on sexuality, sexual and reproductive health including HIV and other STIs between 2018 and 2020;

- Our support for developing standardised modules for the delivery of HIV education activities with particular focus on appreciating and understanding conditions of vulnerability and demystifying cultural myths that reinforce stigma and discrimination between 2018 and 2020;

- That we will develop and implement special programmes and provide special facilities for persons with disabilities, especially those living with HIV and AIDS between 2018 and 2020;

- That we will establish procedures to accelerate the process for the repeal of laws decriminalising sexual acts in private between consenting adults and replace with

or retain the provision criminalising sexual acts between any person in public, with the use of force, and acts of indecency committed against any person of less than 16 years of age between 2018 and 2020

- That we encourage and support our institutions of higher learning and other agencies to build research and training capacity in medical, social and behavioural studies in health and development and collaboration with other regional and international agencies, thereby providing policy makers and practitioners with the evidence based information to make appropriate decisions;
- Our commitment to support national sustainability plans for HIV which require robust and reliable data collection and including attention being paid to issue of intellectual property, strong monitoring and accountability mechanisms as well as access to treatment and human rights;
- Our continuing support for PANCAP Coordinating Unit along with UNAIDS Joint programme and other members of PANCAP to accelerate the policies and programmes toward the HIV related elimination of stigma and discrimination in keeping with the international principles of human rights.

We hereby declare this Justice for ALL Roadmap to be a guiding principle of the AIDS Responses catalyst for social justice and human rights for all.