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ON THE

CONSULTATION TO FINALISE
THE REGIONAL ADVOCACY STRATEGY
AND
FIVE-YEAR IMPLEMENTATION PLAN



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INTRODUCTION

The Pan Caribbean Partnership against HIV and AIDS (PANCAP), in collaboration with the Caribbean Vulnerable Communities-Coalition el Centro Orientación e investigación Integral (CVC-COIN), held a *Consultation to Finalise the Regional Advocacy Strategy and Five-Year Plan* in *Port-of-Spain, Republic of Trinidad and Tobago* on *25-26 October 2017*.

REPRESENTATION

The List of Delegates attending the Consultation is at **Annex I**.

SESSION 1 – OPENING SESSION

WELCOME /OPENING

Mr Dereck Springer, Director of Pan Caribbean Partnership against HIV and AIDS (PANCAP) welcomed everyone to the Consultation. He expressed gratitude to the Global Fund for their support of the Consultation. He acknowledged the input of the Policy and Strategy Working Group on Stigma and Discrimination (PSWG) in developing the agenda and expressed gratitude to them for agreeing to facilitate some sessions during the consultation.

He indicated while there had been significant gains in the HIV response much remained to be done despite the changing environment. National governments had committed to the Treat All Policy. Some Member States were experiencing difficulties as they sought to implement the Treat All Policy. Therefore, they must be supported as they moved forward with its implementation.

He urged that the advocacy strategy be tailored to address emerging needs and called for a coordinated response for advocacy efforts.

He wished the consultation well in its deliberations.

2. **OVERVIEW OF OBJECTIVES AND EXPECTED OUTCOMES**

Ms. Yolanda Paul, Project Manager, The University of the West Indies HIV/AIDS Response Programme (UWI HARP), outlined the objectives of the consultation which included -

- (i) Review** priority issues of the CVC-COIN civil society plans for advocacy/political engagement;
- (ii) Review** priorities for advocacy recommended by the Policy and Strategy Working Group on Stigma and Discrimination;
- (iii) Discuss** and **agree** on priority issues for advocacy, objectives and PANCAP messages for the next five (5) years;
- (iv) Discuss** and **agree** on strategies, major actions and expected outcomes that will form the basis for the advocacy strategy.

She also pointed out the expected outcomes, which were -

- (i) Agreement on priority issues for advocacy, objectives and PANCAP messages;

- (ii) Agreement on strategies, major actions and expected results;
- (iii) Priority issues for new Global Fund grant (1 October 2019 to 30 September 2022).

The methodology for the consultation included -

Carousel

Four (4) stations representing each of the four (4) thematic areas:

- (i) Systems Advocacy;
- (ii) Community/social and health services;
- (iii) Access to justice and Redress;
- (iv) Financing and Sustainability.

Four (4) groups; every group would rotate at each station for fifteen (15) minutes to brainstorm on priority issues for advocacy in each thematic area. Each station would have a preselected facilitator.

This would be followed by a facilitators' presentation in plenary and discussion for consensus building on priority issues for advocacy in each thematic area.

Group Work

Participants had been preselected for each of the four (4) thematic groups:

- (i) Systems Advocacy;
- (ii) Community/social and health services;
- (iii) Access to justice and Redress;
- (iv) Financing and Sustainability.

Each group would be tasked with identifying Objectives for their Thematic Area and PANCAP Messages for each priority issue agreed during the Carousel session. This would be followed by group presentations, discussion and consensus building in plenary.

The groups would reconvene on Day 2 and use the same process to identify strategies, major actions and expected results. Plenary session would follow.

The **attached** draft framework is a summary of Carousel and group work.

A summary of some key issues discussed during the meeting is captured below:

- (i) Comprehensive sexuality education was crucial to the HIV response. Therefore, in areas where there was a roll back of Health and Family Life Education (HFLE) Programmes and exclusion of critical elements from the comprehensive sexuality

education programme, consideration could be given to the establishment of a multi-sectoral facilitating committee to address gaps;

- (ii) Laboratory services in the Region were in crisis and must be addressed to effectively support the monitoring of ARTs;
- (iii) Despite their religious beliefs, Latin American countries were making progress in addressing comprehensive sexuality education;
- (iv) Social Media was most effective in addressing issues being looked at by CVC as it allowed for better control of the messages and response. There had been engagement with parliamentarians on Social Media. However, engagement in public spaces had not been as effective or had not secured firm commitments from them;
- (v) A Cost Analysis for Test and Treat was included in the Global Fund Grant under the PAHO component;
- (vi) Integration of HIV into national development plans was being addressed. The PANCAP Executive Board recommended that while the integration of HIV into national development plans should be done, it must not negate the development of national plans for HIV;
- (vii) There were a number of crosscutting issues. The Consultant would decide whether to develop a separate section in the strategy to address the crosscutting issues or

whether each crosscutting issue would be retained and developed under the identified thematic area;

- (viii) Pooled Procurement must be contextualized. There was need for negotiation on key issues such a laboratory services and prices for ARVs. Negotiation could be conducted at the regional level after which national procurement systems could be used. Given limited resources in the Region, PANCAP was best positioned to conduct/facilitate regional negotiations;
- (ix) There was need to manage the process with suppliers of medication in the Region;
- (x) The broader discussion on Financing and Sustainability must include Human Resources and price negotiation for ARVs and laboratory services. The discussion could also include leveraging private sector support and the inclusion of nontraditional donors through resource mobilisation which should be linked to PANCAP's Resource Mobilisation Strategy. The Supply Chain was important, and if managed well, could result in greater efficiency. Addressing the issue of forecasting within the supply chain could circumvent the expiration of drugs and refund of unspent funds to the treasury;
- (xi) Harmonization of the age of consent could be a challenge as it could be interpreted to mean everything must be linked to persons being eighteen (18) years old. The approach could include looking at access to services without parental consent. Focus could also be placed on access to services for young people and remove the age of consent. The issue of age of consent should be framed as a rights and

protection issue for children. The available data on child abuse etc. could` be used to inform the strategy or approach to provide access to services for young people;

- (xii) Trans-friendly services were important. Many SRH services were not geared towards men. Specific populations within the gender paradigm would have to be addressed;
- (xiii) The PANCAP Model Anti-Discrimination Legislation could be adapted to national needs. Efforts must be made to ensure the needs of persons with disabilities were addressed. Sometimes the “All” approach could exclude Key Populations and efforts must be made to ensure that they were included in the overarching objectives;
- (xiv) Social Contracting of CSOs was crucial to financing and sustainability and attention must be given to capacity-building for CSOs in the areas of resource and financial management and accountability. Capacity building for CSOs should be institutionalized. Succession planning for CSOs was critical. CSOs must be empowered to be greater advocates. There must be a shift in the thinking among CSOs to see themselves as leaders and visionaries.

3. CLOSING REMARKS

Ms. Sannia Laing Sutherland, Programme Coordinator, Caribbean Vulnerable Communities Coalition (CVC) expressed gratitude to everyone for participating in the process. She also expressed gratitude to the Director and staff of the PCU for their hard work and support. She pointed out that whilst advocacy planning was difficult, it was

critical for CSO partners to be invited into spaces where decisions that could affect them were taken. She urged the delegates to recognise the greater responsibility they had to ensure the change they needed materialised. She described the CVC's Shared Incident Database (SID) and highlighted its importance.

Ms. Ana Martin Ortiz, Project Manager, Centro de Orientación e Investigación Integral (COIN) expressed gratitude to everyone for participating and sharing their experiences from which she benefitted immensely. She provided the meeting with an overview of COIN's work in the Dominican Republic, Haiti and Cuba.

Mr Dereck Springer, Director of Pan Caribbean Partnership against HIV and AIDS (PANCAP) expressed appreciation to participants for their contributions and recommendations, and commended them for their continued commitment to meeting the 90-90-90 targets. He also thanked the facilitators and the staff of the PCU He affirmed that the work of PANCAP is of concern to all the delegates and urged that they continue to support each other. He wished everyone safe travels.



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SESSION 1: OPENING SESSION		
8.45 -9.15 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome and Introduction	Mr Dereck Springer, Director of Pan Caribbean Partnership against HIV and AIDS (PANCAP)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overview of Objectives and Expected Outcomes	Ms Yolanda Paul, Project Manager, The University of the West Indies HIV/AIDS Response Programme (UWI HARP)

SESSION 2: IDENTIFICATION OF PRIORITY ISSUES FOR ADVOCACY/POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT

9.15 –9.45 a.m.

- Review priority issues of the Caribbean Vulnerable Communities Coalition - el Centro Orientación e investigación Integral (CVC-COIN) civil society plans for advocacy/political engagement and advocacy tools.
- Review priorities for advocacy recommended by the Policy and Strategy Working Group on Stigma and Discrimination.

Caribbean Vulnerable Communities Coalition (CVC) Representative

PANCAP Policy and Strategy Working Group on Stigma and Discrimination (PSWG) Representative

SESSION 2: IDENTIFICATION OF PRIORITY ISSUES FOR ADVOCACY

9.45 –10.45 a.m.

Carousel

There will be four carousels. Each carousel will be assigned a facilitator who will lead the discussion on one of the following thematic areas to identify priority issues for advocacy:

- i) Systems Advocacy;
- ii) Social/Community and health

Group facilitators:

- i) Ms Veronica Cenac
- ii) Mr Ivan Cruickshank

	<p>services advocacy;</p> <p>iii) Access to Justice and Redress;</p> <p>iv) Financing and Sustainability</p>	<p>iii) Ms Yolanda Paul</p> <p>iv) Mr Roger McLean</p>
10.45 - 11.10a.m.	B R E A K	
11.10 a.m.- 12.30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group Presentation • Discussion 	Group Facilitators
12.30 - 1.30 p.m.	L U N C H	
SESSION 3: IDENTIFYING OVERARCHING OBJECTIVE AND PANCAP MESSAGE		
1.30 - 3.00 p.m.	<p>Group Work</p> <p>Participants will be placed into four preselected groups by thematic areas to discuss and agree on an overarching objective for their thematic area and the PANCAP message for each of the priority issues identified in the previous session.</p> <p><i>The facilitators from the previous carousels will lead the discussions and will appoint a rapporteur who will also present in plenary.</i></p>	
3.00 - 4.15 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group Presentation (10 minutes each) • Discussion 	Rapporteurs

4.15 – 4.30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poll Everywhere (Virtual interactive evaluation) 	Mr. Timothy Austin Communications Specialist
End of Day 1		
DAY TWO		
SESSION 4: IDENTIFICATION OF STRATEGIES, MAJOR ACTIONS AND EXPECTED RESULTS FOR PRIORITY ISSUES		
8.45 – 10.45 a.m.	<p>Group Work</p> <p>Facilitators and participants will remain in the groups to which they were assigned the previous day.</p> <p>Each group will discuss and agree on the strategies, major actions and expected results for each priority issue agreed the previous day and will input these into the template.</p> <p><i>Each group will appoint a rapporteur who will also report in plenary.</i></p>	Group facilitators
10.45 – 11.15 a.m.	B R E A K	
11.15 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group Presentation (10 minutes each) • Discussion 	Rapporteurs
12.30 – 1.30 p.m.	L U N C H	
SESSION 5: REGIONAL DIALOGUE FOR IDENTIFYING KEY PRIORITIES FOR SUSTAINABILITY		
1.30 – 3.30 p.m.	Regional Dialogue to identify key priorities for sustainability of services	Mr Dereck Springer and Mr Ivan

	for key population to inform multi-country proposal for submission to the Global Fund in August 2018 Plenary discussion	Cruickshank, CVC
3.30 - 3.40 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Poll Everywhere	Mr Timothy Austin
3.40 - 3.45 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Way Forward and Closure	Mr Dereck Springer

