

## **Mobilizing Public Response to Secretary Clinton Speech on Ending the Global HIV/AIDS Pandemic on Tuesday, November 8, 2011**

(Washington, D.C.) Yesterday in Washington, D.C., the State Department briefed members of the global HIV/AIDS advocacy community about an important speech that Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton will give on Tuesday, November 8, 2011 at 10:00 AM at the National Institutes of Health. The speech is expected to be available on live stream at [www.state.gov](http://www.state.gov)

Secretary Clinton's speech on November 8, 2011 will launch the Obama Administration's effort to put a focus on the opportunity to end the global HIV/AIDS pandemic in preparation for the International AIDS Conference that will be convened in Washington, DC in July, 2012. Another speech by another high level U.S. leader(s) was mentioned as a possibility for World AIDS Day, December 1, 2011. Secretary Clinton is expected to focus her comments on:

1. Convergence of science and modeling that shows a better combination of HIV prevention interventions, including use of condoms, prevention of parent to child transmission, male circumcision, and scale-up of ARV treatment as prevention can lead to a steep decline in the number of new HIV infections.
2. US leadership over the past 30 years in describing HIV, its pathophysiology, development of diagnostic and treatment modalities, and the advent of antiretroviral medications has been instrumental in bringing us to this moment of opportunity.
3. U.S. generated research, innovation, and science led to programmatic innovations such as Ryan White and the PEPFAR program. At this juncture, we have the opportunity to intensify a smarter, more impactful response by shifting resources to a full potentiation.
4. While the US will continue to lead these efforts, the US will be making a loud call for leadership, so that the combined efforts of the investments by implementing countries, the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB, and Malaria, other donor, combined with the US PEPFAR/GHI investments;

### **Background on US Government-Wide Mobilization**

1. The White House is leading an all government approach to ensure that there is a successful outcome at the International AIDS Conference. There are Interagency Working Groups on Domestic HIV/AIDS & Global HIV/AIDS that are coordinated by the White House.
2. The White House and the State Department are mobilizing a global diplomatic and programmatic engagement strategy in support of stepping-up global efforts;
3. PEPFAR is seen as a foundation of President Obama's Global Health Initiative, from which other services for women and girls can be taken to scale.
4. The US government is working closely with UNAIDS to mobilize governmental leaders from around the World, partners in the private sector, and the global AIDS community to mobilize all capacities necessary to support efforts to step up at this juncture to work together to end the global HIV/AIDS pandemic
5. The Obama Administration strongly acknowledges the bipartisan support for PEPFAR and there is an ongoing efforts to outreach to Members of Congress from both political parties.

### **ACTION ALERT OPPORTUNITY**

A broad-based mobilization of the reaction to Secretary Clinton's speech will be closely monitored by the White House and Congressional leaders. As President Obama is still considering options for how to position US leadership, including the possibility of a World AIDS Day, December 1, 2011 announcement, it critical that stakeholders acknowledge US leadership and seize the collective imperative to mobilize global leaders to step up with bold commitments of resources and action to end the global HIV/AIDS pandemic.

All stakeholders are encouraged to make public statements, publish op-eds, and mobilize constituencies in response to Secretary Clinton's speech and to mobilize efforts to call on President Obama, the U.S. Congress, and global leaders in implementing countries to step-up to end the global HIV/AIDS crisis.