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**EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY  
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**COMMUNIQUÉ OF THE 3<sup>RD</sup> FORUM OF THE EAST AFRICAN  
COMMUNITY REGIONAL NATIONAL AIDS  
COUNCILS/COMMISSION DIRECTORS**

**SUSTAINABILITY OF THE HIV AND AIDS, TUBERCULOSIS  
AND SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS**

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National AIDS Commissions / Councils (NACs) Directors, 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>  
June, 2014**

**Sustainability of the HIV and AIDS, Tuberculosis  
and Sexually Transmitted Infections response**

**We**, the Directors of the National AIDS Commissions / Councils assembled at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Forum of EAC National AIDS Councils and Commission (NAC) in Kigali, Republic of Rwanda, from 25<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2014.

**Noting** that the EAC Partner States have made progress in implementing HIV and AIDS policies, Strategies and legislations in the EAC Region to improve the health and wellbeing of the population over the last two decades.

**Express deep concern** that the progress is still below National, Regional and Global targets and commitments in particular ART coverage and services for young people, adolescents, children and fishing communities among others;

**Further note the** diminishing funding for HIV and AIDS programming at Partner States and regional level which threatens to reverse the achievements and progress made towards meeting the set Millennium Development Goals (MDG) targets;

**Deeply concerned** about the escalating prevalence of tuberculosis (TB) among communities in the region, including many Cases of Multi – Drug Resistant TB, as well as increase in prevalence rates for HIV among specific populations in some partner states;

**Acknowledging** the epidemic in the region has disproportionately overburdened women and girls which has been inadequately addressed by programmes;

**Recognizing** that by 2015 HIV and AIDS will still remain a major public health and development priority: Hence the need to position AIDS as a priority for the post 2015 agenda focusing on ending AIDS by 2030

**Further note** the need for adopting the ambitious global targets for HIV and AIDS and for setting regional and national ambitious targets and for scaling up of quality HIV and AIDS interventions commensurate to these targets,

**Further concerned** that the national and regional HIV and AIDS programme is highly dependent on external funding, and domestic allocations remain inadequate to address the desired targets in the response as stipulated in the National, Regional and Global targets including the Abuja Declaration, African Roadmap for shared responsibility and Mutual Accountability, Eastern and Southern Africa (ESA) Commitment, among others



And now therefore pledge to;

1. Advocate for inclusion of HIV and AIDS, TB and STIs in the Post 2015 Development Agenda;
2. Adopt a set of new Treatment Targets 90/90/90: 90% of People Living with HIV know their status; of those who know their status, 90% are on ART; of those on ART, 90% achieve viral suppression by 2030 and prevention target of reducing the incidence of HIV by 70% by 2020 and 90% by 2030 by EAC Partner States.
3. Support provision of a conducive environment for local production and Pooled Bulk Procurement of drugs and other medical/health supplies and commodities;
4. Call for mechanisms for establishing national and regional sustainable financing of HIV and AIDS, TB and STIs programming in the region;
5. Commit to develop and implement a cost effective and high impact delivery model with a focus on efficient and effective use of resources targeting priority areas and populations including women and girls, key populations and the fishing communities



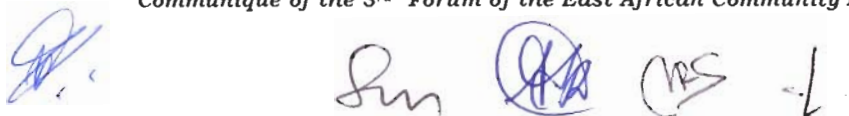
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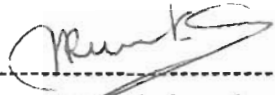
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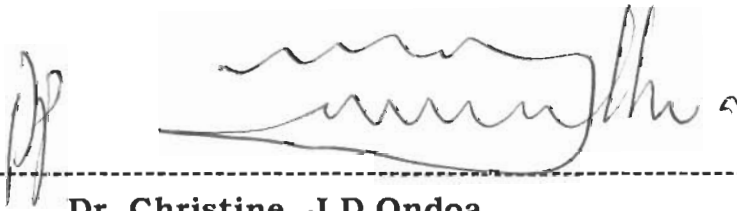
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