HOW CAN FAITH GROUPS ENGAGE IN THE HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON HIV/AIDS 2021

NATIONAL LEVEL

Reach out to local politicians/decision-makers and ask how they plan to engage Faith Leaders and FBOs in national delegations to the HLM.

Reach out to national networks of people living with HIV and key population networks; they may be doing work on this already but you can help bring the faith perspective to this.

If your country has a UNAIDS Country Office (UCOs), they may be holding consultations to gather input for the HLM. Get in touch with them and ask how you can participate and contribute.

If your country has a Faith Sector Working Group engaged on HIV at governmental level, get in touch with them.

REGIONAL LEVEL

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GLOBAL LEVEL

Global faith networks, such as the Interfaith Health Platform, are working on statements and an advocacy campaign on the HLM. If you would like to support this reach out to us at interfaith.health.platform@gmail.com.

The Multi-Stakeholder Task Force is a group of 16 activists working on HIV who will be championing civil society during the HLM. The Faith representative is Rev Canon Prof Gideon B Byamugisha (gideon_byamugisha@yahoo.co.uk) or (interfaith.health.platform@gmail.com). You can reach out to us to explore how to engage further with the process.

If you are part of any global networks that have ECOSOC status, you may be able to participate in the HLM processes; reach out to the leadership team at your organisation to find out more.

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