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## **NGO Calls on Development Sector to Increase Shadow Reports to UNAIDS**

**AIDS Accountability International calls on organisations globally to submit reports on the problems people are facing in the context of HIV/AIDS worldwide.**

“We join other advocacy organisations in their call to increase the number of shadow or alternative reports for the 2010 UNGASS reporting process.” said Phillipa Tucker, Senior Researcher at AAI.

In 2001 The Declaration of Commitment was signed by 189 member states of the United Nations. It sets out the targets and milestones that governments are required to achieve in order to fulfil their promises to the public.

It is often described as the foremost important international HIV/AIDS policy instrument in the struggle against HIV/AIDS. Yet the problem is that many governments do not complete the reporting process or that their figures are hotly contested by civil society as being lies or inaccurate. It is in this context that the organisation created this call to colleagues and organisations internationally in six languages.

UNAIDS states in the 2009 [Guidelines on Construction of Core Indicators](#) that “shadow reports are intended to provide an alternative perspective where it is strongly felt that civil society was not adequately included in the national reporting process, where governments do not submit a Country Progress Report, or where data provided by government differs considerably from data collected by civil society monitoring government progress in service delivery. In accepting shadow reports, UNAIDS acknowledges the ‘watchdog’ function which many civil society organisations fulfil in their countries.”

Per Strand, Research Director at the Cape Town based AAI Rating Centre said that: “Organisations working in the following areas:

- men who have sex with men
- sex workers
- intravenous drug users
- youth

- gender, and
- human rights

that have information that differs from what government reports are especially encouraged to submit shadow reports.”

Reports can be submitted by 31 March 2010 or if they are in response to the Country Report then no deadline applies.

### **About AIDS Accountability International.**

AIDS Accountability International is an independent rating organization holding leaders accountable for the commitments they have made to respond to the AIDS epidemic. AAI research focuses on government accountability in the context of HIV/AIDS policy, implementation and impact,

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