

AIDS Accountability Expert Panel – Activities in 2010

This short text presents how AAI plans to work with the AIDS Accountability Expert Panel in 2010. The plan is based on AAI's 2010 Research Agenda and on the results of the Panel evaluation survey, conducted in February 2010.

AAI's Research in 2010

In 2010 AAI will continue developing rating methods and scorecards through a unique consultative process that involves consultations with a number of world leading experts from academia, global agencies and civil society, gathered in the AIDS Accountability Expert Panel, the Group of Nine and a different Development Teams.

The Country Scorecards

As you know, AAI developed the *Country Scorecard* in 2008, the *Scorecard on Women* in 2009, and is currently working on the *Scorecard on Sexual Diversity* to be launched in 2010. In general terms, the approach we used for developing the three scorecards was to collect data and create a data set that was unique to each of the three scorecards. For the first two scorecards all data was gathered from UNAIDS. The first scorecard relied entirely on quantitative data, but for the second scorecard we added information that AAI distilled from the country narrative reports. The third scorecard will partially be based on UNAIDS data, but it will also rely on one or more sources of information from other UN agencies and/or civil society. Whereas each new scorecard has been used to explore new methodologies and/or data, they are similar in that they are based on a scorecard-specific set of data.

The Panel will be invited to feedback on different versions of the *Scorecard on Sexual Diversity*. During 2010, we will also allow the Expert Panel to review and comment on a strategy for the more ambitious second phase of *AAI's Research Agenda*, including a plan for the updated Country Scorecard that we plan to launch in 2011.

The Business Ranking

In addition to producing ratings of countries, AAI is also developing an *AIDS Accountability Business Ranking* to improve business' accountability in the response to HIV /AIDS and reinforce the notion of *best practice*. In 2010, the Expert Panel will be invited to help the Business Ranking Development Team finalise the Business Ranking tool.

The Youth Initiative

Thirdly, AAI is very proud to announce the launch of our *Youth Initiative*, which aims to develop advocacy tools for holding governments and/or other key stakeholders accountable for responding to the needs of youth in the context of HIV/AIDS; and to develop an element on youth for the 2011 AIDS Accountability Country Scorecard. To our help we have established a Youth Development Team with members from the global HIV/AIDS youth community. We have also made a call for youth candidates to the Expert Panel. The panel will be involved in shaping the material we produce related to youth.

How to improve DoC on HIV/AIDS Country Monitoring

2010 is the final year for the UN Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS (DoC) and thus the monitoring of countries' progress. In developing the Scorecards in relation to the DoC, AAI has identified some weaknesses and gaps in both indicators and processes. To feed into UNAIDS' review process of the reporting system AAI plans to compile a report with suggestion for improvements. The consultation is an opportunity for Expert Panel members to comment on both indicators as well as reporting processes.

An outline of the planned Panel Consultations in 2010 is found at the end of this document. Please note that additional consultations may be included during the year.

Expert Panel Consultation Process

As expressed in the Expert Panel Terms of Reference, AAI asks Panel members to participate in at least one consultation per year (corresponding to around eight hours of work). As previously, consultations will be conducted as online based surveys.

For those interested in engaging more substantially in the technical development of the ratings we offer the possibility of joining one of the *Rating Development Teams*. The Development Teams lead the development of the ratings, meet in conference calls on a regular basis and synthesize the feedback of the panel.

2010 Improvements

Based on the Panel Evaluation we have identified a number of actions to improve the consultations in 2010. For a detailed summary of the Panel Evaluation, please refer to the *Expert Panel Evaluation 2010*.

To improve our **communication with the Panel** on AAI's research agenda and how we take the Panel feedback into consideration we will:

- Make the overall strategy of AAI available for the Expert Panel on AAI's website.
- Provide a time plan for each research product that we ask the Panel to comment on.
- For each research product develop a special document on how the Expert Panel's feedback has been taken into account.
- Present the consultation results on AAI's website, on the Expert Panel page where Panel members can leave comments and interact with other members and AAI staff.

To enhance **member involvement** we will:

- Increase the number of consultations in 2010 to more than the five we did last year.
- Increase the number of topics being covered to at least five; Sexual Diversity, the Business Ranking, UNAIDS Country Monitoring, the Country Scorecard 2011 and Youth. Additional topics may be included during the year.
- Send notification emails one to two weeks ahead of each survey.
- Look into possibilities for sending out sms-requests and reminders.

Panel Composition

AAI is continuously inviting more members in the Expert Panel with the goal to achieve better geographical, gender and age balance. We are specifically looking for women and for members from youth led initiatives and people representing Eastern Europe and Central Asia. We warmly welcome your recommendations on candidates to invite.

A list of current members of the panel and the *Group of 9 (G9)* is found on the website:
http://aidsaccountability.org/?page_id=827

Contact

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Month	April	April	April	April	April
Date	29/3- 4/4	5/4- 11/4	12/4- 18/4	19/4 – 25/4	26/4 – 2/5
Consultation					
Consultation					Sexual Diversity Scorecard
Month	May	May	May	May	
Date	3/5– 9/5	10/5 – 16/5	17/5 – 23/5	24/5 – 30/5	
Consultation	UNAIDS Country Monitoring				
Consultation			AIDS Accountability Youth Initiative		
Month	June	June	June	June	June
Date	31/5– 6/6	7/6 – 13/6	14/6 – 20/6	21/6 – 27/6	28/6 – 4/7
Consultation	AIDS Accountability Business Ranking				
Consultation			Sexual Diversity Scorecard		
Month	July	July	July	July	
Month	August	August	August	August	August
Month	September	September	September	September	
Date	6/9- 12/9	13/9- 19/9	20/9- 26/9	27/9-3/10	
Consultation		AAI's Research Strategy and Country Scorecard 2011			
Consultation					
Month	October	October	October	October	
Date	4/10- 10/10	11/10- 17/10	18/10- 24/10	25/10- 31/10	
Consultation			AIDS Accountability Youth Initiative		
Consultation	AIDS Accountability Business Ranking				
Month	November	November	November	November	
Date	1/11-7/11	8/11-14/11	15/11-21/11	22/11-28/11	
Consultation					
Consultation					
Month	December	December	December	December	