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October 3, 2000

Ms. Sandy Thurman  
Director of the Office of National AIDS Policy  
Presidential Envoy for AIDS Cooperation  
736 Jackson Place  
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Dear Sandy,

On behalf of Sir Elton John and the Board of Directors of the Elton John AIDS Foundation, I would like to ask you to join the Host Committee for our upcoming benefit, *Vision*. The event will be held at the Atlanta High Museum of Art on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2000, World AIDS Day.

The heart of the event is the exhibit, *Chorus of Light: Photographs from the Sir Elton John Collection*. This exhibit contains 390 photographic works of art from Elton's private collection.

Elton will host guests for cocktails and a buffet dinner held in the atrium of the Museum. Guests will arrive at 8:00 pm and are welcome to tour the exhibit as part of the Gala. Availability is limited to 350 guests and members of the Host Committee are encouraged to promote the event.

Attached, please find the sponsorship opportunities as well as ticket prices for *Vision*, an event to benefit the Elton John AIDS Foundation. Your participation would be greatly valued and appreciated.

Thank you for considering this invitation. Please contact Will Rhodes or me at the Foundation office at (310) 276-5802.

Kindest Regards,

LOVE



John Scott  
President and Executive Director  
Elton John AIDS Foundation



# ELTON JOHN AIDS FOUNDATION

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Elton John Aids Foundation  
High Museum of Art, Atlanta, Georgia**

**Platinum Sponsorship/Co-Host                      \$30,000.                      12 people**

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- VIP Cocktail Party with Elton John following the tour
- Invitation to the Gala Party with buffet dinner to be held in the atrium of the HMA
- Special Edition Book Signed by Elton John of **Chorus of Light: Photographs from the Sir Elton John Collection**
- Acknowledgement in all press releases and literature as event co-host

**Gold Sponsorship                      \$20,000                      8 people**

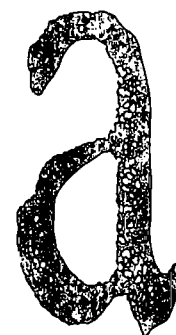
- Personal Tour with Elton John of his photography collection at the High Museum of Art
- VIP Cocktail Party with Elton John following the tour
- Invitation to the Gala Party with buffet dinner to be held in the atrium of the HMA
- Special Edition Book Signed by Elton John of Chorus of Light: Photographs from the Sir Elton John Collection
- Acknowledgement on invitation as a sponsor of the evening

**Silver Sponsorship                      \$7,500                      4 people**

- Personal Tour with Elton John of his photography collection at the High Museum of Art
- VIP Cocktail Party with Elton John following the tour
- Invitation to the Gala Party with buffet dinner to be held in the atrium of the HMA
- Special Edition Book Signed by Elton John

**Host Sponsor    \$750 each (\$1200 for couple)**

- Invitation to the Gala Party with buffet dinner to be held in the atrium of the HMA
- Hard copy of Chorus of Light: Photographs from the Sir Elton John Collection





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Attention: Ms Sandra Thurman

AIDS Policy Director

Dear Ms Thurman:

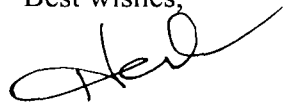
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Enclosed photo is for your archives!

I will be in Washington, DC in September from the 15<sup>th</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup>. During this time, will it be possible for you and I to sit down and do an interview for my two radio talk shows? As you will recall, I am the Public Affairs Director for two FM radio stations owned and operated by Infinity Broadcasting, Inc.

If not, how about giving me several dates and times that would work for you.

Best wishes,



Herbert W. Perry, LPA/EA

Chair and CFO



## FAX TRANSMITTAL

DATE: 10. .00

TO: SANDY THURMAN

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FROM: JENNIFER VASILOFF

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***SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 7:00 – 10:00 p.m.***

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**Thomas Sheridan's Home  
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**The CAEAR Coalition's national leadership will be in Washington for  
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**Please join them for a celebration of our collective success in passing  
the Ryan White CARE Act reauthorization legislation.**

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UNITED NATIONS  
ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA

THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Date: 13 October 2000

Dear Ms. Thurman,

It is my honour and privilege to invite you to attend the second African Development Forum (ADF) 2000 which will be convened at the headquarters of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) from 3 to 7 December, in Addis Ababa.

The theme selected for this year's ADF is **"AIDS: The Greatest Leadership Challenge"**.

The Forum is designed to serve as a launching pad for new levels of commitment and concerted action against HIV/AIDS by leaders at all levels. It will bring together African leaders from Governments, civil society and the development community. We are expecting some 1,500 participants, including a number of Heads of State of African countries who have already confirmed their participation in the Forum. Each of them has unique perspectives to share in their respective battles against HIV/AIDS. The United Nations Secretary-General, Kofi Annan, will also participate, as will several heads of UN agencies and senior officials of multilateral and inter-governmental organizations.

As you may be aware, although the ADF process is conceived and led by ECA, we are working closely with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the World Bank, the joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the World Health Organization (WHO) and the International Labour Organization (ILO), which are all members of the Steering Committee. We highly value this partnership with the UN agencies, and are also working closely with Addis Ababa-based representatives of other development actors to ensure a fully inclusive process.

The Forum will provide an unprecedented opportunity for leaders at all levels of African society to dialogue with the continent's development partners. ADF 2000 constitutes a unique forum for developing the necessary policies and partnerships towards an expanded response to HIV/AIDS.

Ms. Sandra Thurman  
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I believe that together we can ensure that ADF 2000 marks a turning point in Africa's leadership against HIV/AIDS. Your presence and your interest in the issues to be discussed will most certainly enrich the ADF 2000 debates.

Attached is some detailed information on ADF 2000 and the process that it will launch beginning in December and extending well beyond. Additional information can be found on the ADF 2000 website at <http://www.un.org/depts/eca/adf2000>. We will be sending you the Forum programme in due course.

I look forward to receiving your positive reply to this invitation.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K.Y. Amoako'.

K.Y. Amoako

**Economic Commission  
for Africa**



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pour l'Afrique**



## **Information on the African Development Forum 2000**

### **1. BACKGROUND**

The African Development Forum (ADF) 2000 is organized by the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) in partnership with UN family (UNAIDS, UNDP, UNICEF, ILO, WHO and the World Bank) on the theme "AIDS: the Greatest Leadership Challenge". ADF 2000 will be held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 3-7 December 2000.

The African Development Forum is a process led by ECA to establish an African-led and African-driven development agenda. It is also a means of strengthening the work of the UN system in Africa to ensure that the system is a more effective development partner to member States. ADF aims to present to key stakeholders in Africa the results of current research and opinion on key development issues in order to formulate shared goals and priorities, to draft action programmes, and to define the environment that will enable African countries to implement these programmes.

The Forum meets annually on different critical development issues. The 1999 Forum was the first, and was held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 24-28 October 1999, on the theme "The Challenge to Africa of Globalization and the Information Age". ADF 2000 is the second in the series and is devoted to addressing the HIV/AIDS challenge to development.

### **2. THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FORUM 2000 (ADF 2000)**

#### **2.1. The theme: "AIDS: the Greatest Leadership Challenge"**

This year's Forum theme- AIDS: the Greatest Leadership Challenge is paramount to the continent's development. The epidemic is taking a devastating toll in terms of human suffering. It is jeopardizing economic growth, development prospects and political stability, especially in sub-Saharan Africa (SSA). Given the degree to which HIV/AIDS is undermining progress in development, it is no longer merely a health problem, but poses a major development crisis to the continent. While SSA accounts for only one-tenth of the global population, it bears the brunt of the disease, with more than 80% of AIDS-related deaths world-wide. Africa, where so many lives have

been lost and economies endangered, risks a heavily mortgaged future if the disease that has imperilled so many, cannot soon be brought under control.

Despite a multitude of initiatives at different levels, there remains no clear consensus on how to respond to HIV/AIDS in Africa. In this connection, the Forum aims to address and heighten awareness of the crucial elements that are missing in the fight against AIDS, namely political will and leadership, comprehensive multi-sectoral approaches and resources.

African leaders, in government and at all levels of society, must spearhead the fight against HIV/AIDS. This is why the focus of ADF 2000 is on "AIDS ***the Greatest Leadership Challenge***". The HIV/AIDS pandemic calls for proactive and visionary leadership that goes far beyond leadership at the political level. In this context, Leadership is defined in the broadest sense as a cross cutting responsibility, encapsulating government, civil society, the private sector and the international development community.

ADF 2000 is envisaged to serve as a launching pad for a renewed and sustainable commitment from African leaders to make HIV/AIDS a top priority in their development agenda and to invest substantially in the fight against HIV/AIDS. Leaders have the responsibility to ensure that there is a collective effort to respond sufficiently to the need of people infected and communities affected by HIV/AIDS.

## 2.2. Objectives

Taking stock of progress made to date, actions taken thus far, and decisions from major conferences, the ADF 2000 will:

- Identify major actions for overcoming key obstacles in various areas dealing with HIV/AIDS with emphasis on leadership;
- Examine the resource implications for a concerted effort both by African governments and their international partners;
- Ensure the commitment of all leaders and development partners to scale-up successful interventions that have national level impacts;
- Make commitments to support groups and partners in order to move the HIV/AIDS agenda forward;
- Agree on broad strategies and milestones for tackling HIV/AIDS as an emergency; and
- Identify arrangements and mechanisms for follow-up.

## Expectations and Outcomes

The general expectation is that ADF 2000 will be a conference with a difference with outputs that will reverberate well beyond the Forum itself. Expected forum outcomes include:

- ❖ the endorsement of national networks established as part of the pre-Forum activities

- ❖ the establishment of regional and continental networks
- ❖ the establishment of a mechanism to ensure that Forum concerns, recommendations and resolutions are kept high on the agenda for African Heads of States, OAU meetings, and meetings of regional groups
- ❖ the establishment of mechanisms to ensure that such meetings provide platforms for the views and voices of civil society organisations on HIV/AIDS its prevention and management
- ❖ feedback from the Forum to the national level, with a broad Framework for Action that will then be amplified and have the details spelled out at national level
- ❖ steps to provide training for leaders, particularly in civil society organisations
- ❖ Making resources available
- ❖ concrete measures to ensure that civil society organisations are not marginalized in making their viewpoint known or gaining access to resources
- ❖ continuing the existing focus group discussions and establishing additional groups
- ❖ establishing frameworks to provide for the monitoring and evaluation of actions agreed upon at the Forum, thereby ensuring that the Forum actually results in viable actions.

While poverty and AIDS interactions are expected to emerge under the 'AIDS and Development' theme, ADF intends to keep the poverty dimension strongly at the core of all deliberations. One concrete outcome of the Forum would be to enable the relevant bodies to ensure that HIV/AIDS is well integrated into the Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers/Programmes (PRSPs) being prepared by countries.

It will also be important for the Forum to consider the Framework for Action proposed by the IPAA and to see how this could be scaled up, so that youth and the media (among others) could be fitted into the action plan.

ADF 2000 is also expected to empower all participants with the necessary knowledge to assist in the curtailing of the spread of HIV, and to reduce sharply the impact of AIDS on human suffering and on the development of human, social and economic capital in Africa.

### **Follow-up Mechanisms**

ADF is a process, not a meeting. A critical component of this process is the pre-Forum national preparations. In this connection, the Forum is expected to develop and adopt implementation plans to scale-up interventions at the national level and a follow-up strategy to monitor progress.

## **Summit of African Heads of State on HIV/AIDS**

In April 2001, President Olusegun Obasanjo of Nigeria will host a major Summit of African Heads of State on HIV/AIDS. President Obasanjo has pledged his full commitment to the ADF 2000 process, and has agreed that the outcomes of the Forum in December 2000 will form the basis for an African Position on a response to HIV/AIDS, to be endorsed by the Heads of State at their Summit next year. The Summit is therefore an important part of the ADF 2000 follow-up process, and will enable one of the key goals of the ADF process – namely to register the highest possible level of leadership commitment to addressing key African development challenges.

### **2.3. Content**

The Forum will emphasize the role and responsibilities of leaders at all levels of society. The Forum will analyse the role of leadership in AIDS and development, learning from country experience and responses elsewhere, and building on lessons learned so far. It will also develop new strategies for enhanced partnership in the fight against HIV/AIDS at community, national and international levels.

### **2.4. Participation**

The Forum will bring together African leaders from governments, civil society and their development partners. Some 1,500 participants are expected to attend the Forum. Eighty per cent of these will come from Africa. Participants will include Heads of State and government, community activists and experts. Representatives of bilaterals, multilaterals and UN agencies are also expected to attend the Forum.

The highest level of leadership participating in the Forum will engage in a dialogue with other leaders from government, civil society, media, private sector, academia and religious groups to promote local, national, regional and international partnerships in leadership.

### **2.5. Forum Programme and Strategy**

- (i) The preparatory process to ADF 2000 will include National Workshops that bring together leaders from a broad spectrum of constituencies to solicit country-specific views, strategies and recommendations on the role of national leaderships. The outcomes of the National Workshops will be incorporated in the deliberations of the Forum. In addition, live broadcasts and national highlights from the National Workshops and country responses will be available during the Forum.

(ii) The Forum programme is designed around three key themes:

- AIDS and Development;
- Learning from country responses and building on lessons learned from intensified responses to HIV/AIDS; and
- Leadership role and approaches for an effective HIV/AIDS response.

(iii) Five focus groups have been established:

- Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs);
- Gender;
- Youth;
- Diaspora; and
- People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWAs).

The Focus Groups will actively participate in online discussions before the Forum and engage in debates during the Forum in order to exchange ideas, practical experiences and to react to proposals. Results from their online discussions and the recommendations of their meetings will be incorporated into the Forum proceedings.

### **3. STRUCTURE**

ADF 2000 has put in place a structure for its preparation composed of the following:

- (i) A Steering Committee comprising the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the World Bank (WB), the United Nations Joint Programme on AIDS (UNAIDS), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the World Health Organization (WHO) and the International Labour Organization (ILO). These are responsible for:
- Management of the Forum and its processes;
  - Resource mobilization;
  - Preparation of position papers; and
  - Technical assistance.
- (ii) A Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) is composed of experts from academia, governments, United Nations agencies, civil society, people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWAs), bilateral, religious and community groups and the private sector to guide in the overall preparation of the Forum.
- (iii) A secretariat located at ECA, responsible for the day-to-day preparation of the Forum.

#### 4. EXHIBITION

A thematic exhibition will be mounted during the Forum to display a wide range of best practices, and technical tools to fight against HIV/AIDS, as well as to allow for online demonstrations.

Exhibitors will be drawn from NGOs, civil society, UN sub-groups and the private sector. The exhibition will provide an opportunity for showcasing and networking between governments, NGOs, and the private sector. Any assistance in identifying potential exhibitors is very much appreciated.

#### CONTACT

- For further queries, please contact the ADF 2000 Secretariat:  
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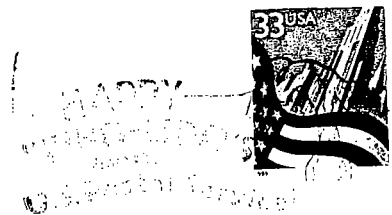
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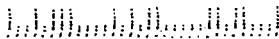
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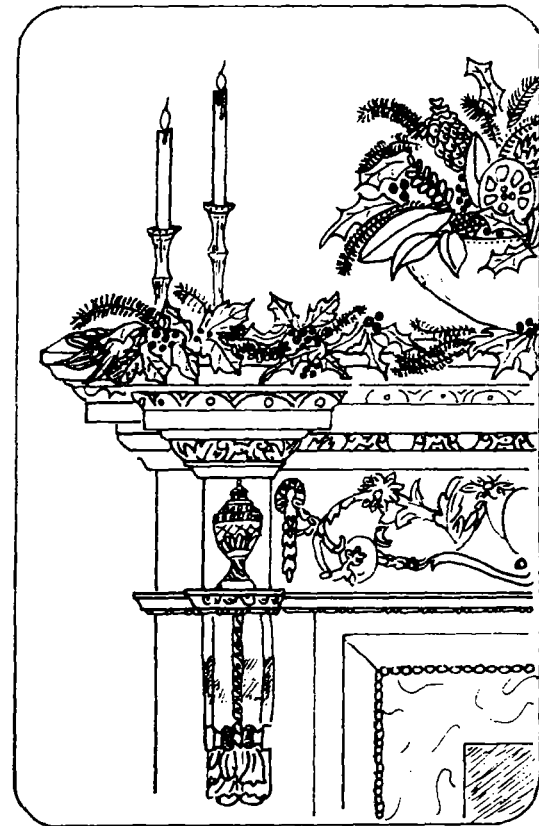


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December 7, 2000

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I tried to contact you and left a message. Unfortunately when we met at the Residence of Ambassador Sisulu on World AIDS Day I did not get the contact address of the lady whom you said would work with me on the details. Kindly let her contact me at Tel: 202-884-1091.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alex C. Massinda'.

Alex C. Massinda  
Deputy Head of Mission



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Director Barry R. McCaffrey  
and the ONDCP staff cordially invite you to:

The ONDCP Holiday Party

December 15, 2000

3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

750 Seventeenth Street, Northwest — Fifth and Sixth Floors

Join us for fun, food and the company of friends.

Please RSVP to (202) 395-6732

Best wishes to you and yours during this holiday season!

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*Sunday, December 17, 2000*  
*7:00pm*

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON  
December 12, 2000

**MEMORANDUM TO ALL EOP PASSHOLDERS**

**FROM:** Melinda N. Bates   
Special Assistant to the President and  
Director, Visitors Office

**RE:** 2000 Christmas Candlelight Tours

The annual White House Christmas Candlelight Tours take place this year  
from **5 to 7 p.m.** on:                Wednesday, December 27  
                                                 Thursday, December 28  
                                                 Friday, December 29

As in the past, these tours are open to the public and to all passholders with photo hard passes.

**There are no tickets nor group reservations.**

The President and Mrs. Clinton asked the Visitors Office to extend passholder head-of-line privileges for these tours.

**Passholder hours are 5:30 until 7 p.m. on 12/27, 12/28, and 12/29**

Please note that these tours are identical to the Holiday Tours for Passholders on Friday, December 15, except **photos are not permitted** inside during the Candlelight Tours.

All visitors form a line at the Visitor Entrance on East Executive Avenue. The passholder line will run north on East Executive to Pennsylvania Avenue. The wait may be long, and the weather will probably be cold, so **please encourage your guests to dress appropriately.**

We hope you and your guests enjoy this final holiday event.

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Dear Ms Thurman:

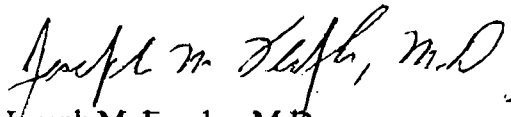
I am delighted to share with you news of a major initiative that demonstrates Pfizer's commitment to using our advanced medication to help some of the neediest people in the world.

The South African Ministry of Health and Pfizer has finalized a unique program that will provide Diflucan at no charge to HIV/AIDS patients suffering from cryptococcal meningitis or esophageal candidiasis, two AIDS-related opportunistic infections. We are also considering other African nations where the HIV/AIDS epidemic is exacting such a terrible toll.

I would like to thank you in advance for any support you have of this initiative and offer to provide you with a personal briefing by one of my colleagues on the South African Diflucan Partnership Program at. Please do not hesitate in contacting one of my colleagues from the attached list at your earliest convenience.

For your information, I have enclosed a copy of the press release and FACT sheet to provide you with additional information.

Kind regards,

  
Joseph M. Feczko, M.D.

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Enclosure

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## **South African Ministry of Health and Pfizer initiate Diflucan partnership programme**

**01 December 2000**

***HIV/AIDS patients to have access to lifesaving anti-fungal medicine  
for as long as they are in need.***

**DoH/Pfizer/...Diflucan/...1**

December 01 2000 Johannesburg, South Africa – The South African Ministry of Health and Pfizer Inc. today announced final approval and commencement of the South African Diflucan Partnership Programme, a unique initiative intended to benefit HIV/AIDS patients in need.

The programme is a comprehensive partnership carefully designed to help ensure proper diagnosis and care for those who cannot afford treatment for two opportunistic infections commonly associated with AIDS. The initiative will provide the company's anti-fungal medication, Diflucan<sup>®</sup> (fluconazole), at no charge to HIV/AIDS patients suffering from cryptococcal meningitis or oesophageal candidiasis, two AIDS-related opportunistic infections. Pfizer expects to contribute more than R375 million (\$50 million) of Diflucan over the course of the programme.

The programme will be administered by trained medical professionals in government hospitals and clinics across South Africa and will be regularly assessed to ensure that it successfully meets patients needs.

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## **DoH/Pfizer/...2**

Patients participating in the programme will receive Diflucan for as long as they need it.

“The South African government reaffirms its commitment to work with partners across the globe to ensure access to health care for South Africans,” said Dr. Manto Tshabalala-Msimang, Minister of Health. “Furthermore, we shall continue to ensure that we contribute to the overall efforts working particularly with SADC member states in the important task of strengthening the health systems in our region for the benefit of our people.”

“The South African government calls upon all of us to join hands across the public-private divide in a genuine partnership to restore the humanity of many in the developing world. Ensuring that the scientific and technological advances are used to the benefit of those in need, is the biggest moral and developmental challenge of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The discussions between us have enriched our understanding of what is possible when we opt to focus on the challenges before us.”

“Pfizer and the South African Ministry of Health have worked very hard together to initiate the Diflucan Partnership Programme,” said William C. Steere Jr., chairman and chief executive officer of Pfizer.

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“This programme underscores Pfizer’s commitment to community and its leadership in developing new approaches to address major public health issues.”

Cryptococcal meningitis is a life-threatening infection of the brain caused by the yeast *Cryptococcus neoformans*; it occurs in approximately 1 in 10 AIDS patients. Oesophageal candidiasis is a debilitating fungal infection of the oesophagus caused by *Candida albicans*; it is reported in 20 to 40 percent of all patients with HIV/AIDS. Diflucan is the only recommended outpatient treatment for cryptococcal meningitis, and it has been proven highly effective in treating oesophageal candidiasis.

“The AIDS epidemic in Africa is one of the single greatest global health care challenges facing the world today,” said Henry A. McKinnell, Ph.D., president and chief operating officer of Pfizer. “The South African Diflucan Partnership Programme is an excellent example of our industry providing its innovative and often lifesaving medicines to those most in need.”

“We believe this public-private partnership will help address the terrible human suffering caused by the HIV/AIDS epidemic,” said Konji Sebati, M.D., director: public affairs for Africa and the Middle East, and former Pfizer medical director and corporate affairs for South and Central Africa. “We are deeply committed to the program and to the people of South Africa who we know will greatly benefit.”

Pfizer is also committed to initiating discussions with other members of South African Development Community (SADC) with a view to the possible expansion of the programme within the SADC region.

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**About Pfizer**

Pfizer has been very active and a dedicated contributor to developmental initiatives and health care in South Africa and throughout the world. As a founding member of Medical Education for South African Blacks (MESAB), the company provided the organization's first grant as well as ongoing financial support over the past 15 years. Pfizer also works with the Programme for Technological Careers (PROTEC) to improve mathematics and science education and teacher training in disadvantaged community high schools. A major supporter to non-governmental organizations providing care and support to patients infected and affected by HIV/AIDS, Pfizer continues to make its resources available to those in need.

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# South African Diflucan Partnership Program

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

- The South African Ministry of Health and Pfizer are working together to provide **Diflucan**® (fluconazole), to approximately 100,000 HIV/AIDS patients in government hospitals and clinics, suffering from cryptococcal meningitis or esophageal candidiasis, who cannot afford treatment. Patients will receive Diflucan for as long as they need it.
- The program has been carefully designed to ensure proper diagnosis, treatment, and patient compliance.
- The initiative will be monitored regularly to ensure that it successfully meets patients' needs and will be evaluated by the Ministry and Pfizer at the end of two years.
- It is important to understand that this is not a clinical trial. Diflucan is approved for the treatment of cryptococcal meningitis and esophageal candidiasis, and the medicine's safety and effectiveness are well established.
- Diflucan will be made available at numerous government hospitals and clinics throughout South Africa.

- The Ministry and Pfizer believe the program will provide immediate benefit to patients in need and serve as a potential model for other nations where the need is also great.

## WHAT IS A FUNGAL INFECTION?

- Fungal infections are caused by spores and mold that circulate in the atmosphere. Although usually harmless, these spores can result in infections ranging from minor irritation to serious illness.
- People with impaired immune systems often develop serious infections caused by types of fungi that seldom, if ever, inflict harm in people whose immune systems are functioning normally.
- These infections can cause life-threatening complications for HIV/AIDS patients whose immune systems are depleted.
- Two fungal infections that are common in patients with HIV/AIDS are cryptococcal meningitis and esophageal candidiasis.

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## A PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

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## ABOUT CRYPTOCOCCAL MENINGITIS

- Cryptococcal meningitis (CM) is a life-threatening infection of the membranes that surround the brain and spinal cord. It is caused by the fungus *Cryptococcus neoformans*. It occurs in approximately one in 10 AIDS patients and is associated with a mortality of over 20 percent.<sup>1,2</sup>
- If left untreated, the prognosis is extremely poor. Relapse rates are as high as 50-60 percent<sup>3</sup>, therefore, ongoing treatment is required for life.
- The onset of cryptococcal meningitis is gradual and insidious causing fatigue, fever, and weight loss followed by headache, nausea, vomiting, confusion, drowsiness, photophobia, and blurred vision.
- Definitive diagnosis of cryptococcal meningitis can only be made by lumbar puncture (spinal tap), a medical procedure that must be performed in an appropriate medical facility.

## TREATMENT

- Diflucan is the only available outpatient treatment for cryptococcal meningitis.
- In accordance with the South Africa Department of Health Guideline, acute treatment (8 weeks) for cryptococcal meningitis consists of amphotericin B 0.7mg/kg/day IV for up to 14 days followed by Diflucan 400mg/day to complete 8 weeks. If amphotericin B is not available, Diflucan should be given (400mg orally), followed by 400mg daily for 8 weeks. At this stage, lifelong suppressive therapy is initiated with Diflucan 200 mg daily.<sup>4</sup>
- With this treatment regimen, many patients remain relapse-free at one year.<sup>5</sup> The chance of reoccurrence is greatly increased with poor compliance or where drug resistance is present.
- It is not possible to cure cryptococcal meningitis in AIDS patients. The goal is to suppress the infection and provide ongoing treatment to prevent relapse.

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# THE SOUTH AFRICAN DIFLUCAN PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

## ABOUT ESOPHAGEAL CANDIDIASIS

- Esophageal candidiasis is a fungal infection of the esophagus caused by microscopic organisms known as yeast. The type of yeast that most commonly causes esophageal candidiasis is called *Candida* and is normally found in the mouth, skin, and stomach of just about everyone. Esophageal candidiasis is reported in 20% to 40% of all patients with HIV/AIDS.
- The most common symptoms of esophageal candidiasis include painful swallowing and chest pain. Nausea, vomiting, and bleeding can also occur.
- Diagnosis of esophageal candidiasis is made through visual examination or culture. A common sign of infection may include white plaques consistent with *Candida*.
- If left untreated, esophageal candidiasis can cause severe discomfort, weight loss (because eating is painful) and fatigue.

## TREATMENT

- Diflucan has proven highly effective in treating esophageal candidiasis.
- In accordance with the South Africa Department of Health Guideline, the treatment regimen includes daily Diflucan 200mg daily for 5 -14 days. Dosing may be adjusted depending on the patient's response to therapy.<sup>6</sup> As a secondary option ketoconazole, 150 mg-400mg daily for at least 14 days or itraconazole 200mg daily for 14 days.
- For patients who cannot take oral medicines, Diflucan 200mg IV may be required for 5 -14 days.
- With this treatment regimen, many patients remain relapse-free. The chance of relapse is greatly increased with poor compliance or where drug resistance is present.
- Diflucan treats opportunistic infections associated with HIV/AIDS and is not a treatment for AIDS.

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# Africa Now!

A Leadership Summit to Define African Priorities for AIDS

Harvard AIDS Institute

November 12-14, 2000

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November 27, 2000

Dear Sandy,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your participation in **Africa Now! A Leadership Summit to Define African Priorities for AIDS**.

We are delighted to have united over one hundred and sixty African and United States leaders who are committed to cooperation between our nations to combat HIV and AIDS.

While the enormity of the task before us is clearer than ever, we also witnessed the vast desire in the United States to help Africa confront this epidemic. Hope is a necessary requisite and we must remember that remarkable feats against this preventable tragedy are possible through international cooperation. We also hope that you agree that the recent dialogue of **Africa Now!** will significantly enable all of us to move forward in this campaign

Enclosed, you will find the final version of the "Principles of Collaboration when Confronting the AIDS Crisis in Africa." As you know, during the summit, the participants agreed upon the language and intent of this document. Please review the Principles once again; you will be listed as a supporter of this document unless you inform us otherwise by December 15, 2000. In addition, we encourage you to share the "Principles of Collaboration" with your colleagues. Their support and feedback are welcome.

Please also note that materials from the summit will be available online shortly at <http://aids.harvard.edu>.

We greatly appreciate your support for our continuing **Africa Now!** campaign. Again, thank you so much for your participation and help.

Sincerely,

  
Max Essex, DVM, PhD  
Chair

  
Kimberly Hensle, EdM  
Manager of Educational Programs

  
Richard Marlink, MD  
Executive Director

  
Bridin Byrne  
Conference Coordinator

Sandy -  
Thanks so very  
much for  
coming and  
helping -  
Sleyan soon,  
Ric

# **Africa Now!**

## **Africa Now! A Leadership Summit to Define African Priorities for AIDS**

November 12-14, 2000, Cambridge, USA

### **Principles of Collaboration when Confronting the AIDS Crisis in Africa**

We, leaders representing African, United States and international interests, public and private, participants in **Africa Now! A Leadership Summit to Define African Priorities for AIDS**, meeting in Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA, from November 12 through November 14, 2000,

Recognizing the catastrophic impact of HIV and AIDS on human health and development, and the social and economic burden this epidemic places on the peoples of sub-Saharan Africa,

Affirming our commitment to the goals of the International Partnership Against AIDS in Africa (IPAA),

Acting in the spirit of collective responsibility,

#### **Urge all African leaders to:**

1. Fully assume their leadership role in addressing the HIV and AIDS epidemic in an open and frank manner;
2. Attach the highest priority to applying the most appropriate and effective responses to this epidemic across all sectors of every country's development agenda;
3. Strengthen national efforts to address the HIV and AIDS crisis, focusing on measures to reduce the spread and impact of HIV and AIDS, and on the delivery of services to those infected, affected, and vulnerable to infection, with attention to human rights principles; and support and encourage efforts to overcome stigma and negative stereotyping through community based human rights education and dissemination of information.
4. Facilitate partnership-building at the local, regional, and international levels, including the mobilization of civil society and inter-country collaborative efforts to build capacity and share human, financial and technical resources and information networks.

#### **Urge all leaders in the United States to:**

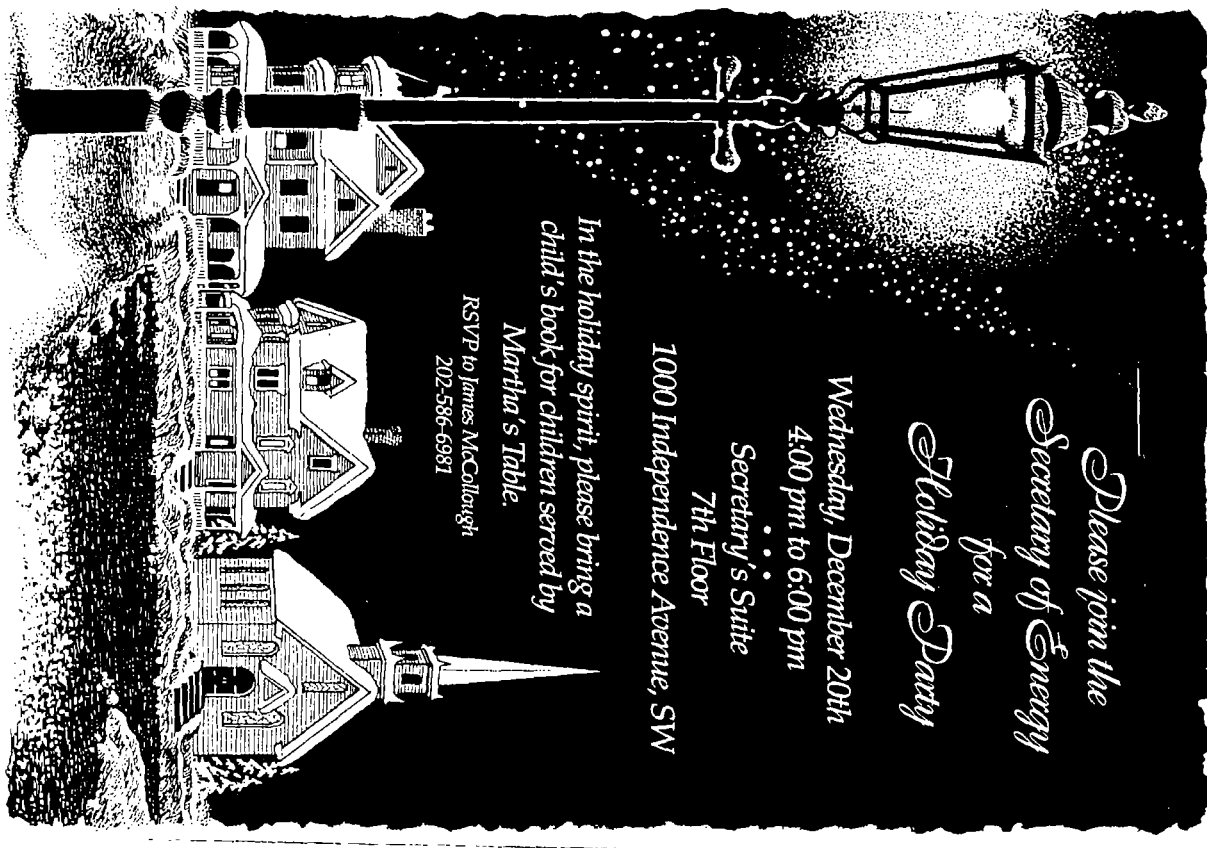
1. Demonstrate commitment to confront AIDS in Africa through partnerships with African nations at the level of both government and civil society;
2. Provide urgent and substantially increased grant support for HIV and AIDS programs and evidence-based interventions as a critical part of overall development for Africa, guided by National Strategies for HIV and AIDS;
3. Intensify efforts with African Nations to mobilize human, technical, and financial resources, and promote a complete cancellation of external debt for affected countries when the savings are used for health priorities including HIV and AIDS control;
4. Foster mechanisms that dramatically reduce the spread and impact of the epidemic, and improve access to anti-retroviral and HIV related pharmaceuticals in developing countries, including support for the infrastructure necessary for safe drug access.
5. Substantially increase the financial commitment for research and research capacity development that is specifically designed to help solve the problems of AIDS in Africa: vaccines designed for those viruses that predominate in Africa, microbicides, rapid diagnostics, and other experimental prevention and treatment programs that are designed specifically for Africa, and are needed to end the epidemic; and to assure access to these in a timely fashion for all those who are at risk;

We therefore commit ourselves to the achievement of the above goals by signing the following **Principles of Collaboration when Confronting the AIDS Crisis in Africa:**

1. African priorities must be in the forefront and African leadership the guiding force for collective African and United States efforts against HIV and AIDS in Africa;
2. Sustainable solutions to overcome the epidemic must be found through the long-term commitment of both African and United States leaders, with mutual accountability and transparency; and
3. Partnerships created to address the epidemic within each African nation must benefit the public health, human rights, and well being of individuals within that nation.

Thus, let us join hands in the spirit of our common humanity to unite together for our common goal. Let us ensure that the health and well being of every woman, man, and child in Africa is fully realized, and let us all share in the benefits of scientific progress and human development in the new millennium.

*Agreed to by the participants of Africa Now!  
A Leadership Summit to Define African Priorities for AIDS,  
Cambridge, USA, November 14, 2000*



*Please join the  
Secretary of Energy  
for a  
Holiday Party*

*Wednesday, December 20th  
4:00 pm to 6:00 pm*

*Secretary's Suite  
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*In the holiday spirit, please bring a  
child's book for children served by  
Martha's Table.*

*RSVP to James McCallough  
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requests the pleasure of your company  
at the farewell in honor of  
Barry R. McCaffrey, Director,  
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Reception to Follow  
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Harvard AIDS Institute  
Dinner honoring Ambassador Richard Holbrooke  
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**Harvard AIDS Institute  
Leadership Award Dinner  
honoring Richard Holbrooke, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations  
Tuesday, January 9, 2001**

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\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I/we would be delighted to attend as guests of the Institute.  
Guests' names: \_\_\_\_\_  
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# Harvard AIDS Institute

November 27, 2000

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Dear Ms. Thurman, *Sandy*

We are writing to invite you as a guest to the Harvard AIDS Institute's dinner on Tuesday, January 9, 2001 when the Institute will present Richard Holbrooke, U.S. Ambassador to the U.N., its Leadership Award. We are eager to recognize Ambassador Holbrooke's critical role in the recent U.N. Security Council summit that defined AIDS in Africa as an issue of national security.

To quote Newsweek, "No one – at least no single human being – is to blame for the existence of a plague. Yet ultimately people must accept the task of dealing with its consequences." Ambassador Holbrooke has galvanized national public opinion and brought unprecedented attention and support for this devastating epidemic in advocating more international resources, in insisting that U.N. peacekeepers be educated about HIV/AIDS, and linking U.S. support to U.N. efforts addressing all aspects of the epidemic. His leadership in putting AIDS in Africa in a new framework is one more example of his courage and diplomatic skill.

Each year the Harvard AIDS Institute recognizes outstanding efforts of allies in the AIDS cause. In the past, the Institute has honored such remarkable leaders as Arthur Ashe, Bill Blass, and Diana, Princess of Wales. This annual Leadership Award reflects the Harvard AIDS Institute's commitment to developing better and more comprehensive solutions for HIV/AIDS by supporting research, fighting discrimination, and providing more compassionate care. Harvard's research in areas of the world in greatest need of solutions has focused on developing protocols for prevention and treatment that are both effective and affordable, the prevention of mother-to-child HIV transmission, education and training, and research on vaccine development.

This January 9 event at the St. Regis Hotel in New York City, will bring together influential business, political, and civic leaders in order to expand the dialogue about what can be done to address the threats posed by this new epidemic. We hope you will join us in honoring Ambassador Holbrooke.

Sincerely,

*Deeda*

Mrs. William McCormick Blair, Jr.

*Maurice Tempelsman*  
Maurice Tempelsman

*Frank Wisner*  
Frank Wisner

Enclosure

*It was nice to finally meet in Boston  
this should be an interesting and  
attractive evening - It would  
be wonderful if you could attend*