

## **UN THEME GROUPS ON HIV/AIDS**

### **Example of Terms of Reference**

The Theme Group constitutes the joint policy and strategic decision-making body for the country-based UN system.

Typically its terms of reference are as follows:

- (a) Jointly review of implementation of HIV/AIDS activities by the Cosponsors;
- (b) Coordinate and jointly programme HIV/AIDS activities among Theme Group members within the context of the national strategic plan. This will eventually cover joint work plans for activities that require collaboration by different Cosponsors;
- (c) Ensure that UNAIDS policies and programme guidance are applied by the Theme Group members and are promoted with other partners in the country;
- (d) Share information on HIV/AIDS activities undertaken or supported by the members. These activities could be either in the form of HIV/AIDS-specific programmes or HIV/AIDS related activities integrated in the programme of work of the members;
- (e) Promote political commitment, multisectoral involvement, and appropriate policies, including human rights policies, with the counterparts of the Theme Group members;
- (f) Assist the government in organizing periodic coordinated resource-mobilization exercises (round-tables) in support of the National Operational Plan;
- (g) Review and coordinate national partner requests to the Cosponsors for technical or financial support; and
- (h) Liaise between the national partners and the Cosponsors, and between the national partners and UNAIDS at the global level.