

Media Update

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Media Advisory

Media briefing on the new UNAIDS report to get countries on the Fast-Track to end the AIDS epidemic by 2030

When: *Wednesday, 30 November 2016, 11:00 am* (Refreshments to follow)

Where: UN Information Centre, ILO Building, G-5/2, Islamabad

What: Official launch of the Urdu translation of "Basic Facts about the United Nations"

Who:

- **Mr Neil Buhne**, UN Resident Coordinator in Pakistan
- **Dr. Mamadou. L. Sakho**, UNAIDS Country Director for Pakistan & Afghanistan
- **Dr. Abdul Baseer Khan Achakzai**, National Programme Manager, National Aids Control Programme
- **Community Representatives**
- **Mr Vittorio Cammarota**, Director, United Nations Information Centre

Background:

Ahead of World AIDS Day 2015, UNAIDS is launching a new report detailing how countries can reach the 22 million people still being left behind in the response to HIV. In 2015, record numbers of people had access to antiretroviral therapy and the numbers of people newly infected and dying of AIDS-related illnesses have reduced since the peak of the epidemic. However, 22 million people still do not have access to treatment, most of whom do not know they have the virus.

The report outlines what needs to be done to end AIDS as part of the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030, including a five-year Fast-Track approach to put countries on track to achieve their goals.

This is a good opportunity to interact with community representatives, key government officials, representatives from the United Nations working collectively to address the HIV epidemic in Pakistan. It is organized in the context of World AIDS Day 2016 and aims at highlighting that there is still need to mobilize resources, increase awareness, overcome prejudice, stigma & discrimination and improve awareness to end AIDS.

How to Participate:



Register by COB Tuesday 29 November, by email to masood.fareed@live.com. For security reasons, only registered participants will have access! Please carry a picture I.D.

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Human Rights through Cinematography Film Screening - "CALL ME DAD"

When: *Tuesday, 29 November 2016, 06:00 p.m.*

Where: UN Information Centre, G-5/2, Islamabad

What: Film Screening, "CALL ME DAD"

In the midst of a silent yet devastating epidemic of fatherlessness, CALL ME DAD is a film about fathers with broken families whose children are gone. Now, through a men's program, they each have the chance to regain what's lost, to transform himself and earn another shot at the title, 'Dad'.

Who:

Opening Remarks: Ms. Margaret Adamson, Australian High Commissioner

Debate:

- Ms Samar Minallah, Anthropologist and Documentary Filmmaker
- Ms Cris Munduate, Deputy Representative, UNICEF
- Mr Jamshed Kazi, Country Representative, UNWOMEN

Moderator: Mr. Waqas Rafique, Communications Officer, FAO

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WFP

Press Release

WFP PAKISTAN WELCOMES NEW REPRESENTATIVE AND COUNTRY DIRECTOR

ISLAMABAD: The new Country Representative of the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) in Pakistan, Finbarr Curran, has officially presented his credentials to the Government of Pakistan at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Receiving the credentials was Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry, Secretary Foreign Affairs.

“I am very pleased to be joining the Pakistan team at a time when WFP is transitioning its work towards recovery and development programmes and enhanced policy and technical expertise to federal and provincial governments, in support of the Sustainable Development Goals,” said Curran. “As a partner of almost half a century, WFP Pakistan remains committed to supporting the government as it shifts its focus to improving nutrition and disaster risk management throughout the country.”

Curran, a Fellow of the Irish Institute of Chartered Accountants, has 30 years’ experience with the humanitarian world, the last 20 with WFP. Before assuming his post in Pakistan, he was the Director of Budget and Programming based at WFP’s headquarters in Rome. Under his direction, the budget office transformed organizational accountability and efficiency by focusing on operational and financial planning based on anticipated resourcing levels of USD 5 billion, rather than simply on needs, as well as rationalizing and expanding WFP’s advance financing tools (now USD 1 Billion).

During his time at WFP, Curran has also been the Director of Procurement, Country Director Dubai and WFP’s first Chief Information Officer (CIO).



Prior to joining WFP, Curran worked in the private sector in Ireland and the UK, and spent 3 years in Zimbabwe as an advisor to the largest semi-state organization. He also worked in Ethiopia, Kenya and Dubai.

“Finbarr brings many years of diverse management and operational experience with him,” noted David Kaatrud, Regional Director, Asia & the Pacific Bureau, “which will benefit WFP Pakistan greatly in supporting national efforts to improve food security and nutrition, and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.”

In Pakistan, WFP implements a variety of programmes to support the Government’s priorities in addressing malnutrition and stunting, relief, education for children, livelihoods and disaster risk management. In 2016, WFP Pakistan has assisted more than 2.5 million people through its programmes.

“I look forward to working with all levels of the Government and civil societies, as well as with our sister agencies, to achieve Zero Hunger in Pakistan.” said Curran.

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