

UNITE GLOBAL PARLIAMENTARIANS NETWORK

Supporting Plans to Address Hepatitis and Health of People Who Use Drugs Through Strong Government Leadership





UNITE is a Global Network of current and former parliamentarians committed to ending Infectious diseases (IDs) as a global health threat.

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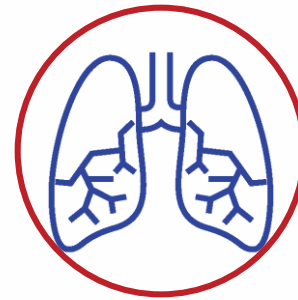
PRIORITY INFECTIOUS DISEASES



HIV/AIDS



VIRAL HEPATITIS



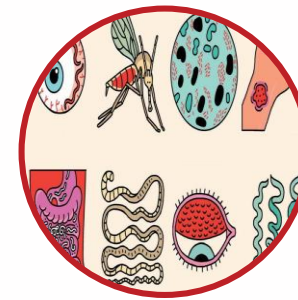
TUBERCULOSIS



MALARIA



WATERBORNE DISEASES
(DIARRHOEA & CHOLERA)



NEGLECTED TROPICAL DISEASES

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PRIORITY INFECTIOUS DISEASES AREAS



SDGs

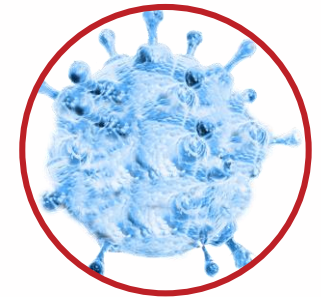
UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE



**VULNERABLE
POPULATIONS**



DRUG POLICY



**ANTIMICROBIAL
RESISTANCE**



VACCINATION



OUTBREAK PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE

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UNITE Industry Position





**There is a need to
TAKE ACTION to deliver
GLOBAL POLICY GOALS
aligned with UN SDGs**

Members of Parliament approve health budgets, change laws and influence policies, keep governments and multilateral organizations accountable and stand at an interface between decision makers, academia, civil society and community-based organizations.

All critical for attaining global targets of ending infectious diseases as a global health threat by 2030.

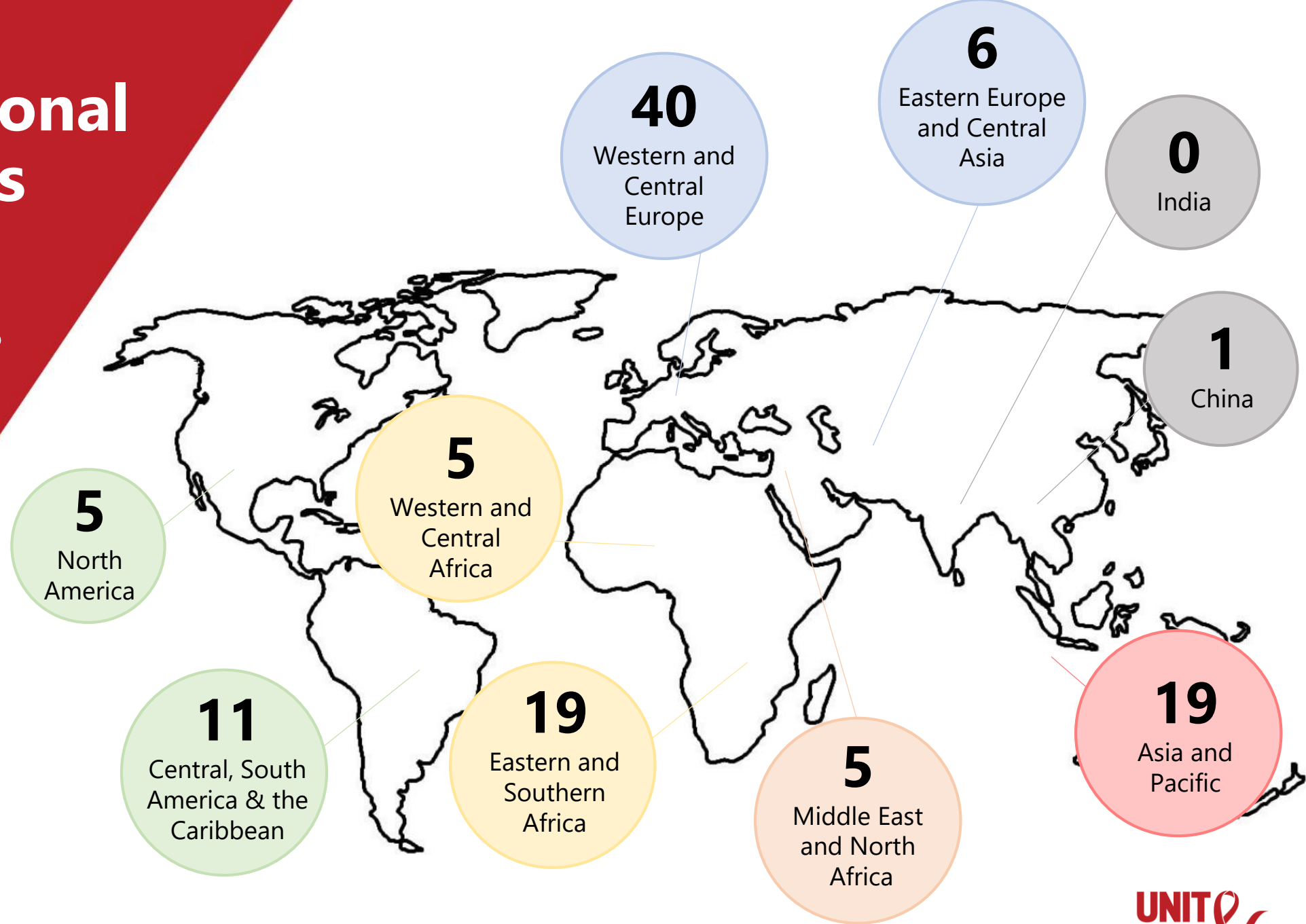
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UNITE Regional Chapters

10 UNITE REGIONAL CHAPTERS

111 MEMBERS* FROM 54 COUNTRIES



*See Annex I: UNITE MPs



UNITE Regional Chairs

7 UNITE REGIONAL CHAIRS

ANDREW ULLMANN
GERMANY
CHAPTER Western & Central Europe



MARIAN JASHI
GEORGIA
CHAPTER Eastern Europe & Central Asia



LISA SINGH
AUSTRALIA
CHAPTER Asia & Pacific



IMEN BEN MOHAMED
TUNISIA
CHAPTER Middle East & North Africa



GISELA SCAGLIA
ARGENTINA
CHAPTER Latin America and the Caribbean



ESTHER PASSARIS
KENYA
CHAPTER Eastern & Southern Africa



UNITE Theory of Change

5 PILARS

UNITE **PRIME** STRATEGY

P**PROMOTE**

Political
Accountability
of all stakeholders
to end IDs



R**RAISE**

Political
Awareness
that is possible to
end IDs



I**INCREASE**

Political Advocacy
to influence
Policy changes
to end IDs



M**MOBILIZE**

Political
Will
with actions
to end IDs



E**ENSURE**

Political
Leadership
to change Laws
and adequate
Budget allocation
to end IDs



Examples of Activities aligned with UNITE PRIME STRATEGY



Promote Political Accountability

- Participation of MPs in relevant decision Processes
- Share Best policies / laws



Raise Political Awareness

- Policy briefs
- Share Evidence-based Policies
- IDs global reports
- Share best practices Activities
- Media and Social Media Activities



Increase Political Advocacy

- Call to Actions
- Declarations / Recommendations
- Meetings / Conferences / Flagship events



Mobilize Political Will

- Field study visits
- Secure community and media support for MP's initiatives
- Impact focused training for MP's and Parliament staff



Ensure Political Leadership

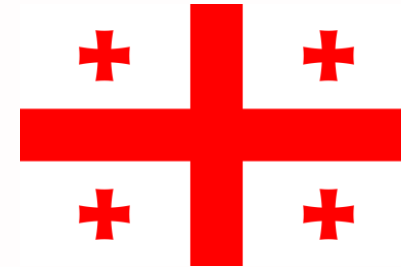
- Concrete legislative proposals
- National Plans
- Peer to Peer Engagement



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Success Stories

UNITE's contribution for inclusion of Viral Hepatitis in UHC Declaration



Hon. Mariam Jashi (UNITE's Regional Chair for Eastern Europe & Central Asia), in partnership with Thailand, was able to "successfully strengthen efforts to address communicable diseases" by leading a political voice of the work conducted by **World Hepatitis Alliance** (Civil Society Engagement Mechanism for UHC, CSEM2030) to ensure the term 'viral hepatitis' was included amongst HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria **in Article 32 of the UN Political Declaration on Universal Health Coverage**, signed at the UN High Level Meeting on September 23, 2019.

Promote
Political
Accountability
to end IDs

Raise Political Awareness that is possible to end IDs in UNITE Flagship events

18th Sept 2018

2018 UNITE/INHSU Joint Action
Policy Day

27th Apr 2019

2019 UNITE, HRI, & APDES Joint
Action Policy Day

Sep 2020

UNITE Global Summit

*Raise Political
Awareness
UNITE/INHSU
2018 Joint
Action Policy
Day*

> 100 participants from
around the World



Increase Political Advocacy to influence policy changes to end IDs

18th Sept 2018

Global Declaration to Eliminate
Hepatitis C in People Who Use Drugs

27th Apr 2019

Call to Action on Global Fund 6th
Replenishment and Harm reduction

Increase Political Advocacy

Declaration to eliminate hepatitis C in people who use drugs

Global Declaration to Eliminate Hepatitis C in People Who Use Drugs

A call for political leaders to take action

We, members and representatives of the community working to eliminate hepatitis C — a community that includes people living with viral hepatitis, people who use drugs, advocates, health care providers, programme managers, harm reduction experts, researchers, the pharmaceutical industry, and policy-makers — are concerned with the gap between the global impact of hepatitis C on the health and well-being of people who use drugs and the limited access to evidence-based services effective for the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of hepatitis C infection.

SIGN THE PLEDGE

<https://ashm.org.au/HCV/hepatitis-c-elimination-inhsu-declaration/>

A Global Declaration to eliminate hepatitis C in people who use drugs, was launched as a Call for Action in the 2018 UNITE and INHSU Joint Action Policy Day at the Portuguese Parliament. It was endorsed by 28 Organizations.

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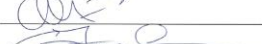
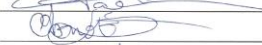


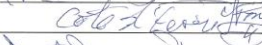



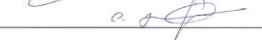


Increase Political Advocacy

A **Call to Action on Global Fund 6th Replenishment and Harm reduction** signed by **15 MPs from 13 Countries** during the 2019 UNITE and HRI Joint Action Policy Day.



2) We call on governments to put "People before politics" and ensure that people who use drugs are not left behind in the fight to end AIDS by 2030.

3) We call on the Global Fund Board to safeguard catalytic investment funds, regardless of replenishment outcome, in order to sustain life-saving services for people who inject drugs and to incentivise domestic investment in harm reduction.

 Ricardo Baptista Leite, Portugal
 Gisela Scalia, Argentina
 Cate Faehrmann, Australia
 Danièle Obono, France
 Jean Spiri, France
 Rudolf Henke, Germany
 Nova Riyanti Yusuf, Indonesia
 Yeo Fozie, Ivory Coast
 Esther Passans, Kenya
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 Salimone Maculiane, Mozambique
 Oscar Mukasa, Tanzania
 Serhiy Kiral, Ukraine
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Find here the 10 recommendations on actions to accelerate the attainment of health-related SDGs by tackling hepatitis C, HIV/AIDS and TB on people using drugs – an outcome of UNITE's Joint Action Policy Day 2019, held last April in Porto.

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Road to 2030: Concrete actions to scale up human rights-based approach...
Harm reduction services are essential to reduce the burden of disease among people who inject drugs.
idpc.net



Mobilize Political Will

UNITE Site Visits | UNITE MPs meeting with Community Organizations in Mozambique



MP Saimone, from Mozambique, visiting the work of MSF

- UNITE has two MP members from the two main parties in the country.
- After 2018 Joint Action Policy Day, UNITE's MP & Chairperson for the HIV Committee, Saimone Macuiana, engaged for the first time with community-based organisations in the ground working with people living with HIV and AIDS.

Examples of Political Leadership

Tanzania

- **“Viral hepatitis is a silent epidemic, and we can only defeat it if we break that silence. Now is the time to learn the risk factors for hepatitis; talk to family, friends, and neighbors who may be at risk; and to speak with healthcare providers about strategies for staying healthy.... [L]et each of us lend our support to those living with hepatitis and do our part to bring this epidemic to an end.”**

President Barack Obama World Hepatitis Day Proclamation July 26, 2013

Political Leadership in Tanzania –

Key Issues

- **Availability of data**
- **Advocacy strategy**
- **Development of guidelines**
- **Resource mobilization**
- **Implementation of evidence based interventions**
- **Supportive supervision**

Political Leadership in Tanzania –

Government Plan Priority Areas

- **Advocacy at all level**
- **Meaningful participation**
- **Establishment of suitable drug policy and laws**
- **Educating providers and communities to reduce health disparities**
- **Improving testing, care, and treatment**
- **Strengthening surveillance to detect viral hepatitis transmission and disease**

Political Leadership in Tanzania –

Government Plan Priority Areas

■ **Current Status**

- Adopted an Integrated Comprehensive Harm Reduction
- Established the HCV strategic plan

■ **Challenges**

- Lack of funds
- Low level awareness
- Lack of Data

Political Leadership in Tanzania –

Way Forward

- **Setting up Advocacy Strategy**
- **Resource mobilization**
- **Improve Availability of Data**
- **Eliminate Stigma and Discrimination**
- **Community Empowerment**

Political Leadership in Tanzania

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**It's time to end HIV/AIDS, Viral
Hepatitis and other Infectious Diseases.**

It's time to UNITE
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to End Infectious Diseases




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