



Global leader to build new international collaborative of U=U community activists

Jacquelyne Alesi joins the Prevention Access Campaign to ensure the global Undetectable = Untransmittable (U=U) movement is led by and for all people living with HIV

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Dear friends and colleagues,

I am thrilled to share that Jacquelyne Alesi will be joining [Prevention Access Campaign \(PAC\)](#) as Director of U=U Global Community Leadership on November 29th. Jacquelyne and I will work closely together to ensure the global Undetectable = Untransmittable (U=U) movement, now in 105 countries, is led by and for all people living with HIV. She is committed to moving national governments and global agencies to ensure access to U=U information, treatment, and care to improve the quality of life for people living with HIV, reduce stigma, and prevent new transmissions. We are so grateful she will be joining our PAC team to build a united force for change.

Jacquelyne will bring together U=U activists living with HIV from every continent to lead the U=U Community Collaborative (UCC). The UCC will work in collaboration with influential leaders at all levels — from grassroots to government to global — to affect systemic changes that improve the quality of life for people living with HIV and strengthen efforts to end the epidemic.

After being in awe and humbled by U=U activists over the past five and half years, I'm convinced they are the outspoken and innovative pioneers the HIV global response desperately needs. They've pushed aside business as usual and recycled rhetoric to affect historic changes for people living with and affected by HIV. U=U activists have risked their personal and professional reputations, and for some, their physical safety, to challenge the establishments in medicine, public health, government, and community. They have met with resistance from every conceivable angle yet persisted with extraordinarily effective action. Jacquelyne is the perfect bridge-builder to bring these leaders together to focus our collective power on moving the remaining governments and institutions to join us in redefining life with HIV -- for all of us.

Jacquelyne brings sixteen years of exceptional achievements as a community, national, and global advocate for people living with HIV. A natural connector of people from all backgrounds,

Jacquelyne fostered collaborations and built relationships with diverse stakeholders including key populations, government officials, donors, the private sector, and research and training institutions. As former Chair of the Global Network of People Living with HIV she helped lead the organization through the next stage of growth, including the identification and hiring of new co-executive directors. As the former Executive Director of Uganda Network of Young People Living with HIV/AIDS, she represented young people across advocacy, program delivery, and fundraising sectors, developing innovative partnerships across Uganda and internationally. At the Children's AIDS Fund Uganda, where she served as Program Manager, Jacquelyne developed and led strategies that enhanced the organization's partnerships and programming. She is a highly sought-after speaker and has delivered powerful and brilliant speeches at the leading gatherings in the field including at World AIDS Conferences, ICASA, Fast Track Cities, International Conference of Family Planning, and UN High-Level Meetings. She also served as a consultant to many community, national, regional, and global organizations. In particular, Jacquelyne is passionate about advancing the rights and vision of women with specific attention to young women living with HIV and women from communities and populations most affected by HIV. This includes caregivers, women who sell sex, transgender women, women who use drugs, and women in rural areas.

I had the honor of seeing Jacquelyne speak passionately about U=U at the [International AIDS Society's Conference on HIV Science](#) in Mexico in 2019 and at Fast Track Cities in Portugal in 2021. It was moving to see Jacquelyne, with her radiant kindness, strength, courage, and conviction, represent those of us living with HIV so beautifully in the global response. Some of you will have a chance to see Jacquelyne soon when she and I represent PAC together on December 13th from 8:00 - 9:30 EST for "Deep Dive on U=U," a U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) joint session of PAC and CDC Kenya focusing on the success of the Kenya U=U nationwide campaign. Please contact Jacquelyne or me if you'd like to join us.

All of us at PAC are so excited about Jacquelyne's leadership. Together we will achieve the global representation, services, and policy changes to improve the quality of life for people living with HIV and empower all of us to live and love without fear of passing on HIV. So please join me in welcoming Jacquelyne to the PAC family!

With tremendous gratitude,

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About Prevention Access Campaign

Prevention Access Campaign's (PAC) partnerships in advocacy, education, and communications have resulted in historic global changes to the official risk assessments of HIV sexual transmission. We collaborate with influential leaders at all levels — from grassroots to government to global — to affect systemic changes that improve the quality of life for people living with HIV and strengthen efforts to end the epidemic.

PAC launched the community-led U=U movement in the summer of 2016 with HIV activists, researchers, public health officials, and other allies. We advocated for a global scientific consensus to confirm that *people living with HIV who are on treatment and have an undetectable viral load can't pass on HIV through sex*. As of today, over 1,000 governments and health ministries, research and medical organizations, private industry partners, and community organizations in 105 countries have signed on to the movement. The tremendous growth is a testament to the power of science and people living with HIV. Together, we're changing what it means to live and love with HIV.

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