

“From Invisibility to Indivisibility”

Robert Carr civil society Networks Fund informal briefing to member states

**Informal side-event during the 41st UNAIDS PCB
14th December 2017, During lunch break (12.45pm)
Conference Room 5, UNAIDS main building, 3rd floor**

The Robert Carr civil society Networks Fund (RCNF) was founded in July 2012 and honours the life and work of Dr. Robert Carr, who was devoted to defending human rights, and maintaining and strengthening the role of civil society in the HIV response regionally and globally.

Over the last five years, the RCNF has served a unique role in mobilising and disseminating pooled resources for global and regional civil society actions with country impact.

RCNF supports networks that are led by and represent inadequately served populations (ISPs), who face a higher HIV risk, mortality and/or morbidity when compared to the general population, and have, at the same time, less access to information and services. They include people living with HIV, gay men and other men who have sex with men, women and men who use drugs, prisoners, sex workers and transgender people. In a number of contexts, ISPs would also include women and girls, youth, migrants, and people living in rural areas.

This informal briefing on the margins of the 41st UNAIDS PCB will offer an opportunity for member states to hear more about the impact of investing in global and regional civil society and ISP-led networks and will showcase the work and impact of civil society and community led networks in the HIV response through illustrative examples highlighting the transformative power of collaboration and strategic partnerships in pursuit of common goals.

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