**AIDS Accountability Newsletter**

**A new rating initiative - The AIDS Accountability Sexual Diversity Scorecard**

The [Sexual Diversity Scorecard](#) presents a rating of country performance on a set of indicators that are critical for the LGBT group. The scorecard will identify deficiencies in the UNGASS monitoring system for LGBT and rate country reporting of data on MSM. The rating will also rely on other sources of data that are independent of government. By juxtaposing different sources of data, the scorecard will generate a balanced assessment of the degree to which countries monitor, evaluate and respond to the needs of the LGBT group. By identifying the gaps between promises made by governments in the [UNGASS Declaration of Commitment](#) and the transparency of reporting and coverage of response interventions, the scorecard will provide a new evidence-base for advocates for stronger leadership and more effective responses to the needs of the LGBT group in the context of AIDS. A [Sexual Diversity Development Team](#) has recently been established and will be advising AAI in the development of the Scorecard.

**Shadow Reports Count**

AAI joins other advocacy organizations in their call to increase the number of shadow or alternative reports for the 2010 UNGASS reporting process. Shadow reports are intended to provide an alternative perspective where civil society was not adequately included in the national reporting process, when governments do not submit a Country Progress Report, or where data provided by government differs considerably from data collected by civil society. Reports can be submitted to UNAIDS by 31 March 2010. [Read more about the shadow reports](#). For information on how AAI will include shadow reports in our rating initiatives, please contact: [at:phillipa@aidsaccountability.org](mailto:at:phillipa@aidsaccountability.org)

**The 1st Expert Panel Consultation on the AIDS Accountability Business Ranking**

[The AIDS Accountability Business Ranking](#) is reintroducing the notion of Company Best Practice and Corporate Citizenship in HIV/AIDS. Once the ranking mechanism is developed and piloted, a company ranking will be publicly issued annually to reward leading companies that take action on their promises. A proposal has been developed by the [Development Team](#) which includes representatives from; SABCOHA, GBC, SWHAP and CII, among others. In late 2009, we asked the Expert Panel for feedback on the Development Team’s proposal and the way forward. The team is now redrafting the proposal and a second Panel consultation is planned in 2010. [Read the Expert Panel Feedback Report](#)

**Call for Candidates for AIDS Accountability Expert Panel – Youth and EE/CA**

The AIDS Accountability Expert Panel is a global and multi-stakeholder group of HIV/AIDS professionals. This advisory group is providing feedback on AAI´s different ratings, and plays an important role in the development of needs-based and politically relevant research materials. AAI would like to include and increase the number of people in the Expert Panel, specifically from youth led initiatives and people representing Eastern Europe and Central Asia. We warmly welcome your recommendations on candidates to invite. Please send your suggestions to: [at:johanna@aidsaccountability.org](mailto:at:johanna@aidsaccountability.org).

[Who is in the Panel?](#)

**The AIDS Accountability Scorecard on Women**

[The Scorecard on Women](#) was successfully launched around World AIDS Day 2009. We at AAI wish to extend our warmest gratitude to all people involved in developing this rating
initiative. Read more about the positive response to the Scorecard, press conference, media coverage, launch event and the endorsements from key actors within the field of gender and women’s rights. During 2010, AAI will continue to generate discussions and do joint activities around the Scorecard on Women, as well as advocate for the fulfillment of commitments to women in the context of HIV and AIDS. For more information please contact; at: irene@aidsaccountability.org