



Universal Access

“Universal access” is a phrase that dominates the current global HIV and AIDS policy environment. It means access for all people all over the world to education and counselling, multi-sectoral care and support services, and health services, including medicines, that will:

- Prevent the transmission of HIV;
- Support persons living with HIV, their families and those who care for them, in living longer with HIV and slowing the onset of AIDS related-illness;
- Help AIDS-affected families in mitigating the effects of the illness and death on their own households and communities.

Since 2005, universal access has become a rallying cry for civil society campaigners because it is one of the clearest stated time bound commitments on AIDS made governments. As a broad campaigning demand, it is simple, eminently sensible, and is understood by the UN and government agencies as a goal to be achieved by 2010.

Read more about universal access:

www.ua2010.org is a place where campaigners can share information about universal access related activities and actions. It is organised into three paths of action to reach universal access by 2010: universal access campaigning, G8 AIDS campaigning, and UNGASS.