

**The CQUIN Learning Network Second Annual Meeting:
Fostering Scale-Up of Differentiated Service Delivery to Achieve Sustainable
Epidemic Control**

Location: Hilton Hotel, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Dates: November 4-7, 2018

Background

The HIV Coverage, Quality and Impact Network (CQUIN) was launched in March 2017 to foster the scale up of differentiated HIV service delivery (DSD) in sub-Saharan Africa. Implemented at scale and with fidelity, DSD holds the promise of better meeting the needs and expectations of recipients of care while improving health outcomes and health-system efficiencies. The swift scale-up of high-quality DSD programs is a promising approach to the ongoing challenge of HIV epidemic control and the need to accelerate the HIV response in order to meet the UNAIDS 90-90-90 goals by 2020.

The CQUIN learning network was designed to accelerate the expansion of effective DSD models by supporting south-to-south learning, diffusion of innovation, co-creation of practical knowledge and tools, focused technical assistance and catalytic research projects. In its first 18 months, 11 countries* joined the CQUIN network, which hosted five large-scale, multi-country workshops and three satellite meetings at international conferences; supported six south-to-south visits for eight countries; convened four virtual communities of practice; and launched four catalytic research projects. CQUIN also seconded national DSD coordinators to selected ministries of health, supported national DSD review meetings, provided focused technical assistance, and launched a website, webinar series, e-newsletter, and journal club.

CQUIN held its first [annual meeting](#) in March 2017. Network countries used the CQUIN dashboard to conduct a systematic self-staging process, identifying which strengths and best practices to share with peer countries and where progress was needed in the coming year. A vibrant exchange of lessons learned fueled plans for subsequent south-to-south exchange, technical assistance and policy advocacy. Timing of subsequent meetings has been adjusted to November to better align with CQUIN's project cycle and the funding cycle of other key stakeholders.

The second CQUIN annual meeting will build upon previous workshops to provide network countries an opportunity to review their progress towards DSD scale-up, exchange best practices and key lessons learned, identify common challenges and determine priorities for the coming year.

* Cote d'Ivoire, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Uganda, South Africa, Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Key Objectives:

- Review member countries' progress towards taking DSD for “stable” patients to scale
- Facilitate exchange of knowledge, best practices, innovations, resources and strategies for scaling up diverse DSD treatment models (DSDM)
- Discuss differentiated testing strategies, best practices, innovations, and resources to achieving the first 90
- Identify common gaps, challenges and opportunities for future joint-learning, co-creation of tools and resources, and future south-to-south exchange visits

Participants

The annual meeting will bring together 120-140 participants from the CQUIN network countries, the CQUIN advisory group, and participants from the international community. Country teams will include ministries of health, United States Government, implementing partners, civil society, people living with HIV, and academic institutions.

Agenda

The meeting will begin with an opening reception on the evening of Sunday, November 4, followed by full-day meetings from Monday, November 5 through Wednesday, November 7. Presentations will take the form of plenary, panel discussions, parallel sessions, breakout group discussions, and poster presentations. A detailed agenda will be shared.

Deliverables

- Updated DSD dashboard for member countries that highlights progress towards advancing DSDM
- Country-specific action plans for the coming year
- Recommendations for joint-learning and co-creation of tools
- CQUIN annual meeting report