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PRESS RELEASE

Migrants' Inclusion Central to Achieving HIV and Hepatitis C Targets by 2030

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27 July, 2018, Amsterdam, The Netherlands — The European African Treatment Advocates Network (EATAN), in partnership with Treatment Action Group (TAG) and other migrant-focused organisations, hosted the European African HIV & Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) Community Summit 2018. The Summit was organised as an AIDS 2018 Pre-Independent Affiliated event, taking place on 21-22 July 2018 in Amsterdam, and attended by 42 delegates from across the EU, and with 10 technical experts from the EU and North America.

The Summit aimed to launch a campaign for a European African consensus statement on migrant communities' inclusion in decision-making processes and to develop enduring cooperation and commitment towards HIV and hepatitis C elimination. With new treatment regimens that treat all genotypes, or all genetic variations, of the hepatitis C virus, an opportunity exists to make HCV elimination a reality. To fast-track elimination, the Summit considered the diverse healthcare policy landscape among EU states, patient education and empowerment practices, barriers to accessing affordable diagnostics, treatment, and care for migrants, and treatment advocacy and activism strategies needed to catalyse policy changes.

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