

**LAUNCH OF THE FINAL REPORT OF THE JOINT LEARNING INITIATIVE ON
CHILDREN AND HIV/AIDS**

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Elhadj Amadou (As) Sy re-joined UNAIDS in April 2007 and is Director of Partnerships and External Relations and Deputy Executive Director, Management and External Relations, ad interim. Mr Sy's current responsibilities include directing UNAIDS' work with partners, communications and knowledge sharing. He also oversees the operation of the Programme Coordinating Board and UN Relations. Previously, he has worked with UNAIDS and started the intercountry program in Eastern and Southern Africa, with GFATM as Africa Director and with UNDP as Director of the AIDS and Development Programme. Mr Sy's work in his native Senegal included coordinating the Health Programme at Enda Tiers Monde and co-founding the International Council of AIDS Service Organizations (ICASO) and leading its African Chapter (AFRICASO). Mr Sy holds degrees in arts, human sciences and pedagogy from Dakar University and the Ecole Normale Supérieure. He was a fellow at the University of Graz (Austria), and also graduated from the Vienna Diplomatic Academy. As of 8 January 2009 Mr Sy is Deputy Executive Director, Management and External Relations, ad interim.

Jimmy Kolker (UNICEF)

Jimmy Kolker has been Chief of the HIV/AIDS Section at UNICEF's New York headquarters since 1 October 2007. He provides overall leadership and coordination of UNICEF's work on HIV and AIDS at global level. Prior to joining UNICEF, Jimmy served as Deputy Global AIDS Coordinator in the Office of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator (OGAC), which leads implementation of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). He served in numerous political reporting and management assignments during his 30-year diplomatic career with the U.S. Department of State. Jimmy served as U.S. Ambassador to Uganda (2002-2005) and to Burkina Faso (1999-2002). Prior to his service as Ambassador, he also served as Deputy Chief of Mission in Denmark (1996-1999) and Botswana (1990-1994). Other overseas posts were in Britain, Sweden, Zimbabwe and Mozambique. He won State Department awards for political reporting and for developing Foreign Service talent and mentoring subordinates. Jimmy was born in St. Louis, Missouri, and holds a B.A. in Political Science from Carleton College (Minnesota) and a Masters in Public Administration from Harvard University. He speaks French, Swedish, and Portuguese. He is married to Britt-Marie Forslund. They have two daughters – Anne and Eva.