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## **Chinese Vice Premier Liu Yandong met with UNAIDS Executive Director ahead of China-Africa Ministerial Forum on Health**

<p>Update</p>

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Chinese Vice Premier Liu Yandong met with UNAIDS Executive Director Michel Sidib in Beijing last Friday, ahead of the Ministerial Forum of China-Africa Health Development. During the meeting, Liu thanked UNAIDS for its support to Chinas HIV response, and emphasized that addressing HIV is a key priority for the Chinese government.

Mr Sidib commended Chinas strong commitment to its HIV response, and noted the impressive results achieved to date, including the increase in the number of people receiving antiretroviral treatment and the 65% reduction of AIDS-related mortality. Mr Sidib also stressed Chinas leadership in responding to the epidemic among people who use drugs. The country is implementing the largest harm reduction programme in the world.

During the meeting, Minister Liu and Mr Sidib also discussed the future of the cooperation between China and Africa on health. Mr Sidib highlighted the production of medical commodities and pharmaceuticals as areas for potential collaboration.

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