

WORLD AIDS DAY MESSAGE 2016**1 December 2016****Edward Greene****UN Secretary General Special Envoy for HIV in the Caribbean**

World AIDS Day provides the ideal occasion to join scientists, activists, practitioners and people living with and affected by AIDS around the world in celebrating the successes that we have achieved.

Yet it is a time for caution against complacency that will contribute to reversing these gains.

Prevention must therefore be the flagship for sexual and reproductive health and rights, age-appropriate sexual education, access to condoms and pre-exposure prophylactics.

It must also be a standard bearer for reducing violence against women, girls and adolescents and eliminating AIDS-related stigma and discrimination.

Let us raise our hands in support of prevention.

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