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**Annie Lennox to address reception at 18th International AIDS Conference**

**The European HIV/AIDS Funders Group (EFG) and Funders Concerned About AIDS (FCAA) are delighted to announce that Annie Lennox will be their keynote speaker at the funders' reception during the International AIDS Conference in Vienna this summer.**

The world-renowned singer, songwriter, artist and passionate HIV/AIDS campaigner will address assembled guests on **19 July 2010** during [the week-long Conference](#). Taking place from 18 - 23 July, the conference is the premier gathering for those working in the field of HIV/AIDS, as well as policy makers, persons living with HIV and other individuals committed to ending the pandemic.

Having witnessed Nelson Mandela describe the African HIV pandemic as *genocide*, with women and children becoming the main victims, in the spring of 2007 Annie Lennox established the [SING Campaign](#). Mobilising 23 prominent international singers to record their voices on the track "SING", which raises awareness about HIV/AIDS, Annie Lennox and the SING Campaign have since become a voice for South African women and children affected by AIDS. The money raised supports projects that help people get access to HIV testing and treatment, and promotes the education of South Africans on HIV as well as projects on HIV prevention.

At this first-ever joint reception convened by EFG and FCAA, foundations from across Europe and the United States will come together to network, find commonalities, and explore how they can revitalise their capacity, voice and power to mobilise the global philanthropic response to HIV and AIDS.

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**European HIV/AIDS Funders Group (EFG)**

EFG is a knowledge-based network which aims to mobilise philanthropic leadership and resources to address the global HIV/AIDS pandemic and its social and economic consequences and to promote an enabling environment for independent giving in this field.

**Funders Concerned About AIDS (FCAA)**

Founded in 1987, FCAA is the only US-based organisation comprised of and for private philanthropic institutions concerned about, engaged in or potentially active in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

## Notes to Editors

- The European Foundation Centre (EFC), founded in 1989, is the leading membership association representing public-benefit foundations at European level. It is based in Brussels
- The EFC currently has 229 members including community and independent foundations as well as corporate funders spread across 40 countries. A majority (86%) are based in Europe.
- The EFC has established a range of Interest Groups and Forums which facilitate cooperation and exchanges of good practice among members across a wide range of fields of activity including: diversity, migration and integration; human rights and disability; protecting the environment; **HIV/AIDS**; global health challenges; social investment; central and eastern Europe.
- The EFC hosts the secretariat of **Donors and Foundations' Networks in Europe (DAFNE)**, which supports cooperation among national networks covering 22 European countries.
- The EFC coordinates the **European Forum on Philanthropy and Research Funding**, which was launched in 2007 with the support of the European Commission and other partners.
- For more information about the EFC and its members please see: [www.efc.be](http://www.efc.be)