

## The Power of Participation: Women Leaders Speak - Executive Summary

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This executive summary describes the findings of an extensive nine-month global review of existing documentation and in-depth interviews with key stakeholders and presents an assessment of the level and quality of participation by women most affected by the epidemic. The review contains a roadmap for action with recommendations for advancing women's leadership and participation through addressing obstacles they face; developing standards for meaningful participation; strengthening the capacity of affected women, particularly HIV-positive women; and investing in longer-term commitments to leadership development, sustained technical support, training and resources.

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