

UN taps big names for HIV prevention panel

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(AP) -- The U.N. AIDS agency has tapped some big names - including former basketball star Magic Johnson - to boost global efforts to prevent the spread of HIV.

Others on the UNAIDS commission include former French president Jacques Chirac, Facebook co-founder Chris Hughes and Nobel laureates scientist Françoise Barré-Sinoussi and former nuclear agency head Mohamed ElBaradei.

UNAIDS chief Michel Sidibe says the aim of the commission is to bring about a "prevention revolution" by influencing policymakers and others. More than 7,000 new [HIV](#) infections occur every day.

The commission was officially launched Wednesday at an [AIDS](#) conference that has drawn thousands of experts and activists to the Austrian capital.

More information: UNAIDS: <http://www.unaids.org/en/default.asp>
AIDS conference: <http://www.aids2010.org/>

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