



## VIP Speaker Bios

**Her Royal Highness Crown Princess Mette-Marit of Norway**, *Special Representative, United Nations Joint Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)*

The Norwegian Crown Princess is committed to actively supporting the AIDS response. As Special Representative of UNAIDS and a mother of three, her goal is to generate more attention and support for young people living with and affected by HIV. She also plans to raise awareness of the stigma surrounding HIV. The Crown Princess has been engaged in AIDS issues for some time. Her studies at the School of Oriental and African Studies in London and her work with the Norwegian Agency for Development in 2003 raised her interest in and concern for AIDS issues. In January 2005, the Crown Princess carried out a study trip to Malawi focusing on AIDS.