

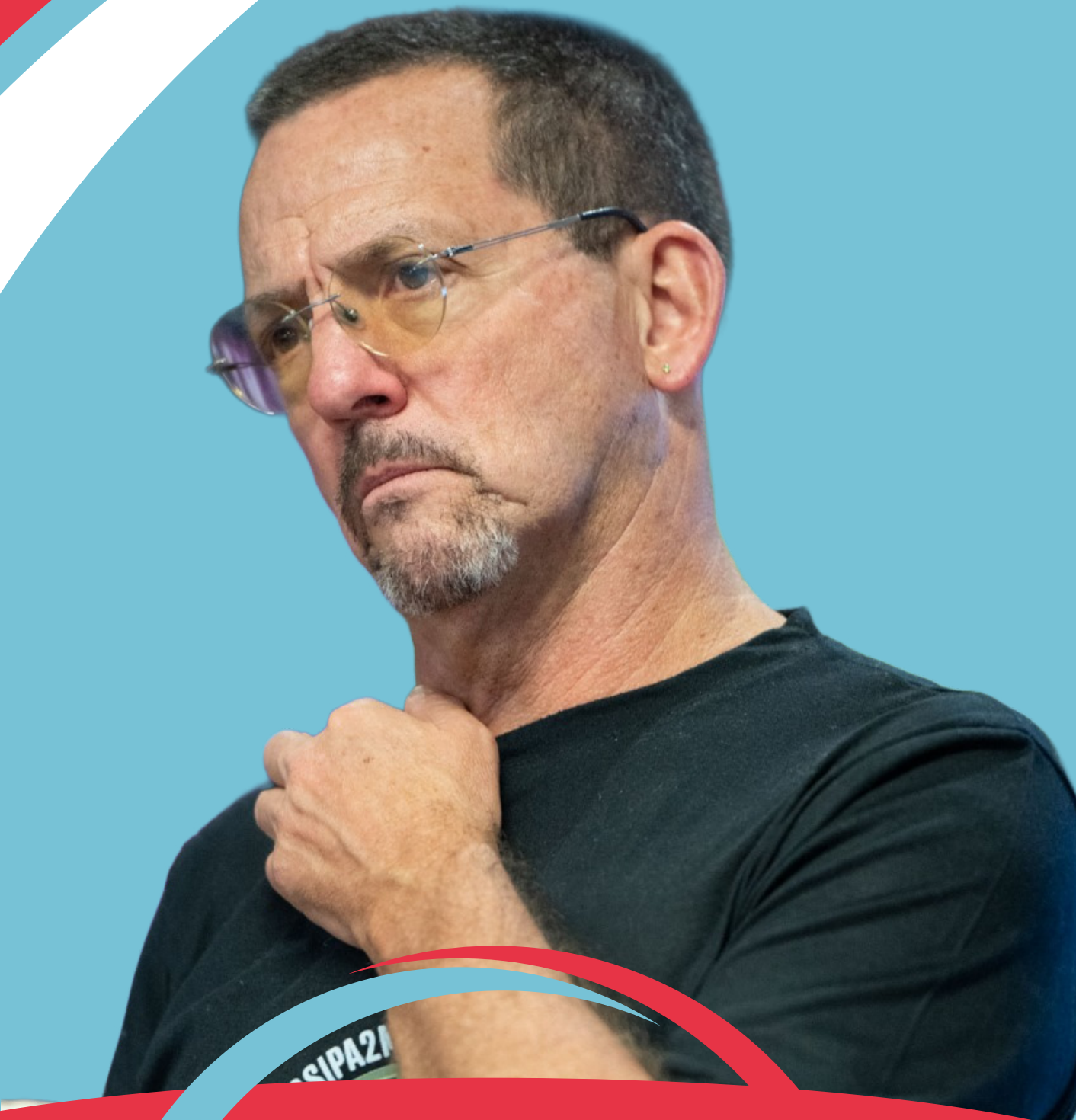
Mark Heywood

Mark Heywood has nearly four decades of experience in civil society in South Africa. He has founded or co-founded leading organisations including the Treatment Action Campaign, Corruption Watch, SECTION27, the AIDS and Rights Alliance of Southern Africa (ARASA) and, in 2019, Maverick Citizen, the Daily Maverick's social justice and activism platform. He has served on the boards of several of these organisations, as well as Deputy Chairperson of the South African National AIDS Council (SANAC) and Chairperson of the UNAIDS Global Reference Group on HIV and Human Rights.

In 2022, he received the Public Health Association of South Africa's Lifetime Achievement Award.

A prolific writer, Heywood is the author of two books, *Get Up! Stand Up!* and *I Write What I Fight*, and has written more than 40 peer-reviewed articles and hundreds of media articles on issues ranging from HIV and public health to human rights, constitutional law, politics, sport and the arts. He has been a visiting scholar at Temple University, Georgetown University's O'Neill Institute and Oxford University's Bonavero Institute of Human Rights.

He is currently developing new movements through the Justice and Activism Hub and the Union Against Hunger, and is editor of *Rethinking Activism in Africa: Voices and Visionaries on Social Justice*, forthcoming from Jacana in September 2026.



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