
A Delegates’ Guide to Law and Human Rights at AIDS 2008

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Now more than ever, greater attention to human rights and legal issues in the context of HIV/AIDS is needed. Universal access to prevention, treatment, care, and support will never be achieved unless we take concrete steps to put human rights at the center of the fight against HIV/AIDS.

This guide has been prepared by the Law and Health Initiative of the Open Society Institute’s Public Health Program to highlight the many legal and human rights-themed sessions, presentations, and other events at the XVII International AIDS Conference and its satellite events in Mexico City, Mexico.

The guide first provides information about the Human Rights Networking Zone that will showcase the work of HIV and human rights organizations from around the world in a dedicated zone in the conference’s Global Village. It then presents summary information on the many sessions, satellite meetings, skills-building workshops, and events in the Global Village and Youth programs addressing legal and human rights issues.

This guide covers the following issues that are critical to a human rights approach to HIV/AIDS:

The rights of women and girls, including their right to equality under the law; protection from violence; equal access to property and inheritance; and access to education, information, and a full range of HIV/AIDS and reproductive health services.

The rights of people who use drugs, including freedom from arbitrary arrest, torture, or incarceration for low-level offenses, and other abuses in the criminal justice system; access to harm reduction services such as needle exchange and substitution treatment; and equal access to antiretroviral treatment for HIV.

The rights of prisoners, including humane conditions of confinement; access to HIV prevention, treatment, and care services; freedom from arbitrarily prolonged incarceration or pre-trial detention; access to medical release; and equal treatment for prisoners living with HIV.

The rights of sex workers, men who have sex with men, and other marginalized groups, including freedom from arbitrary arrest and detention for violating laws against prostitution and sodomy; protection from rape and other forms of violence; and equality in access to health care, employment, and other services.

The rights of children affected by AIDS, including protection from abandonment, sexual violence, property grabbing, and other abuses; equal access to primary, secondary, and tertiary education; and access to a full range of HIV services, including complete HIV-prevention information and antiretroviral treatment for HIV.

The rights of youth, including complete and science-based HIV-prevention information; comprehensive adolescent sexual and reproductive rights services; and meaningful involvement in the formulation of HIV policies and programs.

The rights of AIDS activists, including freedom of expression, association, and information; and the right to participate in the formulation of HIV policies and programs.

The right to universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, and care, including lifting all barriers to access to prevention, treatment, and care programs such as censorship of HIV-prevention information, legal restrictions on harm reduction services for people who use drugs, excessive patent protection on HIV drugs, and restrictions on opioid pain medication for palliative care.
At AIDS 2008, a coalition of 24 HIV and human rights organizations and networks is collaborating to convene the first-ever Human Rights Networking Zone at an international AIDS conference.

This Networking Zone brings together a unique global coalition of organizations to maximize visibility of the human rights concerns of people living with and at high risk of HIV, and to catalyze action on HIV and human rights. It will be located in the conference’s Global Village in networking zone 421, near the entrance to the food court.

The coalition of human rights and AIDS organizations have established the zone as a common space for advocates to gather, organize, and mobilize. The zone’s activities will engage participants in campaigns to end HIV-related human rights abuses and will make human rights accessible, understandable, and practical for everyone. Participants will be signing petitions and endorsing the declaration, *Human Rights and HIV/AIDS: Now More Than Ever*, participating in letter-writing campaigns; attending skills-building workshops; debating controversial HIV and human rights issues; preparing placards for the Human Rights Rally taking place on Thursday, August 7 from 13:30 to 14:30 in front of the Global Village Main Stage; and simply coming together and meeting colleagues working on health and human rights issues from around the world.

The Human Rights Networking Zone embraces regional, population-specific, and cross-cutting themes, including:

- Human rights and HIV in Africa
- Human rights and HIV in Latin America
- Human rights in prisons and other detention facilities
- Violence and vulnerability
- Youth, human rights and HIV
- Women, human rights and HIV
- Human rights in health settings

As members of the international coalition, the Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network, the Open Society Institute Public Health Program, Red Mexicana de Personas que Viven con VIH (Mexican Network of People Living with HIV), and Ave de Mexico, have coordinated events for the Human Rights Networking Zone.

The Human Rights Networking Zone will be open from Sunday, August 3rd at 11:00 until the closing party on Thursday, August 7th, from 18:30 to 20:30.

More details about some of the events in the Human Rights Networking Zone are included in this guide. The full program is available at the Networking Zone and online at www.soros.org/networkforhumanrights.
Saturday, August 2

Pre-Conference Satellites

9:00-17:00: Pre-Conference Symposium

Strategies for Change: Breaking Barriers to HIV Prevention, Treatment and Care for Women

Venue: Sheraton Maria Isabel Hotel & Towers, Fiestas Room, Paseo de la Reforma 325 Col. Cuauhtemoc, Mexico City

Organizer: The Open Society Institute Public Health Program
Web Link: www.soros.org/health

Much has been said about the disproportionate impact of the AIDS pandemic on women and girls. Less attention has been paid to what can be done to address the underlying factors that make women and girls more vulnerable, and the barriers they face in obtaining appropriate services and care. The International AIDS Conference provides an important opportunity to highlight and share experiences about what can be done to address women’s needs in the context of HIV and AIDS.

The Open Society Institute is convening a symposium to discuss legal, economic, advocacy, and treatment strategies for a more “woman-friendly” response to HIV. The symposium will draw attention to efforts to meet the needs of a broad range of women, including those who are particularly marginalized and stigmatized, such as sex workers, people who use drugs and women living with HIV, and to support their engagement in the development and implementation of the policies and programs that affect their lives.

Those interested in attending should RSVP to strategies.for.change@sorosny.org as soon as possible as space is limited.

8:00 Breakfast

9:10 Welcome and Introduction
Françoise Girard, United States

9:30 Empowerment: Powered by Women
Claudia Ahumada, Netherlands; Melissa Gira, United States; Siphiwe Hlophe, Swaziland; Esther Mwaura-Muiru, Kenya; Sekar Wulan Sari, Indonesia

11:30 From Paper to Practice: Taking Back the Law
Jonathan Cohen, United States; Corinne Carey, United States; Catherine Mumma, Kenya; Sibongile Ndashe, South Africa; Elena Reynaga, Argentina

12:00 -17:00: Special Event
1st International March Against Stigma, Discrimination and Homophobia

Venue: Angel of Independence, Avenida Reforma, Mexico D.F.

Organizer: Comité Coordinador de la 1ra. Marcha contra el Estigma, la Discriminación y la Homofobia
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The 1st International March Against Stigma, Discrimination, and Homophobia will bring international attention to the issue of stigma and discrimination associated with HIV, sexual identity, and gender identity. The march will lead all participants through the streets of Mexico City starting at the Angel of Independence on Avenida Reforma.
Sunday, August 3

Pre-Conference Events

10:00-15:00: Satellite Meeting

Challenges for Women and Girls and HIV/AIDS

Session number: SUSAT05
Venue: Session Room 8

Chairs: Michael Mbizvo, Switzerland; Kevin Osborne, United Kingdom

This satellite meeting will bring together participants from all over the world with international women’s, youth and human rights networks, such as “Women Won’t Wait—End HIV & Violence Against Women. NOW,” “With Women Worldwide,” the World YWCA, the International Community of Women Living with HIV/AIDS (ICW), and “Strategies from the South.” These networks will consider critical issues related to improving and ensuring the sexual and reproductive health needs of women infected and affected by HIV, guaranteeing women’s sexual and reproductive rights, caring for victims of violence against women, and providing HIV prevention, treatment, and care services to women living with and affected by HIV.

11:00: Global Village Opens

The Global Village opens on Sunday at 11:00 and continues until Thursday evening. The Human Rights Networking Zone is located in networking zone 421, near the entrance to the food court.

11:15-13:15: Satellite Meeting

Undermining Public Health and Human Rights: The United States’ HIV Immigration and Travel Ban

Session Number: SUSAT20
Venue: Skills Building Room 9

Winning the global fight against AIDS is a central prong of U.S. foreign aid and foreign policy. The U.S. government has taken a leadership role under both Republican and Democratic administrations, committing vast financial, medical, and scientific resources to this effort. Considering this commendable commitment, it is ironic that for over 20 years, the United States has barred HIV-positive people from immigrating to the United States. It has barred HIV-positive immigrants already in the U.S. from attaining legal immigration status except in extremely limited circumstances. The government has also banned HIV-positive visitors from traveling to or transiting through the U.S.

The purpose of this forum is to raise awareness of this issue and to bring together an international body of HIV, immigrant, human rights, and LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender) service, advocacy, and activist organizations, immigrants, and persons living with HIV who are willing to advocate for the elimination of the HIV entry restriction to the United States. A portion of the forum will include features of other countries’ efforts to alter or reverse similar policies.

13:30-15:30: Satellite Meetings

No Youth No Change: Youth Rights as Key in the Response to HIV/AIDS

Session Number: SUSAT23
Venue: Session Room 4

Chairs: Ian Oliver, United States; Methembe Ndlovu, Zimbabwe; Jeff DeCelles, United States

The global toll of the HIV/AIDS pandemic is increasingly affecting the lives of young people. Young people between the ages of 15 and 24 now account for 50 percent of all new HIV infections. Young people are often not able to access comprehensive sexuality education, contraceptives and
sexual and reproductive health services. It is therefore important that HIV policies and programs adequately address the needs and rights of young people. The importance of youth participation is recognized in the Convention on the Rights of the Child (1989) and, in terms of reproductive health, in the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (1994). These international commitments acknowledge that young people are the experts on their issues, and must be involved in decision-making processes. Unfortunately, young people often neither have the opportunity nor the necessary skills, experience, or financial support to actively participate in national, regional, and international decision-making processes.

With this satellite session, the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, together with youth organizations from the Netherlands and worldwide, will highlight the importance of a rights-based approach in the response to HIV and the crucial role of young people and their meaningful participation in HIV programs and policies. This will be done by youth leaders and politicians who will address the issues in an interactive and dynamic way, combined with a variety of youth-led initiatives, discussions, and performances.

### Increasing Access for Women to Integrated Services for HIV/AIDS and Drug Addiction in Eastern Europe and Central Asia: Opioid Substitution Treatment, HAART and Preventing Mother-to-Child HIV Transmission in Female Injection Drug Users

**Session Number:** SUSAT24  
**Venue:** Session Room 5  
**Chair:** Richard Needle, United States

This satellite session will bring together leading public health experts from Eastern Europe and Central Asia to describe regional and country level issues relating to the provision of HIV prevention, care and treatment to female injection drug users. The information from the session will help public health researchers and service programs better understand the challenges associated with planning integrated programs for female injecting drug users.

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### Mujeres Adelante ~ Moving Forward: New Visions and Actions to Combat HIV & Gender-Based Violence

**Session Number:** SUSAT25  
**Venue:** Session Room 6  
**Organizer:** ICW Latina

ICW Latina will present its “Peace as an Opportunity to End AIDS” campaign, focusing on the links between conflict, HIV and the abuse of HIV-positive women’s rights. Successful models and field strategies from Latin America, Africa and elsewhere will inform a “hands-on” interactive training workshop in the second half of the satellite. Speakers from ICW Latina, Athena, and Human Rights Watch will contribute.

### The Intersections Between Violence Against Women and HIV/AIDS

**Session Number:** SUSAT35  
**Venue:** Skills Building Room 6  
**Organizer:** UNIFEM

Violence against women is both a cause and a consequence of HIV among women. The threat of violence is one manifestation of gender inequality that can also carry with it the threat of HIV. A number of studies show that the risk of HIV is significantly higher in women who have experienced violence than among those who have not. Where there is stigma and discrimination against people living with HIV, fear of violence may prevent women from seek-
ing or gaining access to information, discourage them from getting tested and from disclosing their HIV status, and represent an obstacle to receiving treatment. This session will include: (a) results of the evaluation of programs addressing HIV and violence against women; (b) promising practices at the country level to address the intersections between violence and HIV; (c) testimony of a woman living with HIV about the violence she faces; (d) advocacy work conducted to address the intersections between violence against women and HIV; and (e) men’s involvement in addressing gender equality and the intersections of the twin pandemics of violence against women and HIV.

15:15-17:30: Special Event

Welcome Reception for Human Rights Activists from Around the World

Venue: Global Village, Human Rights Networking Zone (#421)

Human rights activists and their friends from around the world will gather at the Human Rights Networking Zone for a welcome reception. They are invited to pick up their printed copy of the delegates’ guide to law and human rights at AIDS 2008 and the “Human Rights and HIV/AIDS: Now More Than Ever” T-shirt so that they can wear it at the conference opening and other key events during the week, particularly the rally for human rights on Thursday, August 7. They can meet colleagues from around the world, familiarize themselves with the human rights activities at the conference, and plan new joint activities.

At 15:30 and 17:00, representatives of the organizers will briefly address visitors, explaining why human rights, now more than ever, need to be at the center of the global AIDS response and what activities are planned during AIDS 2008 to ensure that this will indeed happen.

Refreshments will be available.

15:45-17:45: Satellite Meetings

Securing Women’s and Children’s Property Rights in the Era of HIV/AIDS

Session Number: SUSAT49

Venue: Skills Building Room 1

Chair: Esther Mwaura-Muiru, Kenya

Official foreign investment in the agricultural sector has declined by 57 percent over the past 30 years. Africa has been the worst hit with overall negative GDP growth of 1.1 percent between 1980 and 2000 and an increase in poverty between 1990 and 2000. Meanwhile, vulnerable groups, and in particular rural women affected by HIV continue to experience deepening poverty and are at particular risk as they face the double threat of increasing demand for land and the HIV pandemic undermining social safety nets in rural areas. This condition is contributing to a rising incidence of women, especially those affected by HIV, suffering property confiscation and eviction. Many countries have undertaken legal reforms on land, property, and inheritance rights, yet their implementation on the ground has proven to be a significant problem. Insecure property rights perpetuate gender inequalities, livelihood insecurity, and poverty. Thus, securing property rights is central in the effort to address gender inequalities, poverty, vulnerability, and sustainable development in general.

This satellite session, co-hosted by UN agencies and NGOs, will share some successful initiatives that are addressing the problem with a larger audience including policy makers and donors. A number of presentations will be followed by a panel discussion on how to move forward.

15:45 Securing women’s property rights in the context of HIV and AIDS
15:55 Women’s property rights in the era of HIV and AIDS
16:05 Grassroots women innovations for securing land: a tool for sustainable development

Meeting the Sexual and Reproductive Health Needs of People Living with HIV

Session Number: SUSAT52

Venue: Skills Building Room 5

Chair: Heather Boonstra, United States

At the time of publication, no further information had been made publicly available on this session.
Monday, August 4

Conference Day 1

8:30-10:00: Human Rights Networking Zone Session

Daily Human Rights Petition and Breakfast
Venue: Global Village, Human Rights Networking Zone (#421)

Over coffee and refreshments, participants take action on HIV and human rights by signing the daily petition on an urgent HIV and human rights issue and writing on the “Human Rights Inspiration Wall.” In addition, they can check out the human rights “poster of the day”; listen to an inspiring talk on HIV and human rights that pushes the boundaries; and plan their daily human rights activities.

9:30-18:00: Daily Event

AIDS-Free World’s Legal Referral Program and Intake Clinic
Venue: NGO Booth 266, Human Rights Networking Zone, Global Village

AIDS-Free World promotes strategic litigation to advance the interests of people affected by and at risk of HIV/AIDS. Its objective is to identify remedies for human rights abuses in cases involving issues such as sexual violence, disability rights, treatment demands, access to schooling, property grabbing or inheritance/insurance claims. AIDS-Free World invites conference attendees to bring these or any other HIV-related legal questions and challenges to its Legal Referral Program and Intake Clinic, which will be open daily from August 4th to 8th. A multilingual team of staff and volunteer lawyers will be available to discuss legal issues, the potential for legal remedies, and relevant human rights developments. AIDS-Free World is committed to preserving privacy and confidentiality, and legal advocacy is provided free of charge.

10:00-11:00: Human Rights Networking Zone Session

Why Is Criminalization of HIV Transmission Bad Public Policy?
Venue: Global Village, Human Rights Networking Zone (#421)

This interactive “hot topic” session will focus on why criminalization of HIV transmission may seem like a good idea, but after thorough analysis turns out to be bad public policy.

11:00-12:30: Concurrent Sessions

Listen to Us! Effective Advocacy Strategies

Session Number: MOAE01
Session Type: Oral Abstract Session
Venue: Session Room 9

Chairs: Eduard Grebe, South Africa; Shaun Mellors, South Africa

This session, focusing on the effective uses of advocacy to advance HIV issues, includes presentations on the recent draft UNAIDS guidance note on sex work and HIV, and the mobilization of people who use drugs and people living with HIV to advance access to rights-based services.

11:00
Transnational networks of influence in South African AIDS activism
Eduard Grebe, South Africa

11:15
The UNAIDS guidance note on sex work and HIV
Meena Seshu, India

11:30
Community mobilization in Ukraine
Olena Kucheruk, Ukraine

11:45
Would demanding the right to use competition laws for an AIDS patient undergoing treatment be a good way to put pressure on the pharmaceutical industry? The case of the complaint made against ACT-UP by Abbott in France
Vincent Pelletier, France

12:00
Political advocacy by key populations to reduce stigma and discrimination in Mexico
Hilda Pérez Vázquez, Mexico
HIV Prevention for Women and Girls: Changing Gender Norms

Session Number: MOAC02
Session Type: Oral Abstract Session
Venue: Session Room 10
Chairs: Yolanda Simon, Trinidad and Tobago; Carmen Zorrilla, Puerto Rico

Changing gender norms is widely viewed as important to reducing HIV vulnerability among women, yet it is less well-understood as a human rights issue. This session presents several strategies for changing gender norms, including a successful intervention that combined training and microfinance.

11:00 A combined microfinance and training intervention can reduce HIV risk behavior among young program participants: results from the IMAGE study
Charlotte Watts, United Kingdom

11:15 SisterAct: sisters interacting - intergenerational communication between African American girls and women in Washington, DC as an alternative/effective HIV/AIDS prevention strategy
Abby Charles, United States

11:30 Small house, hure, sugar daddies, and garden boys: a qualitative study of heterosexual concurrent partnerships among men and women in Zimbabwe
Wellington Mushayi, Zimbabwe

11:45 Female condom breaks gender barriers in India: a case study
Manoj Gopalakrishnan, India

12:00 Integrating gender into HIV/AIDS interventions: does it make a difference to outcomes?
Karen Hardee, United States

Community Participation in HIV Related Clinical Research

Session Number: MOBS01
Session Type: Bridging Session
Venue: Session Room 6
Chairs: Morenike Ukpong, Nigeria; Lennarth Hjelmaker, Sweden

This session addresses the basics of community participation in research, starting from the point of view of the research candidate, against the backdrop of a year of disappointing and failed results from a number of vaccine and microbicide trials. Why do trial participants engage with research? Whether we live in a developed or developing country, what are the true motivations of our enrollment? Does inequality in access to health care affect trial enrollment? How can communities directly participate in the design of studies?

11:00 Roles and responsibilities of investigators and issues of community involvement
Peter Mugyenyi, Uganda

11:15 The ethical issues related to trials and successes and limits of FACE
Emily Bass, United States

11:30 The dependence of injecting drug users to the tenofovir trial health and prevention services
Paisan Suwannawong, Thailand

11:45 Community participation in clinical trials in the context of universal health insurance and persisting inequities
Francois Berdougo-Le Blanc, France

11:00-12:30: Skills Building Workshops

Creating a National HIV-Related Discrimination Reporting and Redress System: The Jamaican Model

Session Number: MOSBo6
Venue: Skills Building Room 6
Chair: Anthony Hron, Jamaica

Using the Jamaican system as a model, this workshop will explore the many facets of a national discrimination reporting and redress system including: data collection tools and methods; data sharing; forms of redress; coalition building to increase reporting and achieve redress; and protecting and empowering those who suffer from discrimination.
Online Legal Help Line: Addressing HIV-Related Human Rights Violations, Removing Stigma and Discrimination

Session Number: MOSBo8
Venue: Skills Building Room 8
Chair: Gilda Guillermo, Philippines

The online legal help line was created as a response to a felt need by people working in AIDS service organizations, people living with HIV and AIDS, and vulnerable populations who were trained as paralegals by the presenter, ALTERLAW, to address HIV-related human rights violations and stigma and discrimination by providing an easy way to access legal advice and assistance. This session will provide steps for creating an online legal help line and discuss how a help line can help address HIV-related human rights violations and stigma and discrimination.

12:45-14:15: Human Rights Networking Zone Session

“Meet the Experts” and Human Rights Networking
Venue: Global Village, Human Rights Networking Zone (#421)

Human rights experts will be available to respond to delegates’ questions or refer them to other resources. Delegates can prepare their own placards for the Human Rights Rally on Thursday, August 7; sign the daily human rights petition; or use this time to network with human rights colleagues from around the world.

As a special event on Monday, “Methadone Man” and “Buprenorphine Babe” will be at the Human Rights Networking Zone over lunch to distribute messages on human rights and harm reduction, hand out T-shirts, and engage participants in a discussion on the human rights of people who use drugs.

13:00-14:00: Poster Discussion Sessions

Do You Know Your (Human) Rights?

Session Number: MOPDE1
Venue: Skills Building Room 7
Chairs: Anand Grover, India; Jacqueline Roches Cortes, Brazil

13:00 Opening remarks
Anand Grover, India
13:05 Human rights in the response to HIV: where are human rights and why does it matter?
Sofia Gruskin, United States
13:10 Protecting the human rights of PLWHA in Guatemala
Oscar Morales, Guatemala
13:15 Using impact litigation to strengthen the human rights of those most vulnerable to HIV/AIDS in Southern Africa
Priti Patel, South Africa
13:20 Safeguarding human rights of PLHIV through legal interventions
Palani Palani, India
13:25 Fulfillment of human rights in health services: a main issue to make a reality the human rights of people living with HIV and AIDS
Ricardo Corcuera, Peru
13:30 Challenges in democratizing access to HIV legal advocacy resources
Catherine Hanssens, United States

Is the Brand Generically Important?

Session Number: MOPDE2
Venue: Skills Building Room 8
Chair: Jean-Paul Moatti, France

13:00 Session overview
Jean-Paul Moatti, France
13:05 Future challenges to the sustainability of HIV/AIDS responses in Southern countries: an institutional analysis of the diagnosis and monitoring tests market
Cristina Mello Rodrigues D’Almeida, France
13:10  Access to generic medicines: the use of compulsory licensing
Gaëlle Pascale Krikorian, France

13:15  Compulsory licensing of lopinavir/ritonavir: the Brazilian case
Gabriela Costa Chaves, Brazil

13:20  Antiretroviral prices and patents: the case of Mexico and other developing countries
Veronika Wirtz, Mexico

13:25  Does enforcing IPRs increase the transfer of ARV technology? A multi-country analysis
Kinsley Wilson, Canada

13:30  Pipeline patents as an obstacle to treatment access
Juan Carlos Raxach, Brazil

13:00-14:00: Global Village Workshop

Los Derechos de la Niñez en Defensa de las Niñas y los Niños Discriminados por ser Portadores del VIH [Session in Spanish]

Session Number: MOWS02
Venue: Global Village Session Room 2

Chairs: Raúl Zúñiga Silva, Mexico; Carlos Osnaya Puente, Mexico; Samuel Morales Ramos, Mexico; Monica Mendoza González, Mexico; Silvia Alazraky Pfeffer, Mexico
Organizer: Comisión de los Derechos Humanos del Distrito Federal México

This workshop has been designed to contribute to the promotion of the rights of children. The objective of the workshop is to prevent actions that discriminate against and stigmatize people living with HIV, particularly children.

14:15-15:00: Human Rights Networking Zone Session

Integrating Legal Support into HIV Programs: A Fundamental Component of Universal Access

Venue: Global Village, Human Rights Networking Zone (#421)

Chairs: Tamar Ezer, United States; Jonathan Cohen, United States

14:30  Enacted stigma and psychological problems among children with parental HIV/AIDS in rural China
Xiaoyi Fang, China

14:45  Secondary stigma: elderly women’s experiences of adult HIV/AIDS morbidity and mortality in rural South Africa
Catherine Ogunmefun, South Africa

14:00-16:00: Oral Abstract Session

The Hidden Side of Stigma and Discrimination

Session Number: MOAX02
Session Type: Oral Abstract Session
Venue: Session Room 9

Chairs: Marian Pitts, Australia; Ana Amuchastegui, Mexico

There have been significant advances in understanding the relationship between HIV-related stigma and discrimination and the spread and impact of HIV. This session presents a series of important new findings on this critical human rights issue.

14:30  Enacted stigma and psychological problems among children with parental HIV/AIDS in rural China
Xiaoyi Fang, China

14:45  Secondary stigma: elderly women’s experiences of adult HIV/AIDS morbidity and mortality in rural South Africa
Catherine Ogunmefun, South Africa
15:00 Health and treatment seeking behavior among Hijras
Yashwinder Singh, India

15:15 Children of sex workers unite to fight stigma and discrimination
Parbati Halder, India

15:30 HIV-related knowledge, attitudes, stigma, and testing history among Shan migrants in Northern Thailand
Charles Washington, United States

16:00-17:30: Global Village Session
HIV/AIDS in Prisons and Pre-trial Detention Centers: A Public Health and Human Rights Disaster

Session Number: MOGS04
Session Type: Presentation Q&A
Venue: Global Village Session Room 1
Chair: Marcus Day, Saint Lucia
Organizer: Open Society Justice Initiative & Open Society Institute Public Health Program, United States

This session will deal with issues related to HIV in prisons that have so far received little attention, but need to be at the center of the attention of policy makers and public health professionals.

16:00 Scaling up HIV interventions in prisons
Ralf Jürgens, Canada

16:15 The need for pre-trial detention reform and its links with HIV and other health concerns
Denise Tomasino Joshi, United States

16:30 HIV in prisons in the Russian Federation: urgent need for action
Anya Sarang, Russian Federation

16:45 Cruel and inhuman treatment: suffering drug withdrawal in prisons in Cambodia
Presenter TBD

17:00 MDR-TB, human rights, and detention
Paula Akugizibwe

16:30-18:00: Concurrent Sessions
Combating Stigma and Discrimination in Health Care Settings

Session Number: MOAX06
Session Type: Oral Abstract Session
Venue: Session Room 10
Chairs: Tho Khvat, Viet Nam; Kim Ashburn, United States

Health settings should be places where people living with and affected by HIV realize their human rights, yet they are too often places of coercion and abuse. This session presents important new findings and interventions related to combating stigma, discrimination, and other human rights abuses within health settings.

16:30 Introduction
Tho Khvat, Viet Nam

16:35 Dealing with HIV and stigma among health professionals: how to reduce a collateral risk in the fight against HIV in Haiti
Sorel Bertrand, Haiti

16:50 Knowledge, attitudes, and practices of health care providers towards HIV and PLWHA in North Sudan
Zied Mhirsi, Sudan

17:05 Power and prejudice: the perceptions of people who provide services to non-gay identifying African American men who have sex with men
Hema Ramamurthi, United States

17:20 HIV stigma reduction intervention in health care in China
Li Li, United States

17:35 HIV and AIDS related stigma and discrimination in the health care setting
Nnamdi Ibekwe, Nigeria

Mobile Populations and Globalization

Session Number: MOBS03
Session Type: Bridging Session
Venue: Session Room 11
Chairs: Brunson McKinley, Switzerland; Jennifer Hirsch, United States
This session will bring together scientists, community members, and immigration activists to discuss the links between international population movement and the global HIV/AIDS epidemic. The session will address the challenges created by voluntary and forced migrations in terms of the production of HIV risk and the particular vulnerabilities that migrant populations face. It will also highlight how migration may be propelled by global inequalities in access to adequate AIDS-related care and medication, and the barriers that HIV positive migrants face in crossing international borders.

16:30 Introduction  
Brunson McKinley, Switzerland

16:40 Dynamics of population mobility and AIDS: global context, action and local effect  
Manuel Angel Castillo, Mexico

16:50 The challenges for HIV-positive women in southern Sudan  
Phoebe Yona Wobi, Sudan

17:00 Migration and AIDS: progress and challenges in Central America, Mexico and the US  
Rene Leyva-Flores, Mexico

17:10 Virus, visas and violations: the impact of health testing on migrant workers  
Maria Lourdes S. Marin, Philippines

17:20 The production of marital risk: labor migration and the social organization of infidelity in five countries  
Jennifer Hirsch, United States

17:30 Increasing migrant workers' access to HIV prevention and health: lessons from Thailand  
Brahm Press, Thailand

17:40 Questions & answers  
Jennifer Hirsch, United States

Where Are We In Achieving UNGASS Targets?

Session Number: MOSY08  
Session Type: Symposium  
Venue: Session Room 1  
Chair: Vuyisela Dubula, South Africa

In 2001, UN member states committed themselves to take concrete steps to halt and reverse the HIV/AIDS epidemic by 2010, as well as to report on their progress every two years. Following the recent High Level Review Meeting in June 2008, this session will ask: how far do the UN and member states still need to go to honor their UNGASS commitments? What results have been delivered and what are the remaining challenges? How can other partners complement the efforts by the UN and its member states? Kieran Daly’s presentation will focus in particular on the lack of progress in achieving the human rights targets of the 2001 Declaration of Commitment and more generally, on how failure to take action on human rights makes reaching the goal of universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support more difficult, if not impossible.

16:30 Panel discussion

UNGASS 1  
Mariangela Simão, Brazil

UNGASS 2  
Mphu Ramatlapeng, Lesotho

UNGASS 3  
Michel Sidibe, Mali

UNGASS 4  
Rico Gustav, Indonesia

UNGASS 5  
Kieran Daly, Ireland

17:15-18:45: Global Village Workshop

Educational Tool “7 hours 55 minutes”

Session Number: MOWS05  
Venue: Global Village Session Room 2

Chair: Buyu Van Driesten, Thailand  
Co-facilitators: Pornpitt Puckmai, Thailand; Liz Cameron, Australia; Chantawipa Noi Apisuk, Thailand; Chumphon Apisuk, Thailand; Thanta Laovilawanyakul, Thailand  
Organizer: Empower Foundation, Thailand

This interactive workshop will allow participants to explore the physical, legal, and social environments in which sex workers live and work, and their impact on HIV prevention. It will encourage participants to analyze the root causes of HIV risk among sex workers, as well as to identify priorities and strategies.
18:30-20:30: Human Rights Networking Zone Session

**Human Rights Highlights – Day 1**

**Venue:** Global Village, Human Rights Networking Zone (#421)

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Refreshments will be available.

18:30-20:30: Satellite Sessions

**From Commitment to Action: Implementing Effective Responses on Gender and AIDS**

**Session Number:** MOSAT12

**Venue:** Session Room 5

**Chair:** Kristan Schoultz, Switzerland

This session will bring together AIDS and gender experts from different regions and sectors to address the intersection between gender and AIDS and explore experiences in advancing gender equality and empowering women through national AIDS responses. Government and civil society best practices will be highlighted, in addition to opportunities and challenges in scaling up programming and funding for gender action. The session will consider the need for implementation of dedicated action on gender and AIDS, alongside mainstreaming of gender perspectives in AIDS interventions, to ensure that gender priorities can be adequately funded and sufficiently scaled-up. In addition, the session will address opportunities for linking action on AIDS with broader action on gender equality by forging partnerships between people and institutions working on AIDS, and people and institutions working on gender. Additional issues that will be addressed include gender based violence, community gender norms, vulnerability of young women, HIV transmission in marriage and long-term relationships, and the role of men and boys in promoting gender equality.

**HIV Risk Among Transgender People: The Social and Cultural Context from a Global Perspective**

**Session Number:** MOSAT23

**Venue:** Skills Building Room 5

**Chairs:** JoAnne Keatley, United States; Gloria Hazel Davenport, Mexico

The objective of this satellite session is to provide a multi-dimensional perspective of HIV risk and social and cultural issues among transgender people. Speakers from various countries representing the research and practice community, including trans-identified persons, will present important social and cultural issues that merit increased study, awareness and collaboration. At the end of the session, the panel speakers and attendees will engage in conversation in order to gain greater awareness of the topics and issues raised.

Tuesday, August 5

Conference Day 2

7:00-8:30: Morning Satellite Meetings

**Scaling Up an Effective Response to Violence Against Women and Girls: Case Studies, Promising Practices and Recommendations for Achieving Zero Tolerance**

**Session Number:** TUSAT04

**Venue:** Skills Building Room 1

**Chairs:** Eve Ensler, United States; Kathy Hall, United States

This mini-satellite symposium, co-sponsored by the Global AIDS Alliance and the United Nations Foundation, will review the findings of a new Zero Tolerance case study report on efforts to scale up comprehensive national systems
to prevent, mitigate, and respond to violence against women and girls in three countries in sub-Saharan Africa: Ghana, Rwanda, and South Africa. All three offer important lessons related to efforts to criminalize gender-based violence, respond to linkages between violence and HIV through improved policies and programs, and support health, legal, and social services to mitigate the impacts of violence. The satellite will focus on promoting individual and collective action to address violence against women and girls, and to hold governments, donors, and other stakeholders accountable for scaling up effective programs and addressing the links between violence and HIV. Invited speakers include the Honorable Barbara Lee of the United States House of Representatives; a representative of the UN Secretary General’s Unite to End Violence against Women Campaign; and Eve Ensler, Founder of V-Day.

Best Practices in Providing ARVs to Injecting Drug Users
Session Number: TUSAT07
Venue: Skills Building Room 4
Chair: Daniel Wolfe, United States
Presenters: Bruno Spire, France; Larissa Badrieva, Russia; Francisco Inacio Bastos, Brazil; Konstantin Lezhentsev, Ukraine; Nathalie Rose, Mauritius

Speakers will discuss best practices in provision of ARVs for people who inject drugs. Panelists from diverse geographic settings, including Brazil, Mauritius, Ukraine, Russia and Indonesia, will share successes and challenges from their work and show how simple interventions can increase treatment access for people who inject drugs.

Raising Women’s Voices from the Margins: A Progressive Platform for the U.S. Global AIDS Response in PEPFAR II
Session Number: TUSAT09
Venue: Skills Building Room 8

This satellite session will bring together the diverse experiences and perspectives of women disproportionately impacted by HIV and AIDS. Session objectives include discussing the current state of U.S. global AIDS policy and the direction in which it is headed in light of PEPFAR reauthorization in 2008; informing the audience about the impact of U.S. global AIDS policy on populations at greatest risk for HIV transmission; highlighting the diverse experiences and realities of women: women living with HIV, female sex workers, female injecting drug users, married women, and incarcerated women; and developing a platform or plan for the next U.S. president as a means to address HIV and AIDS in a more proactive manner among populations at greatest risk. Audience participation and feedback will provide a unique opportunity in shaping a progressive platform from the International AIDS Conference for U.S. policymakers.

8:30-10:00: Human Rights Networking Zone Session

Daily Human Rights Petition and Breakfast
Venue: Global Village, Human Rights Networking Zone (#421)

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9:00-10:30: Plenary Session
Session Number: TUPL01
Venue: Session Room 1

Chairs: Tachi Yamada, Japan; Françoise Girard, United States; Nils Daulaire, United States

9:00 Prevention of the sexual transmission of HIV-1: a view from early in the 21st century
Myron Cohen, United States

9:25 Substance use and harm reduction
Adeeba Kamarulzaman, Malaysia

9:50 Jonathan Mann memorial lecture: sex between men
Jorge Saavedra, Mexico
10:00-10:55: Human Rights Networking Zone Session

Documenting Human Rights Abuses in the Context of HIV/AIDS: Why It Is Important & How to Do It

Venue: Global Village, Human Rights Networking Zone (#421)
Organizer: Human Rights Watch
Presenter: Rebecca Schleifer, United States

10:30-11:30: Video Screening

Voces Contra la Discriminación [Session in Spanish]

Session Number: TUCA11
Venue: Video Lounge
Presenter: Alejandra Martínez, México

A documentary film in which members of different key populations narrate moments of their lives when they felt discriminated against because of their sexual orientation or HIV status. The film is a clear and fresh tool that shows how people are directly impacted by stigma and discrimination. The film strives to give dignity to all the people affected by HIV/AIDS.

11:00-12:30: Concurrent Sessions

Indigenous People, First Nations and Afro-descendants Confronting HIV/AIDS: Breaking the Silence

Session Number: TUBS01
Session Type: Bridging Session
Venue: Session Room 8
Chair: Mirtha Colon, Honduras

Positive Prevention

Session Number: TUSY01
Session Type: Symposium
Venue: Session Room 2
Chair: Ken Morrison, Canada

This session will provide a framework for positive prevention with an emphasis on positive living issues; discuss human rights issues and the implications of positive prevention on policy and laws for different vulnerable groups of persons living with HIV; discuss implications of treatment and care on positive prevention and the prevention of new infections; and discuss the sexual and reproductive health and rights implications of positive prevention.
11:00 Positive prevention framework
Jorge Beloqui, Brazil

11:20 Positive prevention: a human rights perspective
Christopher Park, Switzerland

11:40 Care and treatment implications in positive prevention
Bernard Hirschel, Switzerland

12:00 Sexual and reproductive health and rights: repercussions on positive prevention
Alejandra Trossero, United Kingdom

Women’s Rights Equal Women’s Lives: Violence Against Women and HIV

Session Number: TUSY04
Session Type: Symposium
Venue: Session Room 11
Chairs: Charlotte Bunch, Mexico; Thoraya Ahmed Obaid, Saudi Arabia

The links between violence against women and HIV and AIDS are clear. Studies report that one in three women will suffer abuse in her lifetime. Violence against women is both a cause and consequence of HIV and AIDS: a cause because rape and sexual assault are vectors for HIV transmission; a consequence because HIV-positive women suffer abuse when disclosing their status. This symposium aims to highlight common strategies as well as the specific ways in which women’s rights activists, policy makers, and donors are working together to find opportunities to combat violence against women. The session will conclude with a call to action to donors, governments, policy makers, and civil society to address the intersection between violence against women and girls and HIV.

11:00 Panel discussion

Does disclosure increase risk of violence?
Gcebile Ndlovu, Swaziland

Promoting an ethic of responsibility among men
Bafana Khumalo, South Africa

How does violence against women increase their vulnerability to infection?
Charlotte Watts, United Kingdom

Transforming minds through radio
Eliana Elias, Peru

Effective responses to combating HIV
Claudia Garcia Moreno, Mexico

Global and Local Policy Initiatives on Injecting Drug Use

Session Number: TUAX01
Session Type: Oral Abstract Session
Venue: Session Room 9
Chairs: Ingrid Van Beek, Australia; Daniel Wolfe, United States

This session will present a range of issues related to HIV among people who inject drugs. Presentations will address critical human rights challenges such as establishing drug consumption rooms, achieving human rights-based drug dependence treatment, and legalizing prison needle exchange.

11:00 First international network on drug consumption rooms (INDCR)
Javier Rio Navarro, Spain

11:15 The role of Russia’s drug dependence treatment system in fighting HIV
Diederik Lohman, United States

11:30 Improving global estimates of injecting drug use and HIV among people who inject drugs
Bradley Mathers, Australia

11:45 A public health and human rights imperative: the case for prison needle and syringe programs
Sandra Ka Hon Chu, Canada

12:00 Resist meth: a public health department, advertising agency, and community collaboration to develop a social marketing campaign to address methamphetamine use among MSM
Michael Paquette, United States

Research-Based Public Policy: Why Is It Not the Golden Standard?

Session Number: TUSY03
Session Type: Symposium
Venue: Session Room 4
Chair: Frances Kissling, United States

International health agencies recommend basing public policy on evidence. In the context of the AIDS epidemic, there is a growing body of research that provides evidence of programs and interventions that are the most effective
in preventing HIV transmission. Nonetheless, this data is often overlooked when public policy is drafted. This session will deal with sexuality education, harm reduction, sex work, and homophobia. Speakers will present research results on effective ways of preventing transmission related to these topics. They will compare programs that are based on research with others that are not.

11:00 Sex education: how and why ABC does not work
Douglas Kirby, United States

11:10 Harm reduction: an evidence-based non-judgmental effective strategy for health and dignity
Gerry Stimson, United Kingdom

11:20 Sex work and public good: conflicting policies, competing moralities
Nandinee Bandyopadhyay, India

11:30 The evidence on homophobia’s health outcomes
Roy Chan, Singapore

12:00-13:00: Global Village Performance
Kormix

Session Number: TUCA03
Venue: Global Village Main Stage
Performer: Korsang, Cambodia

Live performance of original music, freestyle rapping about HIV and drug-related issues (Khmer and English), and break-dancing. Five young people and two persons who formerly used drugs will present a performance demonstrating the positive influence of the arts and of hip hop culture.

12:45-14:15: Special Session
Travel Restrictions on People Living with HIV:
Going Against the Grain of Human Rights and Public Health

Session Number: TUSS04
Venue: Session Room 11
Chairs: Mariangela Simão, Brazil; Torbjorn Urfjell, Norway

This special session will include policy makers, civil society, and people living with HIV that are currently playing a leading role in policy change on HIV-related travel restrictions. Since the beginning of the HIV epidemic some governments have implemented discriminatory travel restrictions in regards to HIV positive people wishing to enter or remain in a country for short stay (e.g. business, personal visits) or for longer periods (e.g. employment, asylum, family reunification, resettlement or study). Thirteen countries ban HIV-positive people from entering for any reason or for any length of time. There is growing international momentum for HIV-related travel restrictions to be reversed. The time for change is now.
12:45-13:15: Global Village Panel Discussion

**Trabajo Sexual, VIH y Derechos Humanos**

*Session in Spanish*

**Session Number:** TUGS06  
**Venue:** Global Village Session Room 2  
**Chairs:** Andrew Paul Hunter, Thailand; Cynthia Navarrete, Mexico

There will be presentations about diverse local and regional situations regarding public policies related to human rights, sex work and its vulnerability to HIV, mandatory testing, criminalization of sex work and HIV, international guidelines on sex work, best practices and case studies. The session will also feature an interactive debate with the participants and audience.

Four speakers (Alejandra Gil Cuervo, Mexico; He-Jin Kim, Netherlands; Melissa Gira, United States; Angela Villalón, Peru) will make presentations on “Changing laws, changing lives of sex workers.”

12:45-13:45: Global Village Panel Discussion

**Discussion of U.S. efforts to end discriminatory HIV-related travel and entry restrictions, laws, and policies**  
*Barbara Lee, United States*

**The impact of short and long term travel restrictions on people living with HIV and their families**  
*Lillian Mworeko, Uganda*

**Experiences of a country of origin for international labor migration**  
*Grace Relucio Princesa, Philippines*

**Experience of reversing laws on HIV-related short term travel restrictions**  
*Embajador Rodrigo Simán Siri, El Salvador*

**Experiences of the Global Fund and the history of advocacy to fight travel restrictions against PLWHA, including the International AIDS Conference**  
*Shaun Mellors, South Africa*

**Human rights, ethical and legal considerations**  
*Richard Elliott, Canada*

**The lack of a public health rationale for restricting entry of PLWHA**  
*Susan Timberlake, Switzerland*

12:45-13:45: Global Village Panel Discussion

**Meeting the Experts** and Human Rights Networking  
*Venue: Human Rights Networking Zone (#421)*

Human rights experts will be available to respond to delegates’ questions or refer them to other resources. Delegates can prepare their own placards for the Human Rights Rally on Thursday, August 7; sign the daily human rights petition; or use this time to network with human rights colleagues from around the world.

13:00-14:00: Global Village

**Meet the Plenary Speakers**

**Session Number:** TUGS02  
**Session Type:** Meet the Plenary Speaker  
**Venue:** Global Village Session Room 1

The Meet the Plenary Speaker sessions bring the conference plenary speakers to the community and allow interaction and dialogue. Among the Tuesday plenary speakers are harm reduction expert and advocate Adeeba Kamarulzaman and Jonathan Mann Memorial Lecture presenter Jorge Saavedra.
13:00-14:00: Poster Discussion

Programs and Research on HIV and Prisons

Session Number: TUPDE2  
Venue: Skills Building Room 8  
Chairs: Ricardo Roman, Mexico

13:00  Drugs, sex and prison: generating dialogues that promote positive policy development  
Deborah Small, United States

13:05  Collaboration and cross training between health and correctional services leads to more integrated services for PHAs in prison  
Joanne Lush, Canada

13:10  HIV/AIDS prevention in a women's prison in the state of Ceará, Brazil  
Ney Costa, Brazil

13:15  Sex, condom use, and condom program utilization in a large jail unit for men who have sex with men and transgender inmates  
Nina Harawa, United States

13:20  Sembrando conscience  
Federico Parodi, Armenia

14:30-16:00: Concurrent Sessions


Session Number: TUSYo5  
Session Type: Symposium  
Venue: Session Room 2  
Chairs: Ana Langer, Argentina; Gracia Violeta Ross, Bolivia

While scaling up HIV testing continues to be a global priority, critical issues remain. In 2007, WHO/UNAIDS released their Guidance on provider-initiated opt-out testing in health care settings and the UNAIDS Reference Group on HIV and Human Rights, among other groups, responded with recommendations. Meanwhile various strategies to increase access to testing in different countries are being implemented. Numerous concerns remain on how access to testing and counseling can be improved while providing protection to people at risk of stigma, discrimination, criminalization, and other potential adverse outcomes. This session will be grounded in a discussion of the UNAIDS Reference Group on HIV and Human Rights statement and recommendations, followed by a discussion of how the issues are being addressed on the ground, with discussion of the special issues concerning women and marginalized groups.

14:30  Prevention and protection: integrating human rights into testing and counseling scale up  
Ralf Jürgens, Canada

14:45  Testing & counseling scale-up at the country level  
Aliou Sylla, Mali

15:00  HIV testing of migrant and mobile population  
Amara Quesada, Philippines

15:10  Gender issues in HIV testing and counseling  
Nduku Kilonzo, Kenya

Detention, Oppression: Legal Enforcement and Drug Use

Session Number: TUAEo2  
Session Type: Oral Abstract Session  
Venue: Session Room 9  
Chairs: Mauro Guarinieri, Italy; Svitlana Moroz, Ukraine

The enforcement of anti-drug laws has long been associated with a range of human rights violations that increase HIV risk among people who use drugs. This session features a number of global experts on this urgent HIV and human rights crisis. Speakers from India, Thailand, and the United States will address issues such as the statistical link between drug use and anti-drug enforcement, the impact of policing on drug users’ access to HIV treatment and evidence-based drug dependence treatment, and the relationship between police harassment and use of sterile syringes by people who inject drugs.

14:30  Introduction  
Svitlana Moroz, Ukraine
**14:35** Increasing arrests for heroin and cocaine possession (“hard-drug arrests”) are not associated with decreasing proportions of injection drug users in metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs)
*Samuel Friedman, United States*

**14:50** Deadly denial: barriers to HIV/AIDS treatment for people who use drugs in Thailand
*Paisan Suwannawong, Thailand*

**15:05** Explaining the relationship between police harassment and pharmacy purchased syringes among injection drug users in New York City (2005-2007)
*Abby Rudolph, United States*

**15:20** In the name of health: addiction treatment, HIV prevention, and human rights
*Daniel Wolfe, United States*

**15:35** Moral policing and spread of HIV/AIDS, HBV and HCV in Manipur
*Rohit Sapam, India*

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**16:30-17:30: Human Rights Networking Zone Session**

**Sentenced to HIV, HCV, and TB? Prisons and Pre-Trial Detention Centers**

*Venue: Global Village, Human Rights Networking Zone (#421)*

*Organizers: Open Society Justice Initiative and Open Society Institute Public Health Program, United States; Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network, Canada*

*Presenters: Deborah Small, United States; Denise Tomasini-Joshi, United States; Rick Lines, United Kingdom; others TBD*

As part of the daily “Hot Topic Session Series,” this event will feature a series of short, 5-minute, provocative presentations by key experts on human rights issues related to imprisonment and pre-trial detention, followed by a Q&A period.

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**16:30-18:00: Concurrent Sessions**

**Taking Charge: Leadership and Rights Among PWHA**

*Session Number: TUAX05*

*Session Type: Oral Abstract Session*

*Venue: Session Room 10*

*Chairs: Kousalya Periasamy, India; Alain Volny-Anne, France*

*Speakers: Lilian Sepulveda, United States; Sara Araya, Chile; Johanna Fine, United States*

People living with HIV/AIDS are leaders in the struggle for human rights wherever they live. This session will feature inspiring stories of human rights leadership among PWHA in countries as diverse as Colombia, Jamaica, Mexico, New Zealand, and Ukraine.

**16:30** Introduction

**16:35** Knowing stigma, discrimination and social injustices before HIV infection: an indigenous woman’s personal story
*Rhonda Marama Smith, New Zealand*
### 18:30-20:30: Human Rights Networking Zone Session

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### 18:30-20:30: Satellite Meetings

**Access to AIDS Treatment and Intellectual Property in Brazil, South Africa, China, India and Thailand**  
**Session Number:** TUSAT25  
**Venue:** Skills Building Room 6

Widespread compliance by developing countries with the World Trade Organizations Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property (TRIPS) could have profound effects on access to medicines, including higher prices, fewer suppliers, and reduced use of flexibilities within the TRIPS agreement. This Satellite Meeting will be an important opportunity to strengthen the cooperation between civil society organizations in a number of countries, aimed at guaranteeing access to medicines for all who need them.

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### Who Is Right and Who Is Wrong: Putting the Right Back into Sexual and Reproductive Rights

**Session Number:** TUSYa9  
**Session Type:** Symposium  
**Venue:** Session Room 2

**Chairs:** Morolake Odetoyinbo, Nigeria

This session focuses on sexual and reproductive rights for people living with HIV from a rights-based approach. It will address: 1) What is the added value of a rights-based approach? 2) How can we convince the decision-makers of that value? and 3) How can we measure progress in achieving rights?

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Crime and Punishment: Criminalization of HIV

Session Number: TUSAT26
Venue: Skills Building Room 7
Chairs: TBD

Several countries have laws that are used to criminalize HIV transmission in the name of promoting public health. Yet these laws can have a negative impact on accessing and uptake of sexual and reproductive health services and promoting health seeking behaviors. The experience of HIV related stigma—especially as felt by people living with HIV—is a reality that many of these laws fail to appreciate. This interactive session will address a number of key questions in determining sound HIV policy and practice. These include: What are the arguments for and against criminalizing HIV transmission? How does criminalization of HIV affect people living with HIV? Can and should laws and policies be used to control intimate behaviors? How do issues of race, sexual orientation, and gender affect the implementation of policies? What are possible alternatives to criminalizing HIV transmission?

AIDS, Race, Gender and Inequality in the Americas

Session Number: TUSAT10
Venue: Session Room 2
Chair: Rebecca Grynspan-Mayufis, United States
Organizer: UNDP

This session will address how race, gender, and inequality affect vulnerability to HIV and influence access to prevention, treatment, care, and support services. Panelists from civil society and government will explore current responses to the epidemic in Latin America, the Caribbean, and North America, and whether sufficient attention is being paid to the key factors driving vulnerability. Country case studies will include special attention to issues of race, gender, inequality, and stigma and discrimination faced by people living with HIV. The session will draw on panel presentations and plenary discussions to develop recommendations for more effective responses to the AIDS epidemic in the region.

18:30-19:30: Film Screening

Sex Workers Mini Film Festival

Session Number: TUCA18
Venue: Video Lounge
Presenter: Andrew Hunter, Thailand

The festival will include films in which sex workers voice their opinions regarding so-called “100% Condom Use Programs” and describe the problems created by the “anti-prostitution pledge” required to receive USAID and PEPFAR funds; and a film about the genocide of transgender people and sex workers under the Khmer Rouge regime in Cambodia.

Wednesday, August 6

Conference Day 3

7:00-8:30: Morning Satellite Meeting

Using the Law to Shape the Response to HIV:
The Relevance of the SADC PF Model Law on HIV

Session Number: WESAT05
Venue: Skills Building Room 5
Chair: Patrick Balopi, Botswana
Organizer: AIDS and Human Rights Research Unit, Centre for the Study of AIDS & Centre for Human Rights (University of Pretoria, South Africa)

The law has an important role to play in addressing the underlying causes of HIV transmission, ensuring the protection of people infected or affected by HIV and realizing
access to appropriate treatment, care, and support services. Recognizing this role, the Southern African Development Community Parliamentary Forum (SADC PF) has engaged since 2007 in the process of developing a Model Law on HIV in SADC. The development of the Model Law on HIV has brought together members of parliaments, law reform commissions, judges, civil society and human rights organizations from the SADC region. This session is aimed at allowing people living with HIV, members of parliament and civil society organizations from SADC to share the knowledge and experience gained in the process of developing the Model Law on HIV. The session is also aimed at creating awareness and support at the global level on the Model Law on HIV in SADC.

7:00 Panel discussion
- Overview of the provisions and norms in the draft SADC PF Model Law
- Analysis of issues and processes of the draft SADC PF Model Law
- Towards a Model Law on HIV in Southern Africa: the role of civil society
- Model Law on HIV: friend or foe – the experience of the Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network

8:30-10:00: Human Rights Networking Zone Session

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10:30-11:30: Film Screening

Sex, Drug, Lies
Session Number: WECAo8
Venue: Video Lounge
Organizer: Women’s Network for Unity
Presenter: Keo Tha, Cambodia

This film examines the threat that unethical research can pose to the rights, health, and dignity of women who are poor, are likely to engage in high-risk behaviors, or who live where HIV prevalence is high. The film also looks at poor and vulnerable women who battled researchers and pharmaceutical companies.

11:00-12:30: Concurrent Sessions

From Risk to Vulnerability: Caribbean and Global Perspectives
Session Number: WESY03
Session Type: Symposium
Venue: Session Room 4
Chair: Robert Carr, Jamaica

In many areas of the world, the “biomedical model” of HIV has dominated thinking about appropriate responses to HIV. However, especially in a context of stigma and discrimination against socially excluded groups (such as in the Caribbean), a shift from the bio-medical approach to one that addresses structural drivers of the epidemic is critical.

11:00 Speaking of sex: gay men vs. men who have sex with men
Marjan de Bruin, Jamaica

11:15 Sex work and gender identity: addressing multiple vulnerabilities in the Pacific
Sesenieli Belo, Fiji

11:30 Human rights and HIV in the Caribbean
Veronica Cenac, Saint Lucia

11:45 How risk and vulnerability become ‘socially embedded’: insights into the resilient gap between awareness and safety in HIV
David Plummer, Guyana
To Transmit or Not to Transmit: Is that Really the Question? Criminalization of HIV Transmission

Session Number: WEAE01
Session Type: Oral Abstract Session
Venue: Session Room 1
Chairs: Fatima Hassan, South Africa; Beatrice Were, Uganda

The debate over criminalization of “intentional” or “deliberate” HIV transmission is raging, particularly in Africa where a range of new laws and legislative proposals threaten broad punishments against people who transmit HIV to others. This panel will consider this issue in multiple perspectives, including those of women, people living with HIV and AIDS, and human rights advocates.

11:00 Legislation contagion: the spread of problematic new HIV laws in Africa
Richard Pearshouse, Canada

11:15 Criminalizing HIV transmission: is this what women really need?
Michaela Clayton, Namibia

11:30 Sex, lies, and prosecutions: criminalization of HIV in Europe and Central Asia
Julian Hows, United Kingdom

11:45 Criminal law and public health responses to cases of knowing and reckless HIV transmission: complementary or competing policy approaches
Mike Kennedy, Australia

Optimizing HIV Testing Interventions

Session Number: WEAC01
Session Type: Oral Abstract Session
Venue: Session Room 5
Chairs: Thomas Coates, United States; Marie Marcelle Deschamps, Haiti

Ensuring universal access to HIV testing while respecting rights of consent, confidentiality, and counseling is a critical human rights issue. This session presents recent evidence on the optimization of HIV testing interventions such as repeat testing, home-based testing, mobile VCT, and partner notification.

11:00 Introduction
Thomas Coates, United States

11:05 Counseling and testing in health: a public health approach to increase access to health promotion in Mozambique
Cristina Raposo, Mozambique

11:20 Behavior change among repeat testers in Namibia
Dvora Joseph, United States
11:35 Urban home-based HIV counseling and testing can improve identification of infected household members of index clients in Kampala
Cecilia Nawavvu, Uganda

11:50 HIV/AIDS community mobilization (CM) and mobile HIV voluntary counseling and testing (MVCT) utilization in rural Thailand
Surindra Kawichai, United States

12:05 HIV partner notification: which case interviews yield the highest number of new positive partners in NYC?
Angelica Bocour, United States

11:36 The economics of social reproduction: inheritance, land, and employment issues for women
Priya Nanda, India

11:43 Widowhood
Kousalya Periasamy, India

**Impact of AIDS on Human Development: Reproduction in the Social Context**

Session Number: WESY02
Session Type: Symposium
Venue: Session Room 3

Chairs: Musimbi Kanyoro, United States; Alice Welbourn, United Kingdom

Researchers and grassroots organizers have been calling attention to the social and political context of AIDS and to the specific situation of women since the mid 1980s. In this symposium, the panel will take the social context of reproduction as its central organizing concept. The issues to be discussed are: reproductive choice, fertility, breastfeeding, childcare, and economic subsistence as they relate to AIDS prevention and treatment. The panel will also explore the challenges of AIDS to human development.

11:00 Prevention, treatment, and reproductive choices
Marion Stevens, South Africa

11:07 Harm reduction and reproduction
Presenter TBD

11:22 Women, AIDS, fertility, and desire
Gracia Violeta Ross, Bolivia

11:29 Mother and child dyad issues: breastfeeding and child survival
Anna Coutsoydis, South Africa

11:00-12:30: Skills Building Workshop

Faire Face à la Stigmatisation des HSH en Afrique [Session in French]

Session Number: WESB04
Session Type: Skill Building Workshop
Venue: Skills Building Room 4
Chair: Mutale Martin Chonta, Zambia

This workshop will provide an opportunity to discuss the subject of men who have sex with men (MSM) in Africa. In much of the region, there is an increasing recognition of the importance of including MSM in HIV prevention strategies. However homosexual behavior is still highly stigmatized, which can be a barrier to access to HIV prevention and treatment services for MSM.

11:00-12:30: Global Village Session

Rescatando Nuestra Dignidad: La Experiencia del Proyecto Vida Digna Enfrentando Estigma y Discriminación [Session in Spanish]

Session Number: WEGS01
Session Type: Panel Discussion
Venue: Global Village Session Room 1
Organizer: Colectivo Sol

The session will share Vida Digna’s project tools and methodology. Vida Digna has successfully demonstrated how stigma can be challenged by grassroots organizations with little resources, even when facing serious prejudice and physical attacks in places with a history of violence motivated by prejudice.
11:00-12:30: Skills Building Workshop

**Caring for Carers: A Rights-Based Approach to Supporting and Managing Home Based Care Providers**

Session Number: WESBo8  
Venue: Skills Building Room 8  
Chair: Hye-Young Lim, South Africa

Home-based care has been advocated by various international and governmental organizations as one of the ways to provide quality care to people living with HIV. The importance and advantage of adequate home-based care cannot be overlooked, especially in a resource poor setting. However, it is equally important that home-based care providers, who are often poor women working on a “voluntary basis,” are adequately trained and supported. The workshop examines the current situation of home-based care providers in southern African states and advocates the application of a rights-based approach to home-based care.

12:00-13:00: Video Screening

**The Same As You**

Session Number: WECA09  
Session Type: Screening  
Venue: Video Lounge  
Presenter: Yury Sarankov, Republic of Moldova

This documentary shows cases of discrimination of persons living with HIV in the Republic of Moldova. A hidden camera was used to document the experience of HIV-positive persons trying to get access to different social and medical services.

12:45-14:15: Special Session

**Moving from Promises to Actions: Building Global and National Commitment for Evidence-Based Approaches to Addressing Stigma and Discrimination**

Session Number: WESS03  
Venue: Session Room 10  
Chairs: Paul Perchal, United States; Susan Timberlake, Switzerland

In 2006, UNAIDS categorized HIV stigma and discrimination, along with inequity and human rights abuses, as primary obstacles to scaling up HIV programs and achieving universal access to HIV prevention, care, and treatment. In recent years, researchers and practitioners have made significant progress in identifying the causes and dimensions of stigma, developing practical tools for programs with multiple target groups, and standardizing measures for evaluating programs. The stage is now set for effective strategies that combine interventions across sectors and at multiple levels to generate broad reductions in stigma, discrimination, and gender based violence. Despite this progress, efforts to address stigma’s negative impact still remain grossly neglected in national and international AIDS responses. Through a moderated panel format this session will explore some of the key reasons why this critical gap still exists and the urgent actions needed to address it.

**12:45** Connecting the dots between human rights and stigma reduction  
*Edwin Cameron, South Africa*

**12:55** Measuring stigma: the stigma index  
*Anandi Yuvaraj, India*

**13:05** Promoting evidence-based stigma reduction programming  
*Laura Nyblade, United States*

**13:15** Getting stigma reduction on the donor’s agenda  
*Mariam Claeson, United States*

**TBD** Building political leadership for a comprehensive approach to stigma reduction  
*Angela Pires Pinto, Brazil*
**12:45-14:15: Human Rights Networking Zone Session**

“Meet the Experts” and Human Rights Networking  
Venue: Human Rights Networking Zone (#421)

Human rights experts will be available to respond to delegates’ questions or refer them to other resources. Delegates can prepare their own placards for the Human Rights Rally on Thursday, August 7; sign the daily human rights petition; or use this time to network with human rights colleagues from around the world.

**13:00-14:00: Poster Discussion Sessions**

Mobilizing, Building the Capacity and Researching on Gay, Transgender and MSM Issues  
Session Number: WEPDE2  
Venue: Skills Building Room 8  
Chairs: Ken Morrison, United States; Toni Reis, Brazil

- **13:00**  
  Japan’s local governments’ measures targeting MSM and its difficulties: from the results of 111 local government surveys  
  Arashi Fujibe, Japan

- **13:05**  
  Capacity building of MSM and TG community based organizations as support to national AIDS control program phase III in India  
  Vivek Anand, India

- **13:10**  
  Evidence of the mobilization of the ‘men having sex with men’ (MSM) community in Africa  
  Floriane Cutler, France

- **13:15**  
  Reducing the vulnerabilities of LGBT in Brazil, through advocacy in the legislative branch  
  Antonio Luiz Martins dos Reis, Brazil

- **13:20**  
  Advocacy in Latin America: increasing the participation of gay, trans, and MSM communities  
  Orlando Montoya Herrera, Ecuador

- **13:25**  
  46% is not acceptable: community mobilization of black gay men to address the HIV epidemic in the United States  
  A. Cornelius Baker, United States

**Harm Reduction: Anything New?**

Session Number: WEPDE1  
Venue: Skills Building Room 7  
Chairs: Konstantin Lezhentsev, Ukraine

- **13:00**  
  Is more liberal syringe dispensing associated with unsafe syringe disposal? Evidence from the California Syringe Exchange Program Study (CalSEP)  
  Alex Kral, United States

- **13:05**  
  Morocco: process and lessons learned from implementing harm reduction policy targeting intravenous injecting drug users in low HIV prevalence setting  
  Fatima Asouab, Morocco

- **13:10**  
  Sticking points: barriers to access to needle and syringe programs in Canada  
  Alison Symington, Canada

- **13:15**  
  Rumah Cemara, feel and taste the GIPA and GMPUD principle here  
  Ardhany Suryadarma, Indonesia

- **13:20**  
  Dependent on rights: assessing treatment of drug dependence from a human rights perspective  
  Richard Elliott, Canada

- **13:25**  
  Substitution treatment in Poland: policy obstacles to wide availability of treatment  
  Kasia Malinowska-Sempruch, Poland

**Addressing Gender Inequalities in Prevention**

Session Number: WEPDC1  
Venue: Skills Building Room 3  
Chairs: Anurita Bains, Canada

- **13:00**  
  Introduction to the topic  
  Anurita Bains, Canada

- **13:05**  
  Envisioning a new PEPFAR: effective HIV prevention for women and girls  
  Jamila Taylor, United States

- **13:15**  
  Tools for addressing gender-based and HIV-related vulnerabilities in Zimbabwe  
  Caroline Tinashe Nyamayemombe, Zimbabwe
Promoting gender equity as a strategy to reduce HIV risk and gender-based violence among young men in India
Ravi K. Verma, India

Outreach strategies to engage special/underserved male populations in Peru
Alejandro Fernando Cisneros Dávila, Peru

Luo cultural practices and HIV transmission: a rapid assessment of community practices in rural Western Kenya
Isaiah Ollo, Kenya

14:30-16:00: Concurrent Sessions

HIV on the Job: Policies

Session Number: WEEAE03
Session Type: Oral Abstract Session
Venue: Session Room 8

Chairs: Dorothy Odhiambo, Kenya; Pedro Isabel Morales, Mexico

Over 25 years into the HIV epidemic, discrimination against people living with HIV in the workplace continues to be a major legal challenge with serious implications for public health. This session will describe numerous developments in fighting HIV-based workplace discrimination and ask what needs to be done to end this worldwide scourge.

14:30 APEC guidelines on HIV/AIDS in the workplace: dissemination and implementation
David Patterson, Canada

14:45 Discrimination at the workplace: winning the battles but losing the war?
Mohit Kishore, India

15:00 Learning to lead: mainstreaming an HIV curriculum into business executive training programs in South Africa
Caroline Mbi-njifo, South Africa

15:15 Implementing an HIV/AIDS policy at a major Caribbean university
Brendan Bain, Jamaica

15:30 Starting from scratch: a breakthrough in the formulation of national policy on HIV/AIDS and the world of work – the Russian experience
Irina Sinelina, Russian Federation

Forgotten Truths, Hidden Realities: Addressing the Dynamics of HIV and MSM in Unfavorable Environments

Session Number: WESYo5
Session Type: Symposium
Venue: Session Room 1

Chair: Joel Nana, South Africa

This session will showcase examples of how a range of key actors are addressing issues around homosexuality, sex among men, HIV infection, access to services and treatment, homophobia, and stigma and discrimination, in countries where there is denial of the existence of sex among men. Examples include countries in sub-Saharan Africa, North Africa, the Middle East, and Eastern Europe, as well as India. Speakers will range from gay and HIV activists to researchers to government officials. They will explain how HIV prevention, care, support, and treatment programs for MSM can be successfully implemented in hostile and homophobic contexts.

14:30 Overcoming homophobia, violence, stigma and discrimination as a way to promote HIV prevention among gay men in Ghana
Mac-Darling Cobbinah, Ghana

14:45 HIV prevention, care and support for MSM in a post-Soviet country: fighting with old stereotypes and new realities
Zoryan Kis, Ukraine

15:00 The Yogyakarta Principles at the International AIDS Conference in Mexico, August 2008
Boris Dittrich, Netherlands

15:15 From invisibility to being a core high risk group: the journey of India’s colorful communities of marginalized sexualities waking up to the genocide of HIV and AIDS
Ashok Row Kavi, India

The New Frontiers of Harm Reduction

Session Number: WESYo6
Session Type: Symposium
Venue: Session Room 2

Chair: Gerry Stimson, United Kingdom; Teresa Robledo de Dios, Spain
Harm Reduction has moved beyond the traditional focus on opiate drugs, injecting drug use, needle and syringe exchanges, and substitution therapy. As our understanding of the global state of drug use has matured in recent years, a more global approach to harm reduction has developed – encompassing human rights, non-injecting drug use, alcohol and tobacco use, issues for producer countries, challenging oppressive legal systems, and engraving drug use within a broader poverty and marginalization agenda. This session will aim to outline some of the new frontiers for the developing international harm reduction agenda – including the frequent violations of the human rights of people who use drugs, the emergence of a new generation of people who use drugs, the engagement of user activists in policy discussion and creation, and the changing scenarios in Africa, Latin America, and the Caribbean.

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### 14:30-18:00: Skills Building Workshops

**Understanding and Challenging Stigma Faced by Young People Living With HIV**

*Session Number: WESB11*  
*Venue: Skills Building Room 1*

Chair: Chipo Chiiya, Zambia

This workshop, led by young people, will discuss stigma and issues affecting young people. Participants will take part in activities which will help them to reflect on their own attitudes towards young people, particularly as it concerns sex and relationships. There will be opportunities to share experiences of stigma, explore how stigma affects young people, discuss how young people’s sexual rights are being violated, and participate in exercises to explore how to strengthen young people’s support structures.

### Responsible Media Coverage: Culture, Gender and Human Rights in HIV and AIDS Reporting

*Session Number: WESB13*  
*Venue: Skills Building Room 3*

Chair: Jeanne Lawler, France  
Organizer: UNESCO

How can the media better address the challenges of HIV and AIDS? Do the voices of affected communities receive sufficient coverage? Learn, debate and build partnerships at UNESCO’s workshop on responsible HIV and AIDS reporting.

### Utilizando Herramientas Políticas y Legales para el Acceso a Tratamiento Antirretroviral [Session in Spanish]

*Session Number: WESB15*  
*Venue: Skills Building Room 5*

Chairs: Luis A Quiroz, Mexico; Juan Carlos Medel Cabrera, Mexico

Access to treatment with ARVs is vital for people living with HIV. Even though many states guarantee access to ARV treatment, the reality is that in Latin America this access is limited and the quality of care is poor. In this workshop, participants will develop action plans that can be implemented in their communities to perform civil surveillance or “watchdog” functions to guarantee access to quality treatment as part of a human rights framework and according to international recommendations. This workshop is for activists, community members, health providers, PLHIV, and educators.
14:45-15:45: Global Village Workshop

**Stepping Stones**

Session Number: WEWS02
Chair: Jane Nambi, Uganda
Organizer: Plan Uganda

This interactive workshop will use drama techniques to introduce participants to tools they can use to promote personal and social change around the gender inequalities that make young women vulnerable to HIV infection as well as to HIV discrimination and stigma.

16:15-17:15: Global Village Workshop

**Theater of the Oppressed: An Interactive Experience**

Session Number: WEWS07
Venue: Global Village Youth Pavilion
Chair: Brandon Marshall, Canada
Co-facilitators: Hannah Polley, Canada; Brad Olson, Canada
Organizer: YouthCO AIDS Society & Healing Our Spirit, Canada

Workshop participants will be invited to take the place of an oppressed person and to try to improve or change their situation. Workshop themes will include HIV-related issues such as gender, sexism, sexualities and homophobia, drug use and addiction, classism, and racism. The aim will be to provide youth with the skills to reduce the impact of stigma, discrimination, and oppression on HIV risk and vulnerability among young people.

16:30-18:00: Concurrent Sessions

**Criminalization: Why, Where and What Are the Alternatives?**

Session Number: WESY09
Session Type: Symposium
Venue: Session Room 6
Chair: Edwin Cameron, South Africa

This session will seek to understand where criminalization of HIV transmission is occurring and what the reasons are behind it; and to propose alternative responses by which to address the concerns of those who promote criminalization. Speakers will examine whether criminalization of HIV transmission advances either the public health goal of HIV prevention or the criminal law goals of justice and deterrence (or serves any other useful purpose). They will also consider scientific issues that impact on criminalization, such as phylogenetic testing and new studies regarding infectiousness of HIV-positive people receiving treatment, as well as social issues, such as selective enforcement and the impact of criminalization on women living with HIV. The appropriate boundaries of criminalization of HIV transmission, including the appropriate role of the State with regard to intervening in intimate sexual encounters, and the extent to which each sexual partner should take autonomous responsibility for self-protection, will be explored. Following panel presentations there will be an opportunity to engage in discussion with the speakers.

16:30 Where is criminalization occurring, what does it involve and why?
   Michaela Clayton, Namibia

16:42 Gender issues: why criminalization doesn’t work for women
   Pricilla Misi Hairabwi Mushonga, Zimbabwe

16:54 What do homophobia, racism, vulnerability and marginalization have to do with it?
   Vuyani Jacobs, South Africa

17:06 A government against it
   Jayarama Valayden, Mauritius

17:18 Report back from the Positive Leadership Summit: where do we go from here?
   Presenter TBD
In the AIDS Response, Where is the Leadership for Women’s Human Rights?

Session Number: WESY10  
Session Type: Symposium  
Venue: Session Room 8  
Chairs: Mandalit Del Barco, United States; Gracia Violeta Ross, Bolivia

HIV continues to have a devastating impact on the lives of women and girls. Responses to this global pandemic have failed to meet the needs of women and girls and are often not based on human rights. Who is leading in changing the AIDS response to meet the needs of women and girls? Who is accountable? What is missing? Is it merely “lip service” or is there sufficient political commitment to truly address women’s human rights as part of the AIDS response? Where are the resources to truly “engage” the AIDS response? This interactive session will engage leaders from community-based organizations, feminist movements, youth networks, and decision-makers from governments and the UN system.

16:30 Panel discussion

- Developing a new generation of powerful young women  
  Imane Khachani, Morocco

- Realizing equal rights for girls  
  Kalindy Bolivar, Ecuador

- Delivering on prevention that works for women  
  Johanna Hanefeld, Germany

- Sexual rights and reproductive rights of positive women  
  Promise Mthembu, South Africa

- Defending the rights of women drug users  
  Nastia Meylakhs, Russian Federation

Globalization, Development, and Free Trade Agreements (FTAs)

Session Number: WEBS03  
Session Type: Bridging Session  
Venue: Session Room 3  
Chairs: Ellen T’Hoen, France; Chan Park, Mexico

This session will examine the relationship between free trade agreements and access to essential medicines, a critical human rights issue in the context of achieving universal access to HIV treatment.

16:30 Panel discussion

- NAFTA, CAFTA and access to medicines and food security in Latin America  
  Gabriela Chaves, Brazil

- The nature of FTAs and their role in the global economy  
  Sanya Reid Smith, Mexico

- Impact of FTAs on access to medicines in specific countries in South America  
  Lidice Lopez Tocon, Guatemala

- TBD  
  Suchart Chongprasert, Thailand

17:00-18:30: Global Village Panel Discussion

Challenging HIV-Related Travel Restrictions

Session Number: WEGS05  
Venue: Global Village Session Room 1  
Chairs: TBD  
Organizer: UNAIDS

This interactive session will provide an important opportunity for persons living with HIV, community and government representatives, and others, to come together to hear from individuals who have been personally affected by HIV-related entry restrictions, to review the outcomes of the International Task Team on HIV-related Travel Restrictions and to plan for country level action to effectively challenge these policies.
**18:00-18:50: Video Screening**

**HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control Amongst Vulnerable Commercial Sex Workers**

Session Number: WECA13  
Venue: Video Lounge  
Presenter: Nelson Masereka

This video features sex workers from Bangladesh, Brazil, Cambodia, Mali, Thailand, and other countries. They describe the problems created by the “anti-prostitution pledge” required to receive USAID and PEPFAR funds. After the screening, a question and answer session will follow.

**18:30-20:30: Human Rights Networking Zone Session**

**Special Event: Meet the Recipient of the International Award for Action on HIV and Human Rights**

Venue: Global Village, Human Rights Networking Zone (#421)

Every evening, human rights activists and their friends will gather at the Human Rights Networking Zone to discuss the events of the day, listen to a well-known human rights activist who will summarize the highlights of the day, and relax – or get fired up for action – watching a human rights-themed video or film. Today, they will also meet the recipient of the International Award for Action on HIV and Human Rights, awarded by the Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network and Human Rights Watch. This year’s recipient will be introduced by Joe Amon, United States, and will briefly address the audience and take questions.

Refreshments will be available.

**19:00-20:30: Global Village Performance**

**From Victimization Toward Inclusion: Celebrating Diversity**

Session Number: WECA07  
Venue: Global Village Main Stage  
Organizer: Blue Diamond Society, Nepal

Modern dances will tell stories, convey the realities of discrimination and abuse, and issue calls for action—not only to prevent the spread of HIV and care for those who live with it, but to correct the injustices that cause HIV’s spread. The Metis do not consider “transgender” to be an adequate identification of their nature. As a “third nature” people, they are rich in diversity. Their program will reflect this. They are leaders in the fight against HIV and for human rights for LGBTI in Nepal.

**Thursday, August 7**

**Conference Day 4**

**8:30-10:00: Human Rights Networking Zone Session**

**Daily Human Rights Petition and Breakfast**

Venue: Global Village, Human Rights Networking Zone (#421)

Over coffee and refreshments, participants take action on HIV and human rights by signing the daily petition on an urgent HIV and human rights issue and writing on the “Human Rights Inspiration Wall.” In addition, they can check out the human rights “poster of the day”; listen to an inspiring talk on HIV and human rights that pushes the boundaries; pick up the summary of the human rights highlights of the previous day; and plan their daily human rights activities.
8:45-10:30: Plenary Session

Session Number: THPL01
Session Type: Plenary
Venue: Session Room 1

Chairs: Lars Kallings, Sweden; Jacob Gayle, United States; Kevin De Cock, Switzerland

8:45 Prize Presentation: Young Investigator
9:00 Advances in ART
   Anton Pozniak, United Kingdom
9:25 Greater involvement of people living with HIV in health care
   Rolake Odetoyinbo, Nigeria
9:50 ART scale-up
   Gregg Gonsalves, United States

10:45-11:45: Global Village Discussion

Criminalizing HIV+ Transmission – Good, Bad, or Pointless? A Community Discussion

Session Number: THGS01
Venue: Global Village Session Room 1

Chair: Lisa Power, United Kingdom
Organizer: Independent PWA /Terence Higgins Trust, United Kingdom

States are increasingly choosing to legislate, prosecute, and convict persons living with HIV who expose others to possible transmission of HIV. Is this leading to the infringement of the human rights of persons living with HIV? Under what circumstances should the criminal law be used?

11:00-12:30: Concurrent Sessions

Getting our Voices Heard: Shaping Public Policy

Session Number: THAE01
Session Type: Oral Abstract Session
Venue: Session Room 10

Chairs: Carlos Garcia de Leon, Mexico; Maura Elarife Mea, Papua New Guinea

This session presents diverse experiences with policy transformation, such as the reauthorization of the U.S. global AIDS legislation, the establishment of harm reduction in Iran, and the development of a policy on orphans and vulnerable children in South Africa. Lessons from attempts to influence governments from around the world will be explored and shared.

11:00 Improving the U.S. response to the global pandemic: advocacy opportunities post PEPFAR reauthorization
   Clare Dougherty, United States

11:15 Getting A, B, and C back to their public health roots: the evolution of the ABC approach to prevent sexual transmission of HIV
   Karen Hardee, United States

11:30 Science into politics - case study: HIV/AIDS and harm reduction in the Islamic Republic of Iran
   Margaret Salmon, United States

11:45 Experience from joint technical missions in informing policy and action to accelerate national PMTCT and pediatric HIV CST response through dialogue
   Mariam Jashi, United States

12:00 Children influencing policy: developing an OVC policy for Limpopo Department of Health and Social Development in South Africa
   Juliana Thornton, South Africa

Human Rights, HIV, and Sex Work Policy

Session Number: THSY04
Session Type: Symposium
Venue: Session Room 8

Chair: Cheryl Overs, Thailand

This session will bring together speakers from around the world, including sex worker and HIV activists, human
rights experts, academics, and feminists, to discuss the implications of recent changes in policy concerning sex work and HIV, and to examine where these shifts are coming from and why they are happening now. Additionally there will be an examination of the evidence for anti-trafficking and “raid and rescue” programs and an analysis of international treaties and laws that relate to prostitution to see if there is any legal basis for this approach.

11:00 Introduction
Gulnara Kurmanova, Kyrgyzstan

11:05 Film on the impact of anti-trafficking programs on sex workers and HIV programs
Chutchai Kongmont, Thailand

11:10 HIV programming and our human rights: a sex workers perspective
Alejandra Gil, Mexico

11:20 There is no human right “not to be a sex worker.” Why rights-based programs need to focus on HIV and sexual and reproductive health and rights
Dorothy Aken Ova, Nigeria

11:30 The view from the ground: the impact of raids and rescues on communities and on sex worker HIV programs
Meena Seshu, India

**Palliative Care**

Session Number: THSY02
Session Type: Symposium

Venue: Session Room 3

Chair: Mary Callaway, United States

In the context of HIV, palliative care seeks to address the needs of patients, families, and carers through the provision of a comprehensive service addressing physical, spiritual, and psychosocial pain and other problems from the time of diagnosis to the end of life. Palliative care also includes bereavement care and the care of orphans and vulnerable children. The session will look at the moral imperative to build on the foundation of palliative care as a human right to ensure that palliative care services are available to all those affected by HIV.

11:00 Panel discussion

Palliative care: a key element of the treatment and care continuum
* Liliana De Lima, United States

Palliative care: a human right
* Lisbeth Quesada Tristan, Costa Rica

Palliative care: the health systems approach
* Zodwa Sithole, South Africa

Palliative care: overcoming the barriers to the comprehensive response including access to pain and symptom management
* Presenter TBD

11:00-12:30: Skills Building Workshop

**Sexual Orientation, Gender Identities, Human Rights in a Nepali Context**

Session Number: THSB03

Venue: Skills Building Room 3

Chair: Roshan Mahato, Nepal

This workshop will address biases in Nepali society. Those who are not male or female and heterosexual are excluded from society – often denied human rights and abused. The exclusion results in low self-esteem, vulnerability to HIV and STIs, and psychological suffering.

12:00-12:45: Global Village Session

**Amajita (a group of men) & AIDS: Adolescent AWT (Awaiting Trial Detainees) Speak Out on Masculinity and HIV Prevention**

Session Number: THGS02

Venue: Global Village Session Room 1

Chair: Jabulisile Tugwana, United States
Organizer: Columbia University HIV Center for Clinical and Behavioral Studies, United States

This presentation aims to draw on lessons learned from a youth-to-youth intervention for young prisoners awaiting trial in Johannesburg Prison, and will report on the practi-
ocal implications of implementing similar programs within other high-risk communities. The lessons are packaged into monologues, rap songs, or poetry for broadcast on local and international youth media outlets in an effort to stimulate debate on sexism, stigma and marginalization as barriers to HIV prevention.

12:30-13:00: Global Village Performance

Mariko Passion: Educated Whore and Urban Geisha

Session Number: THCA03
Venue: Global Village Main Stage
Organizer: Sex Workers Outreach Project-LA, United States

Mariko Passion is a performance artist/activist/educator/whore revolutionary. She sings and rhymes her experiences and reality over beats, produces and edits documentary videos, and educates communities across the U.S. and internationally on issues related to sex worker rights.

12:45-13:30: Human Rights Networking Zone Session

Final Preparation for the Human Rights Rally

Venue: Human Rights Networking Zone (#421)

This will be delegates’ last chance to prepare their own placards for the Human Rights Rally that will start at 13:30.

13:00-14:00: Global Village Session

Meet the Plenary Speakers Day 4

Session Number: THGS03
Session Type: Meet the Plenary Speakers
Venue: Global Village Session Room 1

The Meet the Plenary Speaker sessions bring the conference plenary speakers to the community and allow interaction and dialogue. Thursday’s plenary speakers include leading AIDS and human rights activists Rolake Odetoyinbo (Nigeria) and Gregg Gonsalves (United States).

13:00-14:00: Poster Discussion Sessions

Children and AIDS: Beyond the Health Response

Session Number: THPDE1
Venue: Skills Building Room 7

Chairs: Linda Richter, South Africa

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<td>Utilizing which resort? The role of residential care for children in the care and treatment of children infected and affected by HIV and AIDS in South Africa</td>
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HIV and MSM: Evolving Risk, Transmission, and Prevention Opportunities

Session Number: THPDC2
Venue: Skills Building Room 4

Chair: Kevin Fenton, United States

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<td>Which HIV-infected men who have sex with men (MSM) in care are most likely to transmit HIV to others?</td>
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<td>Marriage, social isolation and sexual risk among Vietnamese MSM</td>
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13:10  HCV is emerging as an STI among HIV-infected MSM: A threat to the MSM community?  
Anouk Titia Urbanus, Netherlands

13:15  HIV-service-based screening for violence (GBV and discrimination) in marginalized vulnerable populations (MSM/TG)  
Anne Eckman, United States

13:20  Condom induced erectile dysfunction (COINED): a unique predictor of deliberate sexual risk  
Udi Davidovich, Netherlands

Dangers from Within and Without: Violence Against Sex Workers by Police and Intimate Partners

Session Number: THPDD2  
Venue: Skills Building Room 6  
Chair: Marta Lamas, Mexico

13:00  Introduction to the topic  
Marta Lamas, Mexico

13:05  Double jeopardy: women at risk for HIV who trade sex with police officers  
Linda Cottler, United States

13:10  Law enforcement, sex work, crime, and HIV: working with police and sex workers within an illegal context in Edo state, Nigeria  
Onoriode Ezire, Nigeria

13:15  Intimate partner violence among female sex workers in two Mexico-U.S. border cities  
Monica Ulibarri, United States

13:20  A mediation model examining the relationship between client perpetrated abuse, injection drug use, and HIV status among female sex workers in two Mexico-U.S. border cities  
Monica Ulibarri, United States

Jerry Okal, Kenya

13:30  Clients of sex workers... Didn’t see them, didn’t hear them, didn’t identify them  
Susana Lungo, Guatemala

13:30-14:30: Special Event

International Rally for Human Rights and HIV/AIDS

Session Number: THCA19  
Session Type: Special Event  
Venue: Global Village Main Stage  
Organizer: Human Rights Networking Zone

This rally will bring together HIV and human rights activists from around the world to express support for populations at high risk for HIV, and for vastly greater attention to human rights in the response to HIV.

During the rally, a copy of the declaration, Human Rights and HIV/AIDS: Now More Than Ever, endorsed by over 500 organizations worldwide, will be presented to high-level officials. Participants will gather at 13:30 in the space in front of the main stage in the Global Village. The rally will feature keynote addresses by Mary Robinson (Executive Director of the Ethical Globalization Initiative and former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and President of Ireland), Michel Kazatchkine (Executive Director of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria) and Peter Piot (Executive Director of UNAIDS), among others.
14:30-16:00: Symposium

The Role of Human Rights in HIV Related Interventions Amongst Vulnerable Groups

Session Number: THSY05
Session Type: Symposium
Venue: Session Room 2
Chair: Edgar Carrasco, Venezuela

Responses to HIV increasingly veer towards medical models. Though human rights language is included in many HIV policies and programs, many still question whether human rights-based approaches are effective. The session will lay out the theoretical basis of human rights-based HIV interventions, vindicated by empirical evidence, and then develop the theme by contrasting interventions in which human rights have been central with those in which human rights are absent or negated.

14:30  Panel discussion

Human rights: the link to HIV
Scott Burris, United States

Civil society and the state’s response to vulnerabilities and criminalization of sex work in India: the place of human rights
Simranjit Jana, India

Impact of negation of human rights in drug harm reduction interventions amongst drug users in Thailand
Karyn Kaplan, Thailand

Vulnerabilities of Native and Afro-American communities in the Americas to HIV
Mirtha Colon, Honduras

Human rights in response to HIV in state plans
Mark Heywood, South Africa

14:30-15:15: Global Village Performance

Star Whores 2

Session Number: THCA04
Venue: Global Village Main Stage
Organizer: Asia Pacific Network of Sex Workers, Thailand

This show will include interview footage with (adult) children of sex workers about their views on the discrimination faced by themselves and their mothers. This will be combined with original karaoke songs and dance, drama, and performance art around the theme of health and human rights—including the right to self determination and sex workers' right to be involved in the formulation of policies that affect their lives.

16:30-18:00: Oral Abstract Sessions

Advancing Human Rights in the AIDS Response

Session Number: THAE03
Venue: Session Room 3
Chairs: Ralf Jürgens, Canada; Andrew Paul Hunter, Thailand

Following on the heels of the International Rally for Human Rights and HIV/AIDS and a non-abstract session, “The Role of Human Rights in HIV-Related Interventions Amongst Vulnerable Groups,” this session will continue the human rights theme with presentations on the Now More Than Ever declaration and campaign, law reform in Central America, the human rights of sex workers, and legislation protecting women’s rights in the context of HIV.

16:30  Topic overview
Ralf Jürgens, Canada

16:40  The Now More Than Ever declaration: defining and taking action on AIDS and human rights
Jonathan Cohen, United States

16:55  Human rights and HIV/AIDS: legislation, policy and practice in five Central American countries
Diego Postigo Otero, Panama
Building Citizenship for HIV and AIDS

Session Number: THAD03

Venue: Session Room 7

Chairs: Richard Parker, United States; Ana Luisa Liguori, Mexico

This session will explore the concept of HIV and citizenship. Following an introduction of the concept by Richard Parker, presenters will explore the link between HIV/AIDS and the citizenship of populations such as people in shanty towns, members of the military, black civil society, and women.

16:30 Introduction: the concept of citizenship
Richard Parker, United States

16:35 New forms of citizenship and sociopolitical inclusion: universal access to ART in the shanty towns of Rio de Janeiro
Fabian Cataldo, United Kingdom

16:50 Legal claims by HIV+ military men in Mexico: sexuality as a phantom in the defense of sexual rights
Ana Amuchastegui, Mexico

17:05 “Sexual citizenship”: articulating research and activism to consolidate sexual rights and confront HIV/AIDS in Latin America, 2003-2007
Griselda Perez Luna Gallardo, Peru

17:20 Mobilizing black civil society to engage and carry out HIV/AIDS prevention and education through a social change agent training model
Charlie Baran, United States

17:35 Building a movement to advance gender equity in HIV and AIDS through local-global alliances
Shari Margolese, Canada
16:30-18:00: Skills Building Workshop

Mainstreaming Gender Equality and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights

Session Number: THSB21
Venue: Skills Building Room 7
Chairs: Pamela Young, United States; Muriel Visser-Valfrey, France

Gender inequality contributes to vulnerability to HIV infection and to the social and economic consequences of HIV/AIDS. This workshop will help participants address gender inequalities and sexual and reproductive health and rights in programming.

17:00-17:45: Global Village Session

Derechos Humanos y VIH/Sida en Guatemala [Session in Spanish]

Session Number: THGS09
Session Type: Presentation Q&A
Venue: Global Village Session Room 2
Organizer: Office of Human Rights, Guatemala
Presenters: Jhoanna Castillo, Guatemala; Pablo Werner Ramírez, Guatemala

Presentation about the mission and vision of the Procuraduría de los Derechos Humanos (PDH) in the protection and promotion of human rights of people living with HIV/AIDS in Guatemala, and how that issue has been addressed at the national and global levels.

18:30-20-30: Special Event

Closing Party at the Human Rights Networking Zone
Venue: Human Rights Networking Zone (#421)

Human rights activists and their friends will gather at the Human Rights Networking Zone to celebrate the accomplishments of the week. Amid toasts and closing remarks, activists will start planning human rights activities for AIDS 2010 and have fun. Live performances, snacks and drinks will be in store!

18:30-20:30: Satellite Sessions

International Legal Initiative to Strengthen National Responses to HIV/AIDS Through the Workplace

Session Number: THSAT07
Venue: Session Room 8
Organizer: International Labour Organization

Workplaces are key entry points to inform, prevent HIV and discrimination, and provide universal access to HIV treatment. In 2009, the International Labor Conference of the ILO will hold a first discussion on a new international labor standard: an autonomous recommendation on HIV and AIDS in the world of work. This Satellite will involve policy makers, governments as well as employers’ and workers’ representatives, international and regional organizations, legal experts and practitioners, and other key stakeholders involved in the national response to HIV and AIDS. The expected outcome is to have a broad dialogue that will feed into the new international labor standard.
### Drug Policy, HIV, and Human Rights: A Latin American Perspective

**Session Number:** THSAT17  
**Venue:** Skills Building Room 10  
**Chair:** Ana Paula Hernandez, Mexico  
**Presenters:** TBD

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### Key Population Response to HIV/AIDS in Latin America: A Study as to How the Latin American Response to the HIV/AIDS Epidemic has Brought Influence to Bear on Social Development, Legislation, Public Policies, and Respect for Human Rights in the Region

**Session Number:** THSAT15  
**Venue:** Skills Building Room 8  
**Chairs:** Jacqueline Cortes, Brazil; Claudia Herlt, Brazil

### MenEngage: Developing a Global Movement to Work with Boys and Men for Gender Equality

**Session Number:** THSAT06  
**Venue:** Session Room 7  
**Chair:** Andrew Levack, United States

A growing number of HIV programs are finding innovative ways to work with men and boys by encouraging a reflective process that explores how gender inequities and rigid messages about masculinity contribute to HIV, STIs, gender-based violence and other health-related problems. At the forefront of this movement is an alliance of nongovernmental organizations and UN agencies called MenEngage. Members of the MenEngage alliance are involved in an array of research, interventions, and policy initiatives seeking to engage men and boys in meaningful ways. In 2007, some members in MenEngage connected with the Institute of Development Studies (IDS) and a range of researchers, programmers and policy makers, in an international symposium on “politicizing masculinities,” considering ways forward in making work with men and boys more political and engaged with other social movements. This session will reflect on efforts to engage men and boys in such movements, while also sharing information about MenEngage and ways for conference participants to become active members of its network. It will conclude with participants convening in small groups based on country and/or region. Participants will learn about the work of current MenEngage regional efforts and share input on ways to expand the size and scope of country-level networks.

### HIV Testing: New Models Shattering the Barriers to Universal Access to Treatment

**Session Number:** THSAT99  
**Venue:** Session Room 3

The majority of the people in the world do not know their status and universal access to treatment cannot be achieved until there is universal access to testing. Current VCT models will not be enough. This session will look at new models that expand access to free, rapid, and reliable HIV testing. Confidentiality and disclosure issues will be discussed.
Double Discrimination: HIV/AIDS and Disabilities

Venue: Session Room 5

It is estimated that 650 million people worldwide live with a disability significant enough to make a difference in their daily lives. All of the risk factors associated with HIV are increased for people with disabilities, yet people with disabilities are excluded from HIV prevention, treatment, and care services. AIDS-Free World and Disabled Peoples’ International are hosting this innovative satellite session to push the international AIDS community to break the silence, end the stigma, and ensure that HIV education, intervention, and services reach individuals with disabilities worldwide. The satellite will be presented in an unusual, interactive “town hall” format without formal presentations. Moderated by Avi Lewis, television host of Aljazeera’s “Inside USA,” panelists and audience members will engage in a range of discussions, including topics such as: the intersection of AIDS and disability worldwide; the barriers to prevention, treatment, and care faced by people with disabilities; the neglect of people with disabilities by the global AIDS community; and innovative efforts by AIDS service organizations to end exclusion of people with disabilities.

Friday, August 8

Conference Day 5

8:15-10:30: Plenary Session

Session Number: FRPL01
Venue: Session Room 1

Chairs: Julio Frenk, Mexico; Jean Francoise Delfraissey, France; Paul Bekkers, Netherlands; Sigrun Mogedal, Norway

8:15 Prize Presentation
8:30 HIV and TB
Chakaya Jeremiah, Kenya
8:55 HIV prevention: what have we learned from community experiences in concentrated epidemics?
Bruno Spire, France
9:20 Criminal statutes and criminal prosecutions in the epidemic: help or hindrance?
Edwin Cameron, South Africa
9:45 Investing in gender equality: why women and girls matter in the AIDS response
Zonibel Woods, Canada

11:00-13:00: Rapporteur Session

Session Number: FRPL02
Session Type: Plenary
Venue: Session Room 1

This session will include the summary reports of all conference tracks. Human rights issues will be featured centrally in the report from track E (Mandeep Dhaliwal, India).
Law and Health Initiative

The Law and Health Initiative (LAHI), a division of the Open Society Institute’s Public Health Program, promotes legal action to advance public health goals worldwide. LAHI supports legal assistance, litigation, and law reform efforts on a range of health issues, including patient care, HIV and AIDS, harm reduction, palliative care, sexual health, mental health, and Roma health. LAHI’s priorities include integrating legal services into health programs, strengthening human rights protections within health settings, and developing training and education programs in law and health. A special focus is on supporting organizations and advocacy campaigns dedicated to ending human rights abuses linked to the global AIDS epidemic. By bringing together legal, public health, and human rights organizations, LAHI seeks to build a broad movement for law-based approaches to health and for the human rights of society’s most marginalized groups.

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