

Human Rights and HIV/AIDS: Now More than Ever

**A Delegates' Guide to Law and
Human Rights at AIDS 2006**

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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 XVI International AIDS Conference (August 13-18, 2006) and its satellite events in Toronto, Canada.

The guide first provides a list of organizations working on legal and human rights issues that have booths at the conference. 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, incarceration for low-level offenses, and other abuses in the criminal justice system; access to harm reduction services such as nee-

dle 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; 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 com-

plete 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.

Exhibits

Open Society Institute

Booth 425 (area F)

The Law and Health Initiative has a space in the booth of the OSI Public Health Program. It features the work of HIV/AIDS and human rights organizations from around the world and serves as a hub for law and human rights information and activities at the conference. Every day during the conference, from 12:45 to 13:45, human rights activists will be available to answer your questions.

Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network

Booth 454 (area F)

The network is one of the world's best known and most active organizations working on legal and human rights issues related to HIV/AIDS. Many of its publications are available at the booth, including a new CD-ROM containing an excellent collection of essential documents on human rights and HIV/AIDS.

Human Rights Watch

Booth 423 (area E)

Building naturally on Human Rights Watch's large body of research on discrimination, women's and children's rights, rights of prisoners, and persecution of marginalized groups, Human Rights Watch's HIV/AIDS and Human Rights Program has documented rights violations against people living with or affected by

HIV/AIDS in countries around the world. Many of its reports are available at the booth, as well as information about a number of skills-building workshops co-organized by the Women's Rights Division and the HIV/AIDS Program.

International Council of AIDS

Service Organizations

Booth 405 (area D)

ICASO has published a number of papers and reports on issues related to HIV/AIDS and human rights, most recently a report entitled "Community Monitoring and Evaluation: Implementation of the UNGASS Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS" that highlights that governments are failing to address the human rights dimensions of the epidemic.

UNAIDS

Booth 402 (area D)

Among the many reports available at the UNAIDS booth are several on human rights issues, including new papers entitled "Courting Rights: Case Studies in Litigating the Human Rights of People Living with HIV" and "HIV-Related Stigma, Discrimination, and Human Rights Violations: Case Studies of Successful Programs," as well as the 10th anniversary edition of the International Guidelines on HIV/AIDS and Human Rights.

Editors' notes:

The information described in this guide is current as of July 26, 2006. We apologize for any errors or omissions.

Sessions shaded in green are editors' picks. These sessions directly address the relationship between law, human rights, and HIV/AIDS.

Saturday, August 12th

Pre-Conference Events

9:00-15:00: Pre-Conference Workshop

Making the Connection: Vulnerable Populations, HIV/AIDS, and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights

Venue: Marriott Hotel, Forest Hill Ballroom, 90 Bloor Street East, Toronto

Organizers: Government of Canada (Health Canada, Canadian International Development Agency, Foreign Affairs Canada); World Health Organization; United Nations Population Fund; Action Canada for Population and Development; International Community of Women Living with HIV/AIDS; International Planned Parenthood Federation; CARE Canada

Guaranteeing the sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) of vulnerable populations is essential to protecting them from HIV and ensuring they have access to a full range of HIV services. This workshop focuses on intensifying linkages between HIV/AIDS and SRHR at the policy and program levels, with particular focus on the impact of these dynamics on vulnerable communities. It will provide an introduction to the issue from a rights-based perspective and will generate ideas for further action that participants can build on during the conference.

Those interested in attending should send a message to heather@acpd.ca as soon as possible as space is limited.

Sunday, August 13th

Pre-Conference Events

10:15-12:15: Youth Program

From Rhetoric to Action: Defining a Stronger Role for Youth in National HIV/AIDS Policies

Venue: Session Room 3, Level 800

This unprecedented meeting between young leaders and prominent world leaders addresses the impact of HIV/AIDS on young people and their communities around the world. The dialogue is expected to reveal how young people can play a greater role in influencing national policies and programs by being more actively engaged in decision-making, implementation, and accountability.

10:30-12:30

Involving People with HIV/AIDS in the Decisions that Affect Our Lives: Accomplishments, Challenges, and Lessons Learned

Venue: Global Village – Session Hall 1

Organizers: Canadian AIDS Society; AIDS 2006 Key Challenge Program and Community Program Committees

Greater involvement of people living with HIV/AIDS is a specific expression of the right to participation and the right to “take part in cultural life” recognized in the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights. Despite this, and despite commitment in principle to greater involvement, in practice involvement of people living with HIV or AIDS remains limited in many countries. This session examines challenges and obstacles to greater involvement and lessons learned.

14:45-16:45

Is US AIDS Policy Undermining the HIV Response?

Venue: Session Room 11

Organizers: International Council of AIDS Service Organizations (Canada); AIDS Policy Watch (UK); The Center for Health and Gender Equity (USA); ATHENA: Advancing Gender Equity and Human Rights in the Global Response to HIV/AIDS (USA)

This session will focus on the impact of U.S. AIDS policy on HIV prevention, care, treatment, and support efforts worldwide.

15:00-16:30

Where's the Money for Women's Rights and HIV/AIDS?

Venue: Global Village – Main Stage

Organizer: Association for Women's Rights in Development (Canada)

Despite rhetorical commitment to advancing women's rights in the context of HIV/AIDS, women's groups remain chronically under-funded in most AIDS-affected countries. This session, in talk show format, will look at disparities in resources directed toward women's organizations and how to influence donors to ensure that adequate funding reaches these groups.

17:00-18:30

Bridging the Gap between Law and Practice: Grassroots Women, Inheritance Rights, and AIDS

Venue: Skills Building Room 3

Organizer: Huairou Commission (International)

Inheritance is a fundamental issue with regard to how wealth is transferred within a society, and it relates in particular to the protection of a woman's housing. The denial of women's inheritance rights hinders their full realization of other basic fundamental human rights, such as the right

to health and education, and increases women's vulnerability to HIV infection, physical violence, destitution, and homelessness. This satellite meeting will explore how women's inheritance rights can be protected in practice.

Monday, August 14th

Conference Day 1

7:00-8:30: Morning Satellite Meetings

Women's Rights and HIV/AIDS

Venue: Skills Building Room 5

Organizers: United Nations Development Fund for Women; Action Aid International

The protection of the rights of women and girls is key to turning around the African continent's AIDS crisis. Relative to the scale of the problem, however, such protection is virtually ignored as a policy tool and certainly not viewed as a central element in national HIV/AIDS programs. This satellite meeting addresses some of the challenges of protecting women and girls from AIDS-related human rights abuses.

Treatment for Injecting Drug Users: Antiretrovirals and Beyond

Venue: Skills Building Room 6

Organizer: International Harm Reduction Development Program of the Open Society Institute's Public Health Program (USA)

In many countries, people who use illegal drugs represent the smallest fraction of individuals receiving antiretroviral treatment despite accounting for a majority of people living with HIV. This satellite meeting will discuss how treatment access for people who inject drugs can be scaled up.

8:45-10:15: Plenaries and Jonathan Mann Memorial Lecture

Venue: Session Room 1, Level 800
Interpretation: FR ES

The first plenary session of the conference includes the Jonathan Mann Memorial lecture on health and human rights, given this year by Anand Grover of the Lawyers' Collective in India.

- 8:45 **Pathogenesis**
Julie Overbaugh, United States
- 9:05 **Epidemiology update and transmission factors**
Christopher Beyrer, United States
- 9:25 **Human rights and social vulnerabilities**
Anand Grover, India
- 9:45 **Women and girls**
Louise Binder, Canada

10:45-12:15: Concurrent Sessions

MOCCo2: Hot Topics in Human Rights and HIV/AIDS

Session type: Controversy and Common Ground
Venue: Session Room 3, Level 800 **Interpretation:** FR ES
Chairs: *Beatrice Were, Uganda;*
Babara Hall, Canada [TBC]

It is often argued that human rights approaches to HIV/AIDS conflict with or undermine public health interventions. Yet human rights activists have made extraordinary contributions to the global AIDS struggle, and their work is essential to achieving the goals of universal access to prevention, treatment, and care. This panel will pay tribute to the work of HIV/AIDS and human rights activists from around the globe, recognizing the hostile and often dangerous environments in which they work.

- 10:45 **MOCCo2o1: Overview of human rights violations fueling the HIV epidemic**
J. Amon, United States

- 10:55 **MOCCo2o2: The contribution of human rights activists to access to HIV treatment in South Africa**
F. Hassan, South Africa
- 11:05 **MOCCo2o3: Fighting AIDS in a rights-hostile environment: The case of Nepal**
S. Pant, Nepal
- 11:15 **MOCCo2o4: Protecting the rights of injection drug users is essential to universal access**
K. Kaplan, Thailand

MOADo1: Disclose or Disappear: The Impact of Disclosure

Session type: Abstract Session
Venue: Session Room 10, Level 100
Chairs: *Violeta Ross, Bolivia;*
Jacqueline Gahagan, Canada

A recent WHO-supported review of 17 studies from Africa and Southeast Asia concludes that 4 percent to 28 percent of women reported negative outcomes following the disclosure of their HIV status. Particularly in the context of calls for provider-initiated routine HIV testing, this raises serious questions about whether HIV testing without appropriate safeguards will lead to involuntary disclosure of HIV status and human rights abuses against women with HIV.

- 10:45 **MOADo1o1: A qualitative study into the impact of HIV disease progression on initial HIV-serostatus disclosure to significant others**
C. Almeleh, South Africa
- 11:00 **MOADo1o2: Getting around disclosure: Social status and support of patients enrolled in an ART program in rural South Africa**
M. Fitzgerald¹, M. Collumbien¹, Z. Gumede², V. Hosegood² (1 United Kingdom, 2 South Africa)
- 11:15 **MOADo1o3: Disclosing your HIV status: The role of ethnicity among people living with HIV in London**
J. Elford, J. Anderson, C. Bukutu, F. Ibrahim, United Kingdom
- 11:30 **MOADo1o4: Calculated strategies on how clients decide to disclose HIV test results: Exploring gender dimensions in Uganda**
X. Nsabagasani, N. Orobaton, S. Kironde, S. Yoder, L. Kateebire, N. Nakamatte, Uganda

11:45 MOAD0105: The relational context of non-disclosure of HIV+ serostatus to main sexual partners among women living with HIV
S. Peterson, R.J. DiClemente, G. Wingood, D. Lang, United States

10:45-12:15: Global Village

A Model for Interactive Community Dialogues to Address Gender Discrimination, Violence against Women, and Economic Inequity

Venue: Global Village – Main Stage

Organizer: ATHENA (USA)

This participatory session will share a model of “community dialogue sessions” on the issues of gender equity and human rights in several regions. This innovative technique fosters open communication and reveals new ways of working together in the global response to AIDS.

10:45-12:15: Skills Building Workshop

MOSB02: Comprehensive Training for Health Workers on the Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights of HIV positive Women

Venue: Skills Building Room 2

Facilitator: *Promise Mthembu*

12:30-14:00: Global Village

Sexual Rights and HIV/AIDS: Activists Working Together to Impact Shifting Policies on Sexual and Reproductive Freedom and Safety

Venue: Global Village – Session Hall 1

Organizers: International Working Group on Sexuality and Social Policy/Associação Brasileira Interdisciplinar de AIDS (Brazil); Center for Gender, Sexuality, and Health (USA)

This workshop will focus on how local individuals and groups working on AIDS and sexuality interact with sexual rights activists working trans-nationally and globally.

12:45-13:45: Special Session

MOSS01: Women at the Frontline in the AIDS Response

Venue: Session Room 1, Level 800
Interpretation: FR ES RU

Moderator: *Judy Woodruff, United States*

There is ample evidence that the high and increasing vulnerability of women to HIV/AIDS is due to gender-based economic inequalities, sexual violence, and lack of access to HIV prevention, education, training, and care for women. Despite the recognition of the need for a gendered response to HIV/AIDS by governments and donors, the implementation of appropriate policies and interventions is inadequate or non-existent. This special session will showcase examples of women who have overcome their own challenges with HIV to assume a vital role in the HIV response as infected or affected persons.

Panel discussion:

Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, President of Liberia [TBC]

Melinda Gates, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

Musa Njoko, South African AIDS activist

14:15-15:45: Concurrent Sessions

MOSY05: GIPA in Action/GIPA Inaction: What Have We Achieved Regarding the Greater Involvement of People Living with HIV/AIDS?

Session type: Symposium

Venue: Session Room 2, Level 800
Interpretation: FR ES

Moderator: *Darien Taylor, Canada*

This session examines accomplishments and challenges in achieving greater involvement of people with AIDS (GIPA) in the design, development, and implementation of HIV/AIDS policies and programs. It includes speakers from Ukraine, Brazil, Vietnam, and India.

MOCCo3: HIV Testing in the Era of Treatment Scale Up

Session type: Controversy and Common Ground

Venue: Session Room 3, Level 800
 Interpretation: FR ES

Moderator: Joanne Csete, Canada

Given current efforts around the globe to scale up HIV testing, it is important to debate the benefits and approaches to scaling up testing and to suggest areas that ought to be considered in any future scale-up efforts. The crucial need to scale up HIV testing is undisputed; divergence exists, however, with respect to the ultimate purpose of HIV testing, priorities in the ways that HIV testing ought to be practiced within different settings, the role that attention to human rights can usefully play in these efforts, and ultimately the extent to which voluntary counseling and testing remains the most effective approach to HIV testing.

- 14:15 **MOCCo3o1: Introduction, setting the scene**
J. Csete, Canada
- 14:25 **MOCCo3o2: Routine testing: The Botswana experience—the point of view of the Ministry of Health**
S. Tlou, Botswana
- 14:30 **MOCCo3o3: Expanding HIV testing: The point of view of women living with HIV**
G. Sedio, Botswana
- 14:35 **MOCCo3o4: Routine testing: The Botswana experience—one point of view**
C. Stegling, Botswana
- 14:40 **MOCCo3o5: Expanding HIV testing: Human rights issues**
S. Gruskin, United States
- 14:45 **MOCCo3o6: The routine offer of HIV counselling and testing: A human right**
M. Heywood, South Africa
- 14:50 **MOCCo3o7: Expanding HIV testing in developing countries**
J. Tedstrom, United States

Presentations will be followed by facilitated debate among panelists and audience participation.

MOCCo4: Sexuality, Social Policy, and AIDS: Case Studies on Sexual Rights and HIV/AIDS

Session type: Controversy and Common Ground

Venue: Session Room 7, Level 700

Moderator: Sonia Correa, Brazil

The presentations in this session examine the intersections between HIV/AIDS policies and human rights, reproductive rights, sexual rights, and gender justice movements at both national and trans-national levels. Topics addressed include: the influence of secularist and religious definitions of sexuality and gender on HIV/AIDS policies; debates over condom use, trafficking, and commercial sex work; and implications of these debates for initiatives aimed to reduce the impact of the HIV epidemic globally.

- 14:15 **MOCCo4o1: Sexual rights policies and the HIV/AIDS epidemic**
R. Petchesky, United States
- 14:25 **MOCCo4o2: Sexuality and HIV/AIDS in India**
R. Ramasubban, India
- 14:35 **MOCCo4o3: HIV/AIDS policies and reproductive and sexual rights movements in Peru**
C. Caceres, Peru
- 14:45 **MOCCo4o4: The emergence of sexual rights in the context of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Vietnam**
L. Giang, Vietnam
- 14:55 **MOCCo4o5: Sexuality, gender, and HIV/AIDS at the UN: Contemporary global debates and their implications**
F. Girard, United States

MOSYo6: Treatment for Injecting Drug Users: Making Calls for Universal Access Real

Session type: Symposium

Venue: Session Room 8, Level 100
 Interpretation: FR ES RU

Moderator: Raminta Stuikyte, Lithuania

In many countries, people who use illegal drugs represent the smallest fraction of individuals receiving anti-retroviral treatment despite accounting for a majority of people living

with HIV. This kind of systemic discrimination, which could spell doom for any effort to achieve “universal access,” can only be addressed by guaranteeing people who use drugs a full range of human rights and finding concrete remedies for their deep social marginalization. This session will discuss the treatment needs, existing good practice interventions, and policy questions raised by the increasing number of people infected through injecting drug use.

- 14:15 **MOSYo601: Integrating harm reduction and HIV treatment for IDUs: Case study from Russia and Ukraine**
K. Lezhentsev, Hungary
- 14:30 **MOSYo603: Providing effective hepatitis C treatment to HIV coinfecting patients and other vulnerable populations**
M Guarinieri, Italy
- 15:45 **MOSYo604: Access for all? Behind the declarations**
A Volgina, Russia

MOAE02: Moving the Agenda Forward: Women’s Rights and HIV

- Session type: Abstract Session
- Venue: **Session Room 11, Level 100**
- Chairs: *Ana Luisa Liguori, Mexico;*
Georgina Gutierrez, Mexico

In this session, presenters from four continents present research on various aspects of women’s rights and HIV, and make concrete suggestions about what is needed to promote and protect women’s rights and reduce their vulnerability to HIV/AIDS.

- 14:15 **MOAE0201: The perpetual battle of the better half**
S. Singh, S. Prathibha, India
- 14:30 **MOAE0202: Gender violence and HIV**
D. Sorley, Kenya
- 14:45 **MOAE0203: Research on reproductive rights of women living with HIV in Russia**
M. Rukavishnikov, Russia
- 15:00 **MOAE0204: The need for AIDS feminism**
S. Mthathi, M. Richter, South Africa

- 15:15 **MOAE0205: HIV treatment for women in Uganda: Increasing access through integrated service provision**
J. McGrath¹, S. Rundall¹, D. Kaawa-Mafigiri¹, N. Kakande²; (1 United States, 2 Uganda)

14:15-15:45: Global Village

Prevention Policies Hindering the HIV Response

Venue: **Global Village – Session Hall 1**

Organizers: International Council of AIDS Service Organizations (Canada); Center for Health and Gender Equity (USA); AIDS Policy Watch (UK); Open Society Institute (USA)

This session will be a focused discussion on the impact of ideological constraints and donor and government restrictions on HIV prevention and the impact that these policies have on the HIV response. The session will focus on policies related to abstinence-only prevention and harm reduction programs. Panelists will include experts in the field with direct experience of the impact of these policies.

Sex Workers Are Part of the Solution: Sex Worker Leaders around the Globe

Venue: **Global Village – Session Hall 2**

Organizers: Stella (Canada); Maggie’s (Canada); International Network of Sex Work Projects

Sex worker leaders from five continents will talk about partnerships with governments and policy makers as well as local and global organizing, highlighting mobility and migration issues, human rights, research, and empowerment.

16:15-17:45: Concurrent Sessions

MOAX03: High Time to Deliver on Stigma and Discrimination

Session type: Abstract Session

Venue: Session Room 1, Level 800
Interpretation: FR ES

Chairs: Michaëlle Jean, Canada [TBC];
 Peter Mansbridge, Canada [TBC]

Despite years of talk about the importance of dealing with stigma and discrimination, projects and programs to fight them often are ineffective, and there remains little investment in most countries in real protection from HIV-related discrimination and abuse. This session will feature some of the best research, advocacy, and programs addressing HIV-related stigma in the world today.

- 16:15 **MOAX0301: Impact of universal access to antiretroviral therapy on HIV stigma in Botswana**
W. Wolfe¹, S. Weiser¹, K. Leiter¹, W. Steward¹, F. Percy-de Korte¹, N. Phaladze², V. Iacopino¹, M. Heisler¹; (1 United States, 2 Botswana)
- 16:30 **MOAX0302: Time to make health services safe from stigma: Voices of Canadian Aboriginal people living with HIV/AIDS and health care providers**
R. Jackson, L. MacLean, L. Leonard, J. Mill, F. Reintjes, W. Austin, N. Edwards, C. Dumont-Smith, Canada
- 16:45 **MOAX0303: Qualitative study of the challenges to seeking health care among HIV-positive pregnant women in Ho Chi Minh City**
D. Bain Brickley¹, D.L.D. Hanh², L.T. Nguyet², L.T. Giang², A. Sohn²; (1 United States, 2 Vietnam)
- 17:00 **MOAX0304: All because I am positive: Video documentary on HIV-related stigmatization of PLWH in Nigeria**
O. Oladapo, E. Musa, S. Garba, B. Olotu, Nigeria
- 17:15 **MOAX0305: Discussant: Jeffrey O'Malley, India [TBC]**

MOSY07: Sex Workers, HIV, and Human Rights: What Can be Done?

Session type: Symposium

Venue: Session Room 2, Level 800
Interpretation: FR ES

Moderator: Melisa Hope Dittmore, United States

This symposium focuses on efforts to address sex workers' rights in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, and Latin America. It shares how different laws and policies impact sex workers' human rights and vulnerability to HIV. Examples of self-organizing and empowerment of sex workers, micro-financing programs, advocacy by LGBT rights groups, and legal approaches that work in different settings and on local, national, and regional scales will be presented.

- 16:15 **MOSY0701: Researching the social and economic rights of sex workers and setting up systems for change**
A. Saha, India
- 16:25 **MOSY0702: Defending the rights of sex workers to organize**
E. Regiaga, Argentina
- 16:35 **MOSY0703: The Women's Agenda research project**
P. Sokchea, Cambodia
- 16:45 **MOSY0704: Legal rights for sex workers in Eastern Europe**
N. Stojanovik, Macedonia
- 16:55 **MOSY0705: The impact of religious law on the human rights of sex workers**
O. Odumuye, Nigeria

MOBS01: Harm Reduction Works—From Evidence to Action

Session type: Bridging Session

Venue: Session Room 8, Level 100
Interpretation: FR ES RU

Moderator: Daniel Wolfe, United States

There is abundant evidence that harm reduction measures such as needle exchange programs are effective in reducing the spread of HIV among people who inject drugs. Nevertheless, these measures remain controversial in many countries, and failure to make them widely available violates human rights and contributes to rapid spread of HIV among people who inject drugs in many countries. This session will present evidence of the effectiveness of harm reduction programs from around the world, identify lessons learned, and articulate ways for harm reduction programs to be adapted and implemented in different contexts.

- 16:15 **MOBS0101: Introduction, setting the scene, key observations on the United States situation**
D. Wolfe, United States
- 16:25 **MOBS0102: Harm reduction in Eastern Europe and Central Asia**
R. Stuikyte, Lithuania
- 16:37 **MOBS0103: Harm reduction in Canada**
T. Kerr, Canada
- 16:49 **MOBS0104: Harm reduction in Brazil**
S. Batista, Brazil
- 17:01 **MOBS0105: Harm reduction in India and Bangladesh**
A. Wodak, Australia
- 17:13 **Presentations will be followed by moderated discussion with the audience**

*J. Jemmott III¹, L.S. Jemmott¹, G. Fong²
(1 United States, 2 Canada)*

- 17:15 **MOAX0505: Challenges in diagnosis disclosure to HIV positive teenagers**
N. Manescu, B.C. Bobolea, Romania

MOBS02: Leadership in Girls' Education: An Essential Component in HIV Prevention

Session type: **Bridging Session**

Venue: **Session Room 11, Level 100**

Chairs: *Jeanette Kagame, Rwanda [TBC];
Josée Verner, Canada [TBC]*

Education can not only help to reduce HIV vulnerability, but can also empower young people to fight against gender inequality and address the growing feminization of the AIDS epidemic. This session will present new evidence aimed at mobilizing leadership on girls' education and bridging the efforts of leaders in the education, gender, and HIV/AIDS communities.

MOAX05: Youth and HIV: What's Sex Got to Do With It?

Session type: **Abstract Session**

Venue: **Session Room 10, Level 100**

Chairs: *Sophie Dilmitis, Zimbabwe;
Benjamin Houghton, Canada*

This session covers many issues that are critical to a human rights approach to HIV/AIDS, including the rights of youth to complete and science-based HIV-prevention information and to meaningful involvement in the formulation of HIV policies and programs.

- 16:15 **MOAX0501: GYP Egypt: Youth-driven advocacy-based success story**
S. Shawer, Egypt
- 16:30 **MOAX0502: Using human rights standards to assess HIV-prevention programs for children and youth: A case study of Uganda**
J. Cohen, T. Tate, United States
- 16:45 **MOAX0503: How well do Kenyan youth understand ABC messages for HIV prevention?**
*J. Pulerwitz¹, T. Lillie¹, L. Apicella¹, A. McCauley¹, T. Nelson¹, S. Ochieng², P. Mwarogo², E. Kunyanga²
(1 United States, 2 Kenya)*
- 17:00 **MOAX0504: Efficacy of an abstinence-only intervention over 24 months: A randomized controlled trial with young adolescents**

- 16:15 **MOBS0201: The evidence: Status of girls' education and impact on HIV/AIDS**
G. Rao Rupta, United States

- 16:20 **MOBS0202: Leadership: Needed action at the international level**
C. Abani, Nigeria

- 16:25 **MOBS0203: Leadership: Needed action at the regional and country level from a multilateral perspective**
R. Salah, United States

- 16:30 **MOBS0204: Leadership: Needed action at the community level**
A. Simengwa, Malawi

16:15-17:45: Global Village

HIV/AIDS Inheritance and Property Rights

Venue: **Global Village – Community Dialogue Space**

Organizer: **Groots International**

This workshop will bring together grassroots women and leaders from Africa and their partners in the field of human rights and research who are engaged in processes to document and strengthen grassroots practices in securing land and housing tenure.

18:00-20:00: Evening Satellite Meetings

HIV/AIDS, Human Rights, and Universal Access: Overcoming Obstacles

Venue: Session Room 12

Organizer: United Nations Development Program

Promoting and protecting human rights and achieving universal access to prevention, treatment, and care are central to reversing the spread of HIV/AIDS. More than two decades into the global pandemic, we have yet to systematically overcome obstacles to attain these goals. This satellite session will bring together leading human rights advocates and practitioners from across the world.

Addressing criminalization of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the Caribbean

Sir G. Alleyne

Seeking universal access in Eastern Europe and Central Asia—human rights, harm reduction, and HIV/AIDS

K. Malinowska-Sempruch

Dispelling stigma and promoting women's rights in the Arab region

E. El Kharrat

Trafficking and AIDS: Protecting and rights of women and children in Asia

A. Koirala [TBC]

Promoting and protecting rights of people living with HIV/AIDS in Africa

E. Cameron [TBC]

HIV/AIDS in Prisons: A Comprehensive Response

Venue: Skills Building Room 4

Organizers: Public Health Agency of Canada;
United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

18:30-20:00: Global Village

Violations of Women's Human Rights and HIV

Venue: Global Village – Main Stage

Organizer: International Women's Health Coalition (USA)

Women and girls are disproportionately affected by the HIV/AIDS pandemic. This session will involve a hearing that exposes the violations of women's human rights that have led to this inequity. The hearing will involve strong and compelling HIV-positive women activists from different regions and circumstances, each paired with a recognized policy analyst or activist to increase visibility, education, and awareness of the issues that put all women at risk.

Tuesday, August 15th

Conference Day 2

7:00-8:30: Morning Satellite Meetings

The Intimate Link: Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights and HIV

Venue: Skills Building Room 9

Organizer: Eileen Kelly

This workshop will explain how guaranteeing the sexual and reproductive health rights of vulnerable populations is essential to protecting them from HIV and ensuring they have access to a full range of HIV services.

8:45-10:15: Plenaries

Venue: Session Room 1, Level 800
Interpretation: FR ES

During the Tuesday plenary session, Dr. Alex Wodak will present the case for harm reduction, the most effective approach to HIV-prevention among injecting drug users,

and a human rights imperative for all people who inject drugs and their families and communities.

9:45 **Harm Reduction**
Alex Wodak, Australia

10:45-12:15: Concurrent Sessions

TUCCo1: Law: Helping or Hindering the Response to AIDS?

Session type: **Controversy and Common Ground**

Venue: **Session Room 2, Level 800**
Interpretation: **FR ES**

Moderators: *Ad Melkert, Netherlands [TBC];
Michael Kirby, Australia [TBC]*

HIV has been a health condition subject to heavy legislating and heavy litigation. In some places, law has been punitive and has supported a coercive approach to HIV. In others, laws protect against discrimination and empower people in the context of the epidemic, including rights of women, people living with HIV, men who have sex with men, and marginalized groups. This session looks at efforts supporting positive law reform through draft model legislation, civil society advocacy, and litigation.

- 10:45 **TUCCo1o1: Model legislation and litigation that works**
R. Elliott, Canada
- 10:52 **TUCCo1o2: HIV, women's inheritance, and property rights: Customary law and community action**
E. Mwaura, Kenya
- 10:59 **TUCCo1o3: The role of Parliament in the HIV response**
N. Ruiz, Philippines
- 11:06 **TUCCo1o4: The role of persons living with HIV/AIDS**
K. Pondo, South Africa

TUAXo1: Sex, Drugs, and ARVs behind Prison Bars

Session type: **Abstract Session**

Venue: **Session Room 4, Level 800**
Interpretation: **FR ES**

Chairs: *Kasia Malinowska-Sempruch, Poland
Annie De Groot, United States*

Worldwide, prison systems are failing to protect the rights of prisoners to HIV prevention, care, treatment, and support. This increases the vulnerability of the whole population to HIV. This session will address this issue in five countries, including a presentation on the use of human rights conventions to advance prisoners' rights in the context of HIV.

- 10:45 **TUAXo1o1: Inside voices speak out-prisoners share stories of living with HIV and HCV**
C. McCollum, T. Howard, Canada
- 11:00 **TUAXo1o2: Challenges and opportunities for scaling up HIV/AIDS care in prisons: A case study from Zambia**
O. Simooya, N. Sanjobo, Zambia
- 11:15 **TUAXo1o3: From evidence to commitment to action: Implementing HIV prevention measures in prisons in Ukraine**
R. Jürgens¹, N. Kozhan², V. Klisha², S. Ivantchenko², V. Serdiuk², M. MacDonald³ (1 Canada, 2 Ukraine, 3 United Kingdom)
- 11:30 **TUAXo1o4: Injecting reason: Prison syringe exchange and the European convention on human rights**
R. Lines, Ireland
- 11:45 **TUAXo1o5: Indonesia introduces the first prison methadone maintenance treatment (PMMT) in Asia**
I. Atmosukarto, I. Winarso, A.A.G. Hartawan, P.A. Primatanti, Indonesia

TUADo1: Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights of People Living with HIV

Session type: **Abstract Session**

Venue: **Session Room 6, Level 800**

Chairs: *Anuar Luna, Mexico;
Beri Hull, United States*

Stigma and discrimination towards people living with HIV or AIDS by service providers often impedes the fulfillment

of their sexual and reproductive health needs and rights. This session will address various aspects of the sexual and reproductive health concerns of people living with HIV or AIDS in five countries.

- 10:45 **TUADo101: Assessing the fertility intentions and behaviors of HIV positive men utilizing an urban clinic in Brooklyn, New York**
A. Weinberg, *United States*
- 11:00 **TUADo102: Sexual risk behavior in regular partner relationships is still a concern among PLHA receiving HAART: Experiences from Mombasa, Kenya**
A. Sarna¹, S. Luchters², S. Geibel³, S. Kaai², P. Munyao², K. Shikely², K. Mandaliya², J. van Dam³, M. Temmerman²
(1 *India*, 2 *Kenya*, 3 *United States*)
- 11:15 **TUADo103: Sexual dysfunction in HIV-infected patients in France—results of a large representative sample of outpatients attending French hospitals**
A.-D. Bouhnik, M. Préau, M.-A. Schiltz, Y. Obadia, B. Spire, *VESPA study group, France*
- 11:30 **TUADo104: Perceptions of HIV positive Swazi women on childbearing**
N.A. Sukati, P. Shabangu, *Swaziland*
- 11:45 **TUADo105: Reproductive desires of men and women living with HIV in Brazil: A challenge for health care**
V. Paiva, N. Santos, I. França Jr, V.-F. Elvira, J.R. Ayres, A. Segurado, *Brazil*

TUADo2: Achieving Access to Prevention, Care, and Treatment

Session type: Abstract Session
Venue: Session Room 11, Level 100
Chairs: Antonieta Medina Lara, *United Kingdom*;
Hector Perez, *Argentina*

This session will address some of the issues related to the right to universal access to prevention, care, and treatment, such as barriers to access to HIV drugs, and strategies to overcome them.

- 10:45 **TUADo201: Cost-effectiveness of initiating and monitoring HAART based on WHO versus U.S. DHHS guidelines in the developing world**
A. Vijayaraghavan¹, M. Efrusy¹, P. Mazonson¹,

O. Ebrahim², I. Sanne², C. Santas¹, G. Sanders¹
(1 *United States*, 2 *South Africa*)

- 11:00 **TUADo202: Pharmaceutical patents and access to HIV/AIDS treatments: The Brazilian experience**
C.M. Meiners¹, J. Chauveau², S. Luchini², J.-P. Moatti², *ANRS/ETAPSUD*(1 *Brazil*, 2 *France*)
- 11:15 **TUADo203: The impact of antiretroviral therapy on employment outcomes of HIV-infected individuals and their families: Evidence from rural western Kenya**
H. Thirumurthy, J. Graff Zivin, M.P. Goldstein, *United States*
- 11:30 **TUADo204: Negotiating antiretroviral drug prices to increase access: Challenges and opportunities**
E.C. Seoane Vazquez, R. Rodriguez-Monguio, *United States*
- 11:45 **TUADo205: Funding HIV prevention in developing countries: Equity vs. efficiency**
A. Lasry, G. Zaric, M. Carter, *Canada*

10:45-12:15: Global Village

How Public Repressive Policies on Drugs and AIDS in Latin America Increase HIV Risk

Venue: Global Village – Session Hall 2

Organizer: REFORMA Latin American Drug Policy Network (Argentina)

This session will explore best practices for harm reduction and treatment for people who use drugs, and issues around drug policy and criminalization of drugs. Special attention will be given to alternatives to current policies in Latin America.

14:15-15:45: Concurrent Sessions

TUAEo1: Prickly Issues: Drug Use Policies and Practices

Session type: Abstract Session
Venue: Session Room 3, Level 800
Interpretation: FR ES

Chairs: *Karyn Kaplan, Thailand;*
Libby Davies, Canada

Human rights violations against people who use drugs are a major contributor to the world's fastest growing HIV epidemics in Eastern Europe and Central Asia. This session addresses key legal, policy, and human rights issues related to injecting drug use.

14:15 TUAEO101: Nothing about us without us: Greater, meaningful involvement of people who use drugs in the response to HIV/AIDS

R. Jürgens, R. Elliott, J. Csete, D. Palmer, A. Livingston, G. Liang, T. Kerr, Canada

14:30 TUAEO102: HIV prevention for IDUs in China and Vietnam: The problem of inconsistent policies

T. Hammett, D. Des Jarlais, United States

14:45 TUAEO103: Addressing HIV/AIDS among IDUs: Lessons learned from Thailand

L. Khondkar, Bangladesh

15:00 TUAEO104: Integrating harm reduction and legal aid services for marginalized groups

A. Tolopilo, Ukraine

15:15 TUAEO105: Barriers to access to needle and syringe programs in Canada: Legal, policy, and human rights issues

A. Klein, J. Csete, R. Pearshouse, R. Elliott, Canada

TUSY07: Women, Taking Charge of the Response

Session type: Symposium

Venue: **Session Room 8, Level 100**
Interpretation: FR ES

Moderator: *Musimbi Kanyoro, Switzerland*

Five people who are leading efforts to make the AIDS response work better for women and girls will share their experiences and lead discussions about ways to engage new leaders and foster leadership skills. The session will focus on four key areas: fostering leadership among young people, mobilizing leadership at the community level, engaging existing leaders, and promoting women's leadership (particularly positive women's leadership) in decision-making.

14:15 Panel discussion

Ludfine Anyango, ActionAid Kenya;

Nastassia Ladzik, YWCA, Belarus;

Mary Robinson, former United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and current Executive Director of Realizing Rights: The Ethical Globalization Institute, United States;

Stephen Lewis, UN Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in Africa.

Yolanda Simon, Trinidad and Tobago.

14:15-15:45: Global Village

Sex Work, HIV, and Politics

Venue: **Global Village – Session Hall 1**

Organizers: International Council of AIDS Service Organizations; Stella (Canada); Network of Sex Workers Projects; Center for Health and Gender Equity (USA); Global AIDS Policy Watch; Internews

How do politics, ideological constraints, and donor and government restrictions on HIV prevention and treatment efforts impact the health and safety of sex workers? This session will feature stories and experiences of how these constraints have affected sex-worker programs.

16:15-17:45: Concurrent Sessions

TUSY09: The Price of Inaction—Emerging Epidemics in China, Eastern Europe, and India

Session type: Symposium

Venue: **Session Room 1, Level 800**
Interpretation: FR ES RU

Moderator: *Sheela Basrur, Canada*

Chair: *Liviana Calzavara, Canada*

Government inaction and widespread human rights abuses fuel emerging HIV epidemics in many countries, including China, numerous countries of Eastern Europe, and India. This session will raise global awareness of HIV epidemics in China, Eastern Europe, and India, and share ideas on how to mount an effective government and civil society response. The presentations will be followed by a

moderated discussion with the audience on how to more effectively respond to the epidemics.

- 16:15 **TUSY0901: The HIV/AIDS epidemic in China: Trends, lessons, and key challenges and opportunities for scaling up response**
Z. Wu, China
- 16:30 **TUSY0902: The HIV/AIDS epidemic in Russia: Trends, lessons, and key challenges and opportunities for scaling up response**
V. Pokrovsky, Russia
- 16:45 **TUSY0903: The HIV/AIDS epidemic in India: Trends, lessons, and key challenges and opportunities for scaling up response**
R. Kumar, India

TUCCo2: Prevention Controversy

Session type: Controversy and Common Ground

Venue: **Session Room 2, Level 800**
Interpretation: FR ES

Moderator: *Samuel R. Friedman, United States*

Despite decades of scientific evaluation of prevention interventions, international controversies exist around work with people who inject drugs, HIV testing strategies, and sexual health. These controversies affect resource allocation and limit local or national programming, and ultimately affect the human rights of millions of people living with or vulnerable to HIV. This session examines three prevention issues: harm reduction, sex work and sexual health, and the expansion of voluntary counseling and testing.

- 16:15 **TUCCo201: Negative consequences and risks of socially-decontextualized prevention and care strategies**
S. Kippax, M. Burke, Australia
- 16:30 **TUCCo202: International drug policy debates and HIV prevention in Russia**
V. Mendelevich, Russia
- 16:45 **TUCCo203: Sexual health, HIV prevention, and impact of US policies**
F. Girard, United States

TULPo4: The Role of Effective Leadership in Advancing Harm Reduction

Session type: Learning from Practice

Venue: **Session Room 4, Level 800**
Interpretation: FR ES

Moderator: *Andrew Ball, Switzerland*

Many studies have demonstrated the effectiveness of needle exchange and substitution treatment in reducing HIV risk, but none of the many countries in Asia and the former Soviet Union facing HIV epidemics driven by injecting drug use have taken HIV prevention for people who inject drugs to scale. This session examines the important role political and community leaders play in advancing a harm reduction approach and in the implementation of harm reduction measures.

- 16:15 **TULPo401: Global Fund: Greatest hope or lost opportunity?**
D. Wolfe, United States
- 16:27 **TULPo402: Muslim harm reduction? The Iranian case**
B. Nissaramanesh, Iran
- 16:39 **TULPo403: UN and harm reduction: Country perspective from Thailand**
K. Kaplan, Thailand [TBC]
- 16:51 **TULPo404: Leading advocacy and implementation for harm reduction**
G. Maxwell, Canada
- 17:03 **TULPo405: Latin America: Harm reduction, cocaine, and the national response**
S. Batista, Brazil

TULPo6: Criminalization and HIV: Stories of Communities Fighting Back in a Human Rights Framework

Session type: Learning from Practice

Venue: **Session Room 9, Level 100**

Moderator: *Joanne Csete, Canada*

For some persons most vulnerable to HIV/AIDS, stigma, marginalization, and discrimination are compounded by criminalization under the law. People who use drugs are demonized and their addiction treated as a criminal matter rather than a health concern. Outdated laws in many countries criminalize sex workers, even where sex work itself is technically legal. Repressive laws facilitate the persecution of gay and bisexual men, lesbians, and transgender persons in many countries. In all of these cases, human

rights abuse and the lack of legal protections are severe barriers to seeking and utilizing HIV/AIDS services and contribute directly to HIV risk. This session presents the experiences of three community-based organizations that have found ways to assert the human rights of their members and draws lessons from these experiences for community-based action and policy advocacy.

- 16:15 TULPo601: Drug users' fight for rights [TBC]
- 16:30 TULPo602: HIV and LGBTQ rights
G. Azzi, Lebanon
- 16:45 TULPo603: Sex work, legalization, and HIV
C. Healy, New Zealand

TUAEo2: Asserting Children's Rights in the Era of HIV

Session type: Abstract Session
Venue: Session Room 11, Level 100
Chairs: *Stephen Lewis, Canada; Olawale Rotimi, Nigeria*

Respecting, protecting, and fulfilling the human rights of children is central to efforts to achieve universal access to prevention, treatment, and care. This session focuses on children's rights to participation, education, and health.

- 16:15 TUAEo201: Video, memory, and participation: What we can learn from AIDS OVCs?
E. Gottesman, United States
- 16:30 TUAEo202: Human rights implications of AIDS-affected children's unequal access to education
J. Cohen, H. Epstein, J. Amon, United States
- 16:45 TUAEo203: Developing advocacy leaders among children orphaned by HIV and AIDS
J. Sundersingh, M.J. Paul, India
- 17:00 TUAEo204: The challenges faced by care takers in implementing the right to health for children receiving antiretroviral therapy: A case of the joint clinical research center, Uganda
G. Barungi, N. Kakande, Uganda
- 17:15 TUAEo205: Training health practitioners in human rights, ethics, and law in the context of pediatric HIV/AIDS care in Botswana
P. Navario, South Africa; K. Kenyon, Malaysia; E. Maxwell, United States

TUAEo3: Ethical Issues in Clinical Trials: Tenofovir and Beyond

Session type: Abstract Session
Venue: Session Room 12, Level 100
Chairs: *Marvelous Muchenje, Zimbabwe; Jerome Singh, South Africa*

Undertaking prevention research in developing countries or with vulnerable populations raises many ethical and human rights issues. This session discusses these issues and seeks to suggest a way forward based on the lessons learned from recent clinical trials.

- 16:15 TUAEo301: Making the ethical feasible: Assuring future access to care for those who sero-convert in microbicide trials
A. Forbes, United States
- 16:30 TUAEo302: Revisiting the ethics of HIV prevention research in developing countries
C. Weijer, G. LeBlanc, Canada
- 16:45 TUAEo303: Overcoming the challenges of prevention research: Lessons learned from the tenofovir pre-exposure prophylaxis trials
Y. Halima, United Kingdom
- 17:00 TUAEo304: Beyond the checklist: Assessing understanding of participation in HIV vaccine trials in South Africa
G. Lindegger, X. Xaba, C. Milford, C. Slack, M. Quayle, E. Vardas, South Africa
- 17:15 TUAEo305: Influencing legislative processes and policy development in order to improve research ethics
H. Fischer, P. Fabrice, France

18:00-20:00: Evening Satellite Meetings

Women, Girls, and HIV/AIDS: Gender and Human Rights Issues

Venue: Skills Building Room 8

Organizers: ATHENA; International Community of Women Living with HIV/AIDS; Blueprint

LGBT—Prevention Efforts in the Developing World: A Focus on Africa and Latin America

Venue: Skills Building Room 11

Organizer: International Lesbian and Gay Law Association

Will it deliver? WTO Rules and Canada's Law on Compulsory Licensing: The Continuing Challenge of Scaling up Treatment Access

Venue: Session Room 9

Organizers: Médecins Sans Frontières; Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network

More than two years ago, Canada passed detailed legislation implementing the 2003 World Trade Organization (WTO) decision on using compulsory licensing to produce less expensive generic medicines for export to eligible developing countries. The WTO decision was supposed to enable a rapid response to a crisis of access to medicines for developing countries. Yet despite efforts, no medicines have left Canada, and no country has yet made use of the 2003 WTO decision, which nonetheless has since been adapted as a permanent amendment to WTO rules. At this session, representatives from the Canadian government, developing countries, the generic pharmaceutical industry, an international private foundation, and NGOs will present their perspectives on their experience with the Canadian law and the 2003 WTO decision, and consider whether such mechanisms will or can truly improve access to antiretrovirals and other medicines urgently needed in developing countries.

Open discussion will follow the presentations.

18:30-20:00: Global Village

Research with Marginalized Populations: Authentic Community Involvement and Engagement

Venue: Global Village – Session Hall 2

Organizers: AIDS Vaccine Advocacy Coalition (USA); Stella (Canada); Maggie's (Canada); International Network of Sex Work Projects

This session explores how best to meaningfully involve members from marginalized populations in HIV research.

18:45-19:45: Global Village

Practical Implications of the Rights-based Approach to HIV/AIDS

Venue: Global Village – Community Dialogue Space

Organizer: Paralegal Advice Center (South Africa)

This session demonstrates how organizations working on HIV/AIDS and human rights issues can best provide access to legal services for people living with HIV or AIDS.

Wednesday, August 16th

Conference Day 3

7:00-8:30: Morning Satellite Meetings

Revising the ABC to Meet the Demands of Today's Epidemic: "Two Steps Forward, One Step Back"

Venue: Skills Building Room 7

Organizer: International Planned Parenthood Federation

10:45-12:15: Concurrent Sessions

WEBS01: Access to Treatment: People before Trade

Session type: Bridging Session

Venue: Session Room 1, Level 800
Interpretation: FR ES

Chair: Siphso Mthathi, South Africa

Moderator: Michel Lotrowska, Brazil

Lessening the inequity that exists in access to medicines between First and Third Worlds has been a major focus of

human rights and HIV/AIDS activists since the late 1990s. This session reviews the strategies used by governments and civil society in Brazil, South Africa, India, and Thailand and their successes and failures in providing access to medicines, pointing to key issues in the realm of intellectual property rights debate.

10:45 **Panel discussion**

- A. Nilo, Brazil*
- A. Grover, India*
- S. Sashikant, Malaysia*
- J. Berger, South Africa*

WECCo1: Stigma and Discrimination: The Undoing of Universal Access?

Session type: **Controversy and Common Ground**

Venue: **Session Room 2, Level 800**
Interpretation: FR ES

Moderator: *Mary Robinson, United States*

This session highlights the urgent and essential need to address and fund initiatives to overcome stigma and discrimination if universal access to prevention, care, and treatment is to be achieved. It focuses on stigma and discrimination as barriers to universal access, recent research results, tools to measure stigma and discrimination, programmatic responses to overcome them, and the role of people living with HIV.

- 10:45 **WECCo101: Overview of research into stigma and discrimination**
L. Nyblade, United States
- 10:55 **WECCo102: Field testing of stigma and discrimination tools**
C. Katende, United States
- 11:05 **WECCo103: Addressing stigma and discrimination in Mexico**
A. Luna, Mexico
- 11:15 **WECCo104: How stigma and discrimination can affect uptake of ART: A service provider perspective**
G. Gray, South Africa
- 11:25 **WECCo105: Stigma and discrimination as barriers to universal access**
M. Dhaliwal, India

WESYo2: Claiming Rights for Women in HIV/AIDS

Session type: **Symposium**

Venue: **Session Room 4, Level 800**
Interpretation: FR ES

Moderator: *Tyler Crone, United States*

A human rights advocacy strategy that links HIV/AIDS and women's rights can raise awareness about the gender-specific ways in which HIV/AIDS affects women, and about how various forms of discrimination can compound each other. This symposium focuses on the violations of rights that occur at this intersection and the human rights and legal accountability strategies that can be used to protect and advance the rights of women.

- 10:45 **WESYo201: Litigating reproductive rights: The case of forced sterilization of HIV-positive women in Chile**
S. Araya, Chile
- 10:52 **WESYo202: Making the local global: Documenting sexual and reproductive rights in South Africa**
P. Mthembu, South Africa
- 10:59 **WESYo203: Law reform and land rights for women in Tanzania**
E. Minde, Tanzania
- 11:06 **WESYo204: Advancing the rights of women drug users through advocacy in Canada**
J. Csete, Canada
- 11:13 **WESYo205: Mobilizing sex workers and claiming rights in India**
M. Seshu, India
- 11:20 **WESYo206: Advancing rights through accountability: The role of legal advocacy**
L. Cabal, United States

14:15-15:45: Concurrent Sessions

WESYo4: Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights and HIV/AIDS: Surmounting the Challenges

Session type: **Symposium**

Venue: Session Room 2, Level 800
Interpretation: FR ES

Moderator: Nono Simelela, South Africa

This session addresses various aspects of sexual and reproductive health rights in the context of HIV/AIDS, including the rights to dignity and non-discrimination, information and services/commodities, freedom from coercion, and sexual and reproductive choices.

- 14:15 WESYo401: Policy perspective
A. Langer, United States
- 14:30 WESYo402: Perspective of a woman living with HIV and the SRHR issues she faces
B. Were, Uganda
- 14:45 WESYo403: Different views and practices and donors regarding SRHR
P. Bekkers, Netherlands
- 15:00 WESYo404: Male perspective within vulnerable populations
K. Moody, Netherlands

WEBS02: Human Resources and HIV/AIDS: Advancing Health Workforce Capacity in Delivering Care, Treatment, and Support

Session type: Bridging Session

Venue: Session Room 3, Level 800
Interpretation: FR ES

Moderators: Leonard Rubenstein, United States;
Ad Melkert, Netherlands

It is widely acknowledged that weak health systems (scarce human resources for health) are a major barrier to scaling up the response to HIV/AIDS, but the need for additional health workers is being undermined by the epidemic itself. On one hand, scaling up the response is a pre-requisite to human resource development; and on the other, the required health system is not only inadequate, but weakened by the epidemic it must contain. This session presents successful experiences retaining the national health work force within the country and in the public health system and suggests that a global strategy to protect and strengthen the health workforce in the context of HIV/AIDS may be necessary. Human rights and moral imperatives will be addressed.

- 14:15 WEBS0201: The challenges AIDS response scale up is imposing on human resources for health
B. Sanon, Burkina Faso
- 14:22 WEBS0202: “Treat, Train, Retain”: The AIDS and health workforce strategy—a partnership to address the HRH crisis towards universal access
T. Guerma, Switzerland
- 14:29 WEBS0203: The Malawian Government’s emergency human resources programme
E. Schouten, Malawi
- 14:36 WEBS0204: Human resources and public sector scale up—the way forward
L. Franssen, Belgium
- 14:43 WEBS0205: Health care for the people
M. Heywood, South Africa

WEAE01: Routine and Rapid HIV Testing?!

Session type: Abstract Session

Venue: Session Room 8, Level 100
Interpretation: FR ES RU

Chairs: Sisonke Msimang, South Africa;
Rachel Ong, Singapore

As HIV testing is being scaled up, raising many human rights and ethical issues, there is a great need for research that would provide some of the answers to the central question of how access to HIV testing can best be scaled up in a manner that minimizes harm and maximizes benefits. This session first discusses the human rights issues and then presents research from Africa and Brazil.

- 14:15 WEAE0101: Routine testing: Are we ready to throw human rights out of HIV testing policy?
J. Csete, R. Elliott, Canada
- 14:30 WEAE0102: FCS in facilitation of VCCT guidelines for churches in Nigeria
S.A.U. Musa, E. Akpo O., A. Zakka, S. Udeoba E., P. Mershak B. D., Nigeria
- 14:45 WEAE0103: The national scale-up of voluntary counseling and testing (VCT) in Kenya has potential for abuse in the counseling room
C. Hamilton¹, D. Okoko², R. Tolhurst³, N. Kilonzo², S. Theobald⁴, M. Taegtmeier³ (1 Tanzania, 2 Kenya, 3 United Kingdom, 4 Malawi)

15:00 **WEAE0104: Impact of routine HIV counseling and testing with an opt-out strategy compared to voluntary counseling and testing in the implementation of PMTCT services in Lilongwe, Malawi**
C. Zimba¹, Kamanga¹, Chilongozi¹, F. Martinson¹, Kayambo¹, Meme¹, Hoffman², van der Horst²
(1 Malawi, 2 United States)

15:15 **WEAE0105: Counseling in the use of anti-HIV rapid test: The experience of the Brazilian AIDS Program**
D. Serafim, D. Ferraz, P. Chequer, Brazil

14:15-15:45: Global Village

Laws and Policies that Increase the Vulnerability of Men Who Have Sex with Men

Venue: Global Village – Session Hall 1

Organizer: International Council of AIDS Service Organizations (Canada)

This session highlights the impact of restrictive national laws and policies on HIV interventions for men who have sex with men and discusses the human rights violations they face. Men who have sex with men from a number of countries highlight the impact restrictive laws and policies have on their vulnerability to HIV and to their access to HIV-related services.

Building a Shared Agenda to Address Women and HIV/AIDS: From Bangkok to Toronto and Beyond

Venue: Global Village – Community Dialogue Space

Organizers: International Women’s AIDS Caucus (Argentina); International Community of Women Living with HIV/AIDS

This session builds on the Women's Leadership Forum in Bangkok by assessing progress, challenges, and ways to move forward.

The Life Trade Organization. Health Is a Fundamental Human Right. It Must Not be Traded

Venue: Global Village – Youth Pavillon

Organizer: Citron Wood (Kenya)

During this interactive workshop, participants will learn how the international trading system and international human rights framework operate and how to advocate within this system.

14:15-17:45: Skills Building Workshops

WESB19: Young People Living with HIV: Sexual, and Reproductive Rights—A Dilemma for Health Professionals

Venue: Skills Building Room 5

Facilitator: Luiza Cromack, Brazil

WESB21: HIV, Sexual, and Reproductive Rights: Understanding and Claiming Rights

Venue: Skills Building Room 10

Facilitator: Maria de Bruyn, United States

14:15 **Workshop**
T. Crone, United States
N. Eland, South Africa
E. Pereira, India

16:15-17:45: Concurrent Sessions

WEAE02: Young People Control the Future of the Response!

Session type: Abstract Session

Venue: Session Room 5, Level 800

Chairs: *Kanjoo Mbaindikua, Namibia;*
Emmanuel Etim, Nigeria

This session focuses on the right of youth to meaningful involvement in the formulation of HIV policies and programs.

- 16:15 **WEAEo201: Joint responsibility—joint action: China youth network, a youth-adults partnership in the fight against HIV/AIDS**
C. Hang, China
- 16:30 **WEAEo202: Adolescent peer education: The need for family life and sexual and reproductive health related education in developing life skill in Bangladesh**
K. Hasan, Bangladesh
- 16:45 **WEAEo203: Strengthening youth participation in national reproductive health (RH)/HIV/AIDS responses**
H. Mahler, M. Vasileva-Blazev, United States
- 17:00 **WEAEo204: Elected youth leaders from the poor region of Mindanao, the Philippines claim their right to sexual and reproductive health education and services**
M.V. Datoy, D.L. Amomonpon, Philippines
- 17:15 **WEAEo205: Discussant: S. Ocen, Uganda [TBC]**

WEBSo3: The Forgotten Epidemic: HIV/AIDS in Prisons

- Session type: **Bridging Session**
- Venue: **Session Room 8, Level 100**
Interpretation: **FR ES RU**
- Chairs: *Maureen Brosnahan, Canada;*
Deborah Small, United States

This session examines all aspects of the HIV/AIDS epidemic behind prison bars: epidemiology, prevention, care and treatment, politics, and human rights.

- 16:15 **WEBSo301: HIV/AIDS in prisons worldwide—from evidence to action**
A. Ball, Switzerland
- 16:30 **WEBSo302: HIV/AIDS in prisons: The point of view of a former prisoner**
J. Motherall, Canada
- 16:40 **WEBSo303: Lessons from Africa: The challenge of HIV/AIDS to prisons**
A. Hassim, South Africa
- 16:50 **WEBSo304: Interventions that work: The Moldova example of harm reduction in prisons**
D. Laticevschi, Moldova
- 17:00 **WEBSo305: Incarcerated with HIV: An Asian perspective**
S. Mansuri, India

- 17:10 **Moderated discussion with the audience on issues related to HIV/AIDS in prisons.**

WEAXo3: Women: Doing Better than Men?

- Session type: **Abstract Session**
- Venue: **Session Room 11, Level 100**
- Chairs: *Sophia Monico-Mukasa, Nigeria;*
Connie Osborne, China

This session includes a presentation on issues related to disclosure of HIV status for women.

- 16:30 **WEAXo302: Disclosure of HIV status among South African women: Factors that impede disclosure and subsequent repercussions**
B. Forsyth¹, M. Visser², J.D. Makin², A. De Villiers², B. Jeffery² (1 United States, 2 South Africa)

18:00-20:00: Evening Satellite Meetings

HIV/AIDS, the Law, and Human Rights in South Africa

- Venue: **Skills Building Room 9**
- Organizer: **AIDS and Human Rights Research Unit, University of Pretoria (South Africa)**

Realizing the Reproductive Health Rights and Needs of People Living with HIV

- Venue: **Skills Building Room 4**
- Organizer: **Family Health International**

Making Universal Access a Reality

- Venue: **Session Room 3**
- Organizer: **Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS**

This session discusses progress and steps toward achieving universal access to prevention, treatment, and care by 2010.

20:30-22:30: Special Event

HIV/AIDS and the Law: Canada and Beyond

An evening reception to coincide with the XVI International AIDS Conference

Venue: Lamont Learning Center, Law Society of Upper Canada, 130 Queen St. West, Toronto

Organizers: Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network; Law and Health Initiative of the Open Society Institute's Public Health Program

This reception will bring together lawyers and human rights activists working on HIV/AIDS internationally with their counterparts in Canada. Keynote addresses will be given by William F. Flanagan, Dean of Law at Queens University (Canada), and Mark Heywood, Head, AIDS Law Project (South Africa). All are welcome and refreshments will be served.

RSVP by Monday, August 14 to osi.rsvp@gmail.com. Directions to the Law Society will be provided to those who RSVP.

18:30-20:00: Global Village

Another Access to Medicines Crisis Facing Patients: Tackling Increased Patenting and Higher Prices

Venue: Global Village – Session Hall 2

Organizer: Médecins Sans Frontières (Canada)

The need for access to newer antiretroviral drugs adapted for use in resource-poor countries is growing rapidly. This session will discuss difficulties of accessing newer ARVs in Thailand; describe joint advocacy efforts to reduce the impact of increased patent protection in India; and outline attempts to use patent flexibilities in Canada.

9:05

Poverty and development
Aleksandra Volgina, Russia

9:25

The AIDS pandemic: Transforming religion, politics, and civil society
Dr Musimbi Kanyoro

9:45

Youth and the future
Kerrel McKay

10:45-12:15: Concurrent Sessions

THAEo2: Time to Deliver: Influencing Policy and Law

Session type: Abstract Session

Venue: Session Room 11, Level 100

Chairs: *Michaela Clayton, Namibia;*
Susan Timberlake, Switzerland

Policies and laws can help or hinder the response to HIV/AIDS. This session looks at efforts supporting positive reform, including the advocacy effort that resulted in changes to Canada's temporary resident visa application and ultimately made it possible to hold the XVI International AIDS Conference in Toronto.

10:45

THAEo201: The Liberian signatory campaign
A. Attah, D. Wallace, J. Cooper, M. Sheriff, Liberia

11:00

THAEo202: A policy analysis for interventions to bridge the gap between traditional healers and the public sector for HIV/AIDS control in Uganda and Zambia

Thursday, August 17th

Conference Day 4

8:45-10:15: Plenaries

Venue: Session Room 1, Level 800
Interpretation: FR ES

8:45

The price of political denial
Mark Heywood, South Africa

R. Brugh¹, M. Oliff², R. Vongo³, D. Balaba Byansi⁴, P. Ndubani⁵, F. Ssenkooba⁶, B.B. Kaboru⁷, R. King⁸, B.G. Team⁹, *Bridging Gaps* (1 Ireland, 2 United Kingdom, 3 Zambia, 4 Uganda, 5 Sweden)

- 11:15 **THAEo203: From science to policy to law in Chinese response to AIDS: Moving from pilot to scale-up**
Z. Wu¹, S. Sullivan², Y. Wang³, M.J. Rotheram⁴, R. Detels⁵ (1 China, 2 United States)
- 11:30 **THAEo204: It's not that it's a bottom, it's what the bottom has been doing that will cause the problem: Policy conflicts in HIV prevention campaign approvals**
M. Kennedy, C. Batrouney, Australia
- 11:45 **THAEo205: Removing requirement for self-disclosure of HIV status from Canada's temporary resident visa application**
L. Stoltz, J. Anderson, G. Flintoft, R. Elliott, L. Samson, L. Binder, M. Battista, R. Shahin, Canada

10:45-12:15: Global Village

Just Say No? A Question Circle about Abstinence-based Models of Prevention Education

Venue: Global Village – Session Hall 2

Organizer: African Network of Religious Leaders Living with or Affected by HIV/AIDS (South Africa)

This session discusses the following questions: Are the moral approaches in the “Abstinence, Be Faithful, and Condomize” (ABC) message useful in the fight against HIV/AIDS? What if this message does not fit the realities of peoples’ lives?

11:00-12:30: Skills Building Workshops

Women, HIV/AIDS, and Human Rights

Venue: Skills Building Room 7

Organizers: International Program on Reproductive and Sexual Health Law, University of Toronto; Human Rights Watch, Women’s Rights Division; and other partner organizations

12:30-14:00: Global Village

Opening Borders: Challenging Travel Entry Barriers for People living with HIV/AIDS

Venue: Global Village – Session Hall 1

How can travel restrictions against people living with HIV/AIDS be overcome? How can fair, non-discriminatory travel entry policies be created? Participants will share their experiences and develop strategies for change.

14:15-15:45: Concurrent Sessions

THLPo2: Migrants, Mobile Populations, and Refugees: Key Challenges

Session type: Learning from Practice

Venue: Session Room 2, Level 800
Interpretation: FR ES

Chairs: Laurie Garrett, United States;
Noe Sebisaba, Burundi

The session will address population mobility as a factor driving the HIV epidemic, and stress the public health importance of including people who move between countries and between regions in programming for HIV prevention and care. Comparing across population groups and across geographical regions, speakers will explore the challenges of avoiding stigmatization while at the same time making sure that people who are mobile, and who may not be citizens of the country in which they are living, are nevertheless covered by appropriate and targeted HIV programming, including access to ARVs. The importance of rights-based approaches will be stressed.

14:15 **THLPo201: HIV and conflict-affected populations: Challenges and gaps**
G. Petros, Ethiopia

14:30 **THLPo202: HIV and mobile populations: Challenges and gaps**
L. Hsu, Macedonia

14:45 **THLPo203: Why is this important? Similarities and differences between conflict-affected and mobile populations**
D. Mosca, Kenya

15:00 **THLPo204: The need for true universal antiretroviral therapy access**
P. Farmer, United States

THAEo3: Law, Human Rights, and HIV: Broadening the Agenda

Session type: Abstract Session

Venue: Session Room 3, Level 8oo
Interpretation: FR ES

Chairs: Jacob Gayle, United States;
Beverly McLachlin, Canada [TBC]

Worldwide, human rights abuses are fuelling the HIV/AIDS epidemic and creating barriers to care and treatment of people living with HIV or AIDS. This session presents examples from four continents, and makes recommendations for action to protect and promote human rights of people living with or affected by HIV or AIDS.

- 14:15 THAEo301: Public service for human rights of PLWHA
N. Panchenko, Russia
- 14:30 THAEo302: Rhetoric and risk: Human rights abuses impeding Ukraine's fight against HIV/AIDS
R. Schleifer¹, P. Skala², K. Lezhentsev³, J. Amon¹
(1 United States, 2 Ukraine, 3 Hungary)
- 14:45 THAEo303: Exaggerated contagiousness: Delineating the boundaries in the everyday lives of Chinese people with HIV/AIDS
Y.R. Zhou, Canada
- 15:00 THAEo304: Accessing morphine for HIV/AIDS pain management in Zambia
S. Nkhoma, M. Reynolds, N. Khan, P. Bhatt, United States
- 15:15 THAEo305: HIV/AIDS and human rights in the Caribbean: The case of the Dominican Republic and Guyana
J. Hanefeld, J. Welsh, G. Ducos, United Kingdom

THAEo4: GIPA: Participate, Engage, Empower

Session type: Abstract Session

Venue: Session Room 9, Level 100

Chairs: Lynde Francis, Zimbabwe;
Henrik Arildsen, Denmark

This session examines challenges and obstacles to greater involvement of people living with HIV or AIDS in the response to HIV/AIDS, as well as ways to overcome them.

- 14:15 THAEo401: Empowerment: What does this concept mean for PLWAs?
C.R. Murguía Pardo, Peru
- 14:30 THAEo402: Consumer involvement in a government-sponsored HIV quality improvement (QI) program
V. Johnson, M. Lopez, C. Steinbock, D. Tietz, J. Perou, B. Agins, United States
- 14:45 THAEo403: Towards meaningful involvement: Building functional communities of people living with HIV/AIDS
D. Walker, E. Kamunvi, J. Ntale Nkurunziza, Uganda
- 15:00 THAEo404: Living again: Supporting PLHA to lead the response to HIV
B. Nheok, S. Bou, M. Dunbar, C. Francis, C. Natpratan, Cambodia
- 15:15 THAEo405: Discussant: *G. Steckley, Indonesia*

14:15-15:45: Global Village

Overcoming Barriers to Access to AIDS Drugs for People Living with HIV

Venue: Global Village – Session Hall 1

Organizer: International Council of AIDS Service Organizations (Canada)

This session focuses on the barriers to gaining access to treatment for people living with HIV. It aims to make some of the more technical issues related to intellectual property and patent laws understandable for non-experts in the community, and to discuss issues for direct action at the country level on access to treatment. Panelists include experts involved in working on treatment access at the country level.

16:00-17:30: Skills Building Workshop

Women, HIV/AIDS and Human Rights (en Español)

Venue: Skills Building Room 7

Organizers: International Program on Reproductive and Sexual Health Law, University of Toronto; Human Rights Watch, Women's Rights Division; and other partner organizations

16:15-17:45: Concurrent Sessions

THBS03: Stigma, Discrimination, Violence, Exploitation, and Abuse of Children Affected by HIV/AIDS: A Children's Rights and Protection Perspective

Session type: Bridging Session

Venue: Session Room 3, Level 800
Interpretation: FR ES

Facilitator: Stuart Kean, United Kingdom

This session examines key rights and protection issues facing children living in a world with HIV/AIDS. Using recent research and case studies from Botswana, Uganda, Zambia, and South Africa, and linking these to the "Framework for the Protection, Care, and Support of Orphans and Vulnerable Children Living in a World with HIV/AIDS" and other key policy documents, the session examines potential approaches and suggestions for responding to the protection and resiliency needs in fulfilling the rights of children.

- 16:15 Panel discussion
P. Cook, Canada
M. Kelly, Zambia
B. Seithlamo, Botswana
T. Ahimbisibwe, Uganda

THAE05: Treatment Access, TRIPS, and Trip-ups

Session type: Abstract Session

Venue: Session Room 4, Level 800
Interpretation: FR ES

Chairs: Gregg Gonsalves, United States;
Asia Russell, United States

Lessening the inequity that exists in access to medicines between First and Third Worlds has been a major focus of human rights and HIV/AIDS activists since the late 1990s. This session reviews some of the barriers to greater treatment access, in particular the role of international trade law, pharmaceutical pricing, and national governments.

- 16:15 THAE0501: HIV/AIDS and South Africa's war on science
J. Berger, South Africa
- 16:30 THAE0502: Measuring public health—sensitive degree of IPR legislation in the context of the WTO trips agreement
G. Chaves, M.A. Oliveira, Brazil
- 16:45 THAE0503: Taking the fight to their realm: The role of patent oppositions in the struggle for access to medicines
P. Radhakrishnan, C. Park, India
- 17:00 THAE0504: Improving the availability of ARVs in Namibia by using policy change to streamline the drug registration process
D. Pereko, J. Nwokike, Namibia
- 17:15 THAE0505: Benchmarking research-based pharmaceutical company responses to AIDS, TB, and malaria
D. Rosan, B. Aires, C. Rowan, L. Compere, J. Byron, K. Hartsough, S. Finn, United States

THAX03 ABC in Africa: What is the Evidence?

Session type: Abstract Session

Venue: Session Room 5, Level 800

Chairs: Laurie Garrett, United States;
Babatunde Osotimehin, Nigeria

This session presents some of the evidence of the impact of ABC programs, which are heavily underwritten by the United States.

- 16:15 THAX0301: Systematic review of the impact of abstinence-only programs on risk behavior in developing countries (1990-2005)

K. O'Reilly¹, A. Medley², J. Dennison², M. Sweat²
(1 Switzerland, 2 United States)

- 16:30 **THAXo302: "A cow dies with grass in its mouth"—fishermen's response to "zero grazing" in Kisumu, Kenya**
A. Sharma¹, E. Bukusi¹, Z. Kwena¹, A. Buffardi², B. Agot¹, C. Muga¹, K. Holmes²
(1 Kenya, 2 United States)
- 16:45 **THAXo303: Like mother like daughter: The influence of perceived mothers' values on daughters' attitudes towards sexual abstinence in Nigeria**
O. Adeleke, A. Ankomah, Nigeria
- 17:00 **THAXo304: ABC—abstain, be faithful, condomise—Africa's non-solutions. So what will work?**
B.A. Kenyon, South Africa
- 17:15 **THAXo305: Discussant: B. Were, Uganda**

THSYo4: Greater Involvement of People Living with HIV/AIDS (GIPA): Science and Rights

Session type: Symposium

Venue: Session Room 9, Level 100

Moderator: Kevin Moody, Netherlands

People living with HIV and representatives of vulnerable populations such as people who use drugs, sex workers, gay men, aboriginal populations, women, and youth are central to the response to HIV/AIDS. This session will focus on the ethical and human rights imperatives for involvement, and provide evidence that involvement is also required because it ensures a more effective public health response. In short, GIPA is not a luxury or a sign of political correctness, but a right and a necessity.

- 16:15 **THSYo401: What does the science tell us about why involvement is necessary for an effective response?**
T. Kerr, Canada
- 16:27 **THSYo402: GIPA in resource poor settings and conflict situations**
R. Ngairangbam, India
- 16:39 **THSYo403: South African workplace model: Successes and failures**
S. Ntshangase, South Africa

- 16:51 **THSYo404: We have rights too: Nothing about us without us**
D. Palmer, Canada

Friday, August 18th

Conference Day 5

9:00-11:00: Rapporteur Summary Session

Venue: Session Room 1, Level 800
Interpretation: FR ES

This session will include the summary reports of all conference tracks. Human rights issues will be featured centrally in the report from track E (policy).

12:30-14:30: Closing Session

Venue: Session Room 1, Level 800
Interpretation: FR ES

The session will include a keynote address by Stephen Lewis, UN Special Envoy on HIV/AIDS in Africa, that will address many of the human rights issues related to HIV/AIDS.

The Law and Health Initiative

The Law and Health Initiative, a division of the Open Society Institute's Public Health Program, is dedicated to advancing legal and human rights-based approaches to public health worldwide. Law and Health supports legal assistance, litigation, and law reform efforts on a range of health issues, including HIV/AIDS, harm reduction, palliative care, Roma health, and sexual health. Through partnerships with both public health and human rights organizations, the initiative seeks to build a broad movement for law-based approaches to health and for the human rights of socially marginalized groups.

More information about the Law and Health Initiative can be found at www.soros.org/initiatives/health/focus/law.