

## International Women's Summit on Women's Leadership on HIV and AIDS Presentation of the workshops

### ABCS - WHAT ABOUT WOMEN REVISING HIV PREVENTION MESSAGES? (Int. F/S)

BECKY JOHNSON AND CONSTANCE SHUMBA (US, ZIMBABWE)

INTENSIFYING PREVENTION, TREATMENT, CARE AND SUPPORT FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS  
JULY 5, 16H30-18H

"Abstain, Be faithful, use a Condom" has become a mainstream slogan worldwide for preventing HIV infection but by using only this we fail to protect tens of thousands of women between the ages of 15 and 30 each year. Where's the rest of the picture? Behaviour change is not all it takes to prevent HIV infections. Young women's choices are limited by poverty, lack of education and access to information and services and repressive gender norms. It is not as easy as ABC for young women to avoid HIV infection. Understanding the challenges makes us better equipped to address them successfully.

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Constance Shumba has experience in advocacy and peer education in the HIV field through the YWCA of Zimbabwe. Constance also has experience working with young women on sexual and reproductive health issues with a background in health education and promotion. Currently Constance is completing a Master of Science in International Health.

Both young women are passionate about young women's issues surrounding sexual and reproductive health and effective communication strategies.

### RIPPLES OF LEADERSHIP

DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE FOR COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT (DICE) (NIGERIA)

WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP IN RESPONSE TO AIDS  
July 7, 11h-12h30

This workshop will explore replicable ways of undertaking leadership development programmes; design strategic initiatives for enduring HIV impact mitigation strategies, including the use of emotional intelligence for good leadership and developing critical thinking.

DICE is a development-based NGO in Nigeria established in 2003; it was born out of a great compassion and passion for developmental growth especially in the rural/hard to reach communities. This is based on the premise that when communities are empowered, it will foster positive initiatives that will enhance community development.

CAREGIVERS LEADING THE RESPONSE TO AIDS IN THEIR COMMUNITIES: FORMING THE HOME-BASED CARE ALLIANCE IN AFRICA  
HUIROU COMMISSION, GLOBAL NETWORK OF HBC  
WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP IN RESPONSE TO AIDS  
July 5, 16h30-18h

This workshop will bring awareness to and valuing of grassroots women's work. It will strengthen the capacity of grassroots women to access resources, anchor the representation of home-based care givers as a constituency group in the global response, facilitate dialogue to identify institutional support needed to scale up their activities and solidify the partnerships and networking achieved at the Grassroots Women's International Academy held before the IWS.

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TELLING YOUR STORY, HOW TO DECIDE VOICES OF POSITIVE WOMEN – SHARI MARGOLESE

WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP IN RESPONSE TO AIDS  
July 4, 11h-12h30, 14h-15h30

This workshop aims to increase the involvement of positive women in education, advocacy and prevention

SECURING LAND TENURE FOR WOMEN IN THE CONTEXT OF HIV AND AIDS: SUCCESSFUL GRASSROOTS, WOMEN-LED PRACTICES  
HUIROU COMMISSION, GLOBAL NETWORK OF HBC

WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP IN RESPONSE TO AIDS  
July 7, 11h-12h30

This workshop will highlight successful strategies by grassroots women to secure land tenure and promote land rights for women; discuss strategies to mitigate the consequences of being HIV positive and having access to and ownership of land and housing and disseminate information on resources and networks for positive women when facing discriminatory practices.

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KEEPING COMMUNITIES TOGETHER: CARING FOR ORPHANS AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN  
HUIAROU COMMISSION, GLOBAL NETWORK OF HBC  
LESSONS LEARNT FROM CHANGING COMMUNITIES  
July 6, 11h-12h30

This workshop will explore the strategies that grassroots women in Cameroon, Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda and Zimbabwe are using to provide care, empower young women and keep children in their communities; empower vulnerable youth to break the cycle of stigma and violence, strategize ways to tackle difficult issues related to traditional cultural practice; identify "innovation" in the context of supporting OVC to remain and grow in their communities.

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RESPONDING TO STIGMA AND DISCRIMINATION IN DIFFERENT CONTEXTS  
PAULETTE NICHOLAS, ICW-USA  
POLICY AND ADVOCACY – MOVING INTO ACTION  
July 4, 14h-15h30

This workshop will allow participants to explore the prison culture of stigma and discriminatory isolation among women living with HIV/AIDS and co-infections that enhance torturous conditions. Participants will engage in discussions, share experiences and develop plans of leadership to promote solidarity and support for women in prisons.

Paulette Nicholas serves as the North American Representative for the International Community of Women Living with HIV/AIDS. She has experience as a local, national and international educator/trainer for professional and consumer audiences with emphasis on consumer empowerment and advocacy.

INTENSIFYING PREVENTION, TREATMENT, CARE AND SUPPORT FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS  
IFRC

INTENSIFYING PREVENTION, TREATMENT, CARE AND SUPPORT FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS  
JULY 6, 14H30-17H30

The workshop will focus on giving insight on the content and scope of the generic training package on HIV prevention, treatment, care and support for community-based volunteers. Developed by SAFAIDS, IFRC and WHO, the tool could be used by different stakeholders which are operational at community level. The package consists of 8 modules covering the different programme components of universal access.

The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent societies (Federation) is the world's largest humanitarian organisation, with close to 100 million members and volunteers living in communities in every corner of the globe. It is a well-respected and trusted organisation that cares for the most disadvantaged members of society. The key focus is to alleviate the suffering of vulnerable groups through mobilising the power of humanity. Working closely with like-minded international and local organisations, the Federation provides a range of services including disaster relief, health and social programmes. However, their key advantage is the capacity to undertake direct action at community and family level whilst also having access to policy makers. Their goals for the next 5 years include: a) Reduce the number of deaths, injuries and impact from disasters; b) Reduce the number of deaths, illnesses and impact from diseases and public health emergencies; c) Increase local community, civil society and Red Cross Red Crescent capacity to address the most urgent situations of vulnerability; d) Promote respect for diversity and human dignity, and reduce intolerance, discrimination and social exclusion.

HIV AND SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS: UNDERSTANDING AND CLAIMING RIGHTS  
IPAS, MARIA DE BRUYN, USA

POLICY AND ADVOCACY – MOVING INTO ACTION  
July 6, 14h30-17h30

This interactive workshop will strengthen participants' understanding of sexual and reproductive rights, and enhance their knowledge about mechanisms to claim those rights and address rights violations in the health-care sector. These mechanisms include: education of health-care providers and HIV-positive people on rights; alliances of HIV-positive peoples' organizations with medical associations, human rights groups and lawyers' associations; work with hospital ethics committees; presentation of cases to local and national human rights bodies; media publicity; court cases; presentations of reports to UN agencies. Participants will receive resource materials to assist them in finding ways to apply rights in their local situations.

IPAS has worked for three decades to increase women's ability to exercise their sexual and reproductive rights and to reduce deaths and injuries of women from unsafe abortion. IPAS' global and country programs include training, research, advocacy, distribution of supplies for reproductive-health care, and information dissemination. IPAS' work related to HIV/AIDS has included publication of a curriculum for youth and youth workers (Gender or sex: who cares?); research on reproductive choice and HIV; consultancies for Engender Health, UNFPA and WHO; training on reproductive rights and HIV; and collaborative research with NGOs including the International Community of Women Living with HIV/AIDS.

THE POWER OF SUPPORT  
Positive Women, Inc. New Zealand  
Women's Leadership in Response to AIDS  
July 4, 14h-15h30

This workshop will highlight the importance of support groups to women LWH; outline the basis of setting up a peer support group to point out the potential problems and successes and recognize the power of support

Positive Women Inc. is a peer support organization for Women and Families in New Zealand living with HIV and/or AIDS. We are also involved in HIV Awareness and Prevention.

Our main aim is to help reduce the isolation, stigma and discrimination that many women encounter when diagnosed with HIV or AIDS and to ensure women are supported in every and any way that we can

THE SAFAIDS WOMEN TREATMENT LITERACY HANDBOOK  
SAFAIDS, SOUTH AFRICA  
INTENSIFYING PREVENTION, TREATMENT, CARE AND SUPPORT  
July 6, 14h30-17h30

Based on a Women's HIV/AIDS Treatment Literacy Toolkit this workshop will explore methods of application within country contexts to align with specific literacy needs.

PUBLIC SPEAKING FOR POSITIVE WOMEN-  
PART A – SPEAKING TECHNIQUES  
ASIA-PACIFIC NETWORK OF PLWH, SUSAN PAXTON  
WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP IN RESPONSE TO AIDS  
July 4, 11h-12h30

This workshop will provide positive women with practical skills on how to improve their public speaking including the use of their voice, body language and elements of good story telling

APN+ is the Asia Pacific network of people living with HIV. It was established in 1994 and has developed to be the leading voice for positive people in the region, with contacts to 28 countries. APN+ advocates for positive people's rights and builds the capacity of positive leaders. APN+ is involved in many activities: AIDS-related discrimination research, treatment access and preparedness, increasing the involvement of HIV-positive people in all facets of the response towards the HIV epidemic. In 2006 women formed WAPN+, the women's working group of APN+, to focus on issues specific to women in the region.

PUBLIC SPEAKING FOR POSITIVE WOMEN-  
PART B – STRUCTURING YOUR PRESENTATION  
ASIA-PACIFIC NETWORK OF PLWH, SUSAN PAXTON  
WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP IN RESPONSE TO AIDS  
JULY 4, 14H-15H30

The workshop will guide HIV positive speakers on how to construct the most appropriate and effective talk for a particular audience and how to deal with difficult questions

POLICY AND ADVOCACY - MOVING INTO ACTION  
JUDITH SMITH, SAMGI, SOUTH AFRICA  
POLICY AND ADVOCACY - MOVING INTO ACTION  
July 6, 14h30-17h30

The media is our main source of information, which shapes our understanding of our world; it has the capacity to influence our opinions and to change our ways of thinking. The focus of our workshop is to share skills to enable participants to deconstruct the media, to extract data that would provide an empirical report that would support their advocacy endeavours. HIV AIDS reporting in the media we have previously studied leaves much to be desired. As expected, very little is said about the virus and gender-based violence and the vulnerability of women in abusive relationships. The media monitoring tools are based on the Global Media Monitoring Network – a project

that since 1995 has been analysing the position of women in the media worldwide. The last report released in 2005 provided evidence that very little has changed in the past 10 years and that women across most spheres are under-represented. This workshop will provide skills to monitor print media to gather empirical data on which to base advocacy strategies; based on the Global Media Monitoring Project of WACC.

The South African Media and Gender Institute is a not for profit NGO based in Cape Town and operates in the SADC region. Their approach is a rights-based one and our mission is to capacitate grassroots women with adequate communication skills to enable them to have their voices heard, whether it is in their communities or in policy-making structures. They implement objectives through participative education, media production, advocacy and lobbying and our range includes low-tech media through to new media technologies. The research focuses on the representation of women in the media and this is fulfilled through our flagship unit, the Women's Media Watch.

STRATEGIES FOR THE SOUTH: BUILDING SYNERGIES IN HIV AND AIDS AND SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS  
MABEL BIANCO, INTERNATIONAL AIDS WOMEN'S CAUCUS, FEIM  
POLICY AND ADVOCACY - MOVING INTO ACTION  
July 7, 11h-12h30

This workshop will share collaborative advocacy ideas and proposals discussed at the International Dialogue about controversial issues and joint advocacy; ensure that there is continued discussion on HIV and AIDS and sexual/reproductive health and rights as a comprehensive issue that encompasses many different advocacy issues.

The International AIDS Women's Caucus (IAWC) is an international network of organizations and women affected and infected by HIV/AIDS that advocates at the international, regional and national level about the impact of the HIV/AIDS pandemic on women and girls. IAWC works to fight against gender inequalities and bring the connection between HIV/AIDS and gender inequality to the international agenda through its presence at international conferences, participation of members in conference tracks and committees, the organization of satellite events, and representation on international groups like the Global Steering Committee of the World AIDS Campaign, United Nations' Conferences, activities and others.

The Foundation for Studies and Research on Women (FEIM) is a non-governmental and non-profit organization created in 1989 by a group of professional women specializing in gender issues. Its purpose is to

develop research, studies, programs, projects, courses and other activities to improve the social, labor, legal, political, economic, family and health status of women in Argentina. FEIM began working on HIV/AIDS in 1990, setting the goal of reaching out to and educating women and young people. Since then, FEIM has also contributed to the international HIV/AIDS agenda through participation in international conferences and more recently as an NGO in Consultative Status at the UN.

SELF-ESTEEM AND EMPOWERMENT AS A RESPONSE TO HIV  
AIWC  
POLICY AND ADVOCACY - MOVING INTO ACTION  
July 5, 16h30-18h

This workshop will consider the two epidemics of VAW and AIDS and the intersection between them; promote research and data analysis and strengthen the capacity to advocate for policies addressing VAW and HIV

STRENGTHENING THE ENGAGEMENT OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS NGOS WITH THE GLOBAL FUND  
SHANNON KOWALSKI MORTON, OPEN SOCIETY INSTITUTE  
WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP IN RESPONSE TO AIDS  
July 6, 11h-12h30

While 50% of people living with HIV and AIDS are women, relatively few organizations that work on women's health and rights are accessing funding from the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria or are participating in country-level governance of Global Fund grants through country coordinating mechanisms. This workshop will coach women's rights NGOs on methods for effective engagement with the Global Fund in order to increase the flow of resources to projects that meet women and girls' needs. Participants will discuss strategies for developing country and regional proposals on women's rights and HIV and AIDS for Round 8.

This workshop will be co-sponsored by the Open Society Initiative for Southern Africa (OSISA) based in Johannesburg, South Africa and the Open Society Institute (OSI) based in New York, USA. OSISA's HIV and AIDS programme and OSI's Public Health Program work to support civil society organizations involved in: advocacy to promote the implementation of HIV and AIDS policies and laws; fostering government accountability and transparency through monitoring health resource flows and expenditures; promoting civil society engagement in policy and law making processes; and, promoting access to care, support and treatment for socially and geographically marginalized and vulnerable groups of people.

INTERSECTING EPIDEMICS: THE CONNECTION  
BETWEEN VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND HIV  
AND AIDS

IAWC, MABEL BIANCO

POLICY AND ADVOCACY – MOVING INTO ACTION

JULY 5, 16H30-18H

This workshop will explore intersections between VAW and HIV and AIDS, and promotes research to strengthen advocacy for improved policies

WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP IN RESPONSE TO HIV  
AND AIDS

JACQUELINE MUJAWIMANA, YWCA RWANDA

WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP IN RESPONSE TO AIDS

July 7, 11h-12h30

Share the methodology of the programme called Giving Hope (a programme that helps OVC to take care of themselves) to enable its replication and facilitate the building of child-centered programmes. Increase the attention of YWCAs to the growing number and needs of child-headed households, orphans and vulnerable children affected by HIV and ensure appropriate programmatic response.

YWCA Rwanda is a non-profit organisation with the aim of promoting and girls living conditions. Affiliated to the World YWCA, it has 600 members and more than 9,000 beneficiaries.

YWCA Rwanda runs programs and activities that have a focus on orphans and vulnerable children, counselling and home based cares on HIV and AIDS as well as other empowerment programmes targeting women.

ADVANCING PERSONAL LEADERSHIP TO  
STRENGTHEN THE RESPONSE TO AIDS SPANISH  
AND ENGLISH

SUE RICHIEDEI, CENTRE FOR DEVELOPMENT AND  
POPULATION ACTIVITIES (CEDPA)

WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP IN RESPONSE TO AIDS

July 6, 14h30-17h30

This hands-on, participatory training provides women with tools to improve their leadership within efforts to confront HIV and AIDS. It includes strategies for overcoming stigma and external barriers to achieving leadership potential; and examines socio-cultural and gender norms that promote discrimination and restrict women's decision-making roles. Facilitators will create opportunities for participants to identify immediate uses for new knowledge and skills and identify applications in their own lives and jobs. Activities will promote maximum sharing of expertise and experiences among participants in order to capitalize on the wealth of information and talents in the group.

For 30 years, CEDPA has worked hand-in-hand with local partners to give women the tools to improve their

lives, families and communities. CEDPA's programs increase educational opportunities for girls, ensure access to lifesaving health information and services, and strengthen women's leadership in their nations. The organization's global AIDS programs mobilize communities to slow the spread of HIV and increase women's leadership and advocacy in response to the pandemic. CEDPA has trained more than 5,000 women and men from over 150 countries in a supportive and participatory learning environment, creating a cadre of change agents for effective international development.

ADVOCACY FOR TREATMENT ISSUES  
RELEVANT TO WOMEN

LOUISE BINDER, CANADIAN TREATMENT ACTION  
COUNCIL

POLICY AND ADVOCACY - MOVING INTO ACTION

July 4, 11h-12h30

The Level 1 workshop on women's issues begins with an overview of how HIV/AIDS specifically affects women, including diagnostic and treatment issues and social determinants of health. This will be followed by an interactive workshop that incorporates small group problem solving on a specific issue developed by the participants. Groups will develop an action plan that will articulate the issue; the access problems raised by it, women-specific access problems and then develop an action campaign to obtain resolution of the issue.

The Canadian Treatment Action Council (CTAC) is a national organization serving the needs of people living with HIV/AIDS in Canada. CTAC promotes informed public policy and education; provides mentoring and skills building in these areas to PHAs; promotes awareness on issues that impact on treatment access and healthcare for PHAs; encourages and facilitates the exchange of related information to stakeholders; and builds and works with coalitions to address broader healthcare issues impacting access to therapies and treatments. For women's issues, CTAC is an active member of the Coalition for a Blueprint for Action on Women and Girls and HIV/AIDS.

LOVE, SEX AND ABSTINENCE (Int. F/S)

ICW

POSITIVE LIVING

JULY 4, 14H-15H30

Lively and open discussion about negotiating safe sex, sexual pleasure and safe.

GIPA IN ACTION

ICWL

POSITIVE LIVING

July 4, 11h-12h30

The GIPA principle is crucial in the lives of HIV positive women. Our involvement at all levels ensures policy and programmes are grounded in the reality of our lives. This workshop will look at what GIPA means and the successes and challenges of implementing GIPA in a meaningful way.

STEPPING STONES: CREATING MUTUALLY SUPPORTIVE INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES FOR HIV PREVENTION, CARE AND TREATMENT (Int. F/S)  
ALICE WELBOURN STEPPING STONES  
INTENSIFYING PREVENTION, TREATMENT, CARE AND SUPPORT FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS  
July 7, 11h-12h30

Stepping Stones addresses gender- and inter-generational inequalities in participants' own communities. Participants will experience for themselves some of the exercises involved in the workshop. ([www.steppingstonesfeedback.org](http://www.steppingstonesfeedback.org)) learn about the changes identified by participants after they have gone through a Stepping Stones workshop in their community. These include: reduced gender violence, greater involvement of men in household tasks and expenses, greater involvement of women in decision-making, greater mutual respect between partners and between adults and young people, greater condom use, greater respect and practical support for positive people and their carers, reduced alcohol consumption. In some cases there is also greater uptake of will writing by men, ensuring greater legal and financial safety nets for women when their husbands die.

USING NUTRITION AND HERBS FOR LONG TERM SURVIVAL WITH OR WITHOUT ART  
LYNDE FRANCIS, THE CENTRE  
POSITIVE LIVING  
July 4, 11h00-12h30; 14h00-15h30

Interactive skills building training to enable positive women and girls to maximise health and potentiate treatment through appropriate use of nutrition and herbal therapies. Highly practical simple, affordable and appropriate methods to support positive living treatment and care.

COMBINING LIVING WITH HIV AND MOTHERHOOD  
ICW INTERNATIONAL  
POSITIVE LIVING  
July 4, 11h-12h30

A range of dilemmas and discrimination are faced by HIV positive women, particularly in their relationship to pregnancy and motherhood. This workshop will enable HIV positive women to explore these worries/pressures as well as the possible joys of motherhood and to discuss ways of ensuring personal reproductive health and choices are respected and maintained.

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WOMEN, POWER AND POLITICS – BUILDING SKILLS FOR THE BEST ADVOCATE AT THE TABLE  
BERI HULL, ICW  
WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP IN RESPONSE TO AIDS  
July 4, 11h-12h30; 14h-15h30

Taking off from the experience of HIV positive women from Kenya, Botswana, Namibia and Tanzania, this session will encourage participants to share their experiences of working with people in power and think of innovative ways to gain influence at all levels. It will also empower and inspire women to expand their natural desires to help others via advocacy and to make the connection of how advocacy can also help us personally while engaging politicians as people with power to work with positive women in ways that are respectful and meaningful.

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TOWARDS LITIGATING FOR THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN AND GIRLS LIVING WITH AND AFFECTED BY HIV AND AIDS  
AIDS ZIMBABWE LAWYERS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS  
POLICY AND ADVOCACY – MOVING INTO ACTION  
July 5, 16h30-18h

Women and girls, especially those living with or affected by HIV and AIDS, find themselves subjected

to serious violations of their rights, such as discrimination, loss of property in deceased estates, sexual abuse, registration of birth (right to identity), denial of medical treatment and access to education, amongst others, and often have limited or no access to legal remedies and protection of the law. This is exacerbated by a legal profession, which has yet to come to terms with the use of rights-based approaches in litigating HIV/AIDS issues and how they can be addressed through the use of domestic legal systems or regional and international mechanisms. The workshop will focus on identifying the challenges faced by those infected and affected, as well as encouraging those working in law-based organisations to identify common gaps within legal systems that leave women and girls vulnerable to violation of their rights, in order to develop joint strategies to overcome the difficulties faced in accessing justice in HIV and AIDS-related cases.

THE IMPACT OF GENDER-BASED HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES ON WOMEN AND ADOLESCENT GIRLS' HIV TREATMENT AND CARE IN ZAMBIA (Int. F/S)  
NADA ALI, AFRICA RESEARCHER, HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH  
POLICY AND ADVOCACY – MOVING INTO ACTION  
July 5, 16h30-18h

The workshop will present results of research undertaken by HRW in Zambia to investigate the way human rights abuses, particularly, domestic violence and property grabbing impact women's and adolescent girls' access to HIV treatment and care. It will also outline HRW's advocacy on local, regional and international levels and will facilitate understanding of the links between gender-based human rights abuses and women's lack of access to treatment and care and inability to adhere to treatment. It consists of ½ hour presentation, 20 minutes testimony by a Zambian activist (TBC) and 40 minutes for discussion. Free HRW publications will be distributed at the workshop.

Human Rights Watch is an international human rights organisation that is dedicated to protecting the human rights of people around the world. The Women's Rights Division was established in 1990 to monitor violence and discrimination against women around the world.

LESSONS LEARNT FROM CHANGING COMMUNITIES  
NAZNEEN DAMJI, UNIFEM  
LESSONS LEARNT FROM CHANGING COMMUNITIES  
July 6, 14h30-17h30

The workshop will bring together grantees of the UN Trust Fund in Support of Actions to Eliminate Violence against Women to address the intersections between violence against women and HIV and AIDS. Participants will take away from the session: ways in which gender equality principles and women's rights

can be integrated in the coordinated HIV response at the national level; approaches and examples from practitioners addressing the intersections between VAW and HIV, practical strategies for advocacy and actions to address some of the bottlenecks and constraints in ending VAW and knowledge and learning about resources. It would also draw on the experiences of the 16 Days of Activism on Gender-Based Violence, on knowledge and learning from grantees of the UN Trust Fund and on national level success stories.

SEX WORKER ARE PART OF THE SOLUTION (Int. F/S)  
Claire Thiboulot, STELLA  
POLICY AND ADVOCACY – MOVING INTO ACTION  
July 5, 16h30-18h

The Workshop will present the results of more than a decade of organising by sex workers in Montreal, Canada. Discussions will include strategies for sex workers participation and empowerment through outreach activities, HIV and violence prevention, advocacy against discrimination and promotion of sex workers health and human rights, including the right to safety and dignity, sexual and reproductive rights and labour rights. Experiences from the International Meeting of Sex Workers, which took place in Montreal 2005, and sex workers activities at the IAC will be presented as examples of capacity building and advocacy work.

CHANGING RISKY BEHAVIOUR IS MORE COMPLICATED THAN TREATING THE ILLNESS ITSELF  
EDISON CORDERO, YMCA ECUADOR  
INTENSIFYING PREVENTION, TREATMENT, CARE AND SUPPORT FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS  
July 5, 16h30-18h

Information is an important tool for the prevention of HIV and AIDS; this must come from an inclusive and participatory perspective. The workshop is to help participants work with young men. The workshop has 3 objectives:

- Defining concepts of HIV and AIDS in a participatory way
- Sensitisation on different feelings connected with HIV and AIDS, based on an awareness of our differences, prejudices, and fears
- Understand better our unsafe behaviour (s) in relation to HIV prevention

Ecuador YMCA, founded in 1959, is a civil society organisation committed to social change and development, the defence of life and human rights and the promotion of gender justice. It works on peace and justice issues, youth development, integral child development and community support. The Ecuador YMCA promotes the mission of the world

movement, which calls us to build a human community of justice, with love, peace and reconciliation for the fullness of life for all creation.

#### INTENSIFYING PREVENTION, TREATMENT, CARE AND SUPPORT FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

Alice Njagi, YWCA Kenya

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July 6, 14h30-17h30

This workshop will discuss the role of men and boys in preventing HIV infections amongst women and girls in providing treatment, care and support to women and girls. The various ways that Kenya YMCA has involved men and boys as part of the solution to HIV prevention, care and treatment for women and girls. Will recommend concrete actions to integrate men and women into intensifying prevention strategies.

#### SCHOOL FOR FUTURE MOTHERS LIVING WITH HIV

RUDA NATALIA, NGO ALTERNATIVE

INTENSIFYING PREVENTION, TREATMENT, CARE AND SUPPORT FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

July 5, 16h30-18h

The proposed workshop will highlight the importance of prevention of mother to child HIV transmission measures during pregnancy, adherence to ARV-therapy, family planning and a healthy lifestyle.

NGO "Alternative" is an independent organization, which was created mostly by HIV positive women. Its mission is to improve quality of HIV-positive people and other groups of population affected by HIV/AIDS by means of provision of effective and accessible services. The objective of NGO "Alternative" is to provide psychosocial, medical-consultative support and advocate for the rights of people affected by HIV/AIDS, to introduce state-of-the-art methods aimed at HIV and STI prevention.

#### ADOPTING A GENDERED NATIONAL RESPONSE TO AIDS

UNAIDS

POLICY AND ADVOCACY – MOVING INTO ACTION

July 7, 11h-12h30

This workshop will share findings and recommendations regarding numerous gender assessments and develop strategies for using findings of the gender assessments of national responses.

#### WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP IN RESPONSE TO HIV AND AIDS

AFRICAN WOMEN OF DISTINCTION PROJECT

WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP IN RESPONSE TO HIV AND AIDS

July 7, 11h-12h30

The African Women of Distinction (AWOD) Inter-Generational Dialogue brings together women from different generations as well as diverse social, religious, economic and political backgrounds, to discuss, analyze, and encourage the leadership of African women in response to HIV and AIDS.

The African Women of Distinction Project is an organisation that profiles African women leaders and their impact at community, national and global levels. Using mentorship and leadership programmes as well as the power of media, the organisation and its 180 young leaders in Africa provide a reality-based and all-encompassing depiction of women in Africa, including their role as nurturers, as agents of peace and women who challenge conventional thinking as social rebels.

#### TREATMENT ACCESS AND ADVOCACY STRATEGIES (Spanish)

FUNDACIÓN RED ARGENTINA DE MUJERES VIVIENDO CON VIH

POLICY AND ADVOCACY – MOVE INTO ACTION

July 6, 11h-12h30

The objective of this workshop is to develop a common understanding of what obstacles people, especially women living with HIV/AIDS usually face in accessing to comprehensive treatment. The workshop is aimed to identify obstacles related to availability and accessibility of the treatment and think about possible solutions, focusing on advocacy strategies. The idea is to mobilize participants stimulating their empowerment and their greater involvement in decision-making in order to improve their quality of life.

The Argentinean Network of Women with HIV/AIDS Foundation is a national civil society organization, integrated by HIV positive women and other women who in some way are affected by the epidemic. Their goal is to improve the quality of life of HIV positive women and their affective and social environment, stimulating their empowerment and their greater involvement in decision-making. Their work consists of providing current information and orientation to HIV positive women, their families, and their affective environment, including anything related to primary and secondary HIV/AIDS prevention, Human Rights, access to treatment, necessary legal procedures to obtain integral treatment, etc. Specific areas of our work consist of: (i) Human Rights, (ii) Gender, (iii) Women and HIV/AIDS, (iv) Children, (v) Vertical transmission, (vi) Treatment, (vii) adherence, (viii) Advocacy, (ix) Leadership.

#### MAXIMISING YOUR MESSAGE: USING RESEARCH IN HIV AND AIDS ADVOCACY (Int. F/S)

AFRICAN POPULATION AND HEALTH RESEARCH CENTRE  
AND GUTTMACHER INSTITUTE  
POLICY AND ADVOCACY – MOVE INTO ACTION  
July 6, 11h-12h30

This workshop aims to address some of the major challenges in interpreting and using research compellingly. We will use brand new evidence on adolescent sexual and reproductive health, including HIV/AIDS, from nearly 20,000 adolescents in four Sub-Saharan African countries to build participants' skills in effective communication.

The African Population and Health Research Center (APHRC) is a non-profit, non-governmental, international organization that is committed to conducting policy-relevant research on population and health issues in sub-Saharan Africa. The Center promotes the use of research evidence in policy and practice in the region, in addition to strengthening the research capacity of African scholars and institutions to enhance skills in generating credible scientific evidence. APHRC was instituted in 1995 as a program of the Population Council and became an autonomous research institute in 2001

INTRODUCTION TO THE STIGMA AND  
DISCRIMINATION INDEX: A TOOL FOR POLICY  
AND ADVOCACY ACTION (Int. F/S)  
INTERNATIONAL PLANNED PARENTHOOD FEDERATION  
POLICY AND ADVOCACY – MOVING INTO ACTION  
JULY 4, 11H-12H30

HIV related stigma and discrimination pose critical barriers to HIV prevention, treatment and care programmes. The harsher and more frequent discrimination faced by young women and girls makes it harder for them to negotiate and practice safer sex and access vital services and information. To increase understanding of these issues, IPPF, UNAIDS, ICW and GNP+ have developed an Index to measure the stigma and discrimination experienced by PLHIV. This workshop will be an opportunity to discuss issues of stigma and discrimination as they affect young women and girls, and then discuss how the Index can be used in the future.

The International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) is the strongest global voice safeguarding sexual and reproductive health and rights for people everywhere. They envisage a world in which choices are fully respected and where stigma and discrimination have no place. IPPF is both a service provider and an advocate of sexual and reproductive health and rights. They are a worldwide network of 151 Member Associations and are active in 180 countries.

INTENSIFYING PREVENTION, TREATMENT, CARE  
AND SUPPORT FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

GLOBAL CAMPAIGN FOR MICROBICIDES C/O  
PATH INTENSIFYING PREVENTION, TREATMENT AND CARE  
AND SUPPORT  
JULY 6, 14H30-17H30

This workshop will introduce participants to the spectrum of female-initiated HIV-prevention options for women, status of the latest clinical research, emphasizes the importance of working with the community of women living with HIV/AIDS, and equips participants to return to their communities with action agendas.

This workshop is co-sponsored by a working group of organisations dedicated to research on new HIV-prevention strategies that can be initiated by women and girls such as microbicides, vaccines, and the female diaphragm. This group is also committed to supporting female-initiated HIV prevention strategies such as the female condom. The groups represented are the African Microbicides Advocacy Group, the AIDS Vaccine Advocacy Coalition, the Female Health Foundation, the Global Campaign for Microbicides, Ibis Reproductive Health, the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative, the International Partnership for Microbicides, the Population Council and the United Nations Population Fund.

WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP TO KEEP THE PROMISE  
WORLD AIDS CAMPAIGN AND THE ECUMENICAL  
ADVOCACY ALLIANCE  
POLICY AND ADVOCACY – MOVING INTO ACTION  
July 6, 14h30-17h30

This workshop will mobilise women and other participants to campaign on promises made to them on AIDS, empower participants with skills to campaign on AIDS issues affecting women, link campaigners with what's happening nationally, regionally and internationally on issues affecting women; link national campaigners from different constituencies such as people living with HIV (PLHIV), unions, faith-based groups, youth groups and NGOS

The World AIDS Campaign aims to ensure that AIDS policymakers keep their promises on AIDS. Driven by a range of global AIDS networks, it campaigns on AIDS both locally and internationally. The campaign brings together faith, labor, youth, women, positive networks, NGOs and other constituencies within common advocacy and mobilization efforts. Locally led, and rooted within a number of constituency-based networks, the campaign focuses on the most important AIDS policy commitments of our time. Together, all the groups within the World AIDS Campaign pressurize governments, international agencies and others to deliver Universal Access to AIDS Treatment, Care and Prevention services by 2010.

Since 2004, the World AIDS Campaign works independently of any government or UN agency to strengthen civil society campaigning. Through a variety of advocacy and mobilization efforts, the campaign aims to strengthen a global social movement on AIDS.

#### LITERACY APPROACHES FOR HIV PREVENTION FOR YOUNG WOMEN AND CHILDREN

MUBINA KIRMANIN, TOWSON UNIVERSITY  
INTENSIFYING PREVENTION, TREATMENT, CARE AND SUPPORT  
July 7, 11h-12h30

This workshop has three objectives:

- 1) Present some of the preventive literacy based measures used to combat HIV/AIDS in Baltimore area.
- 2) Introduce and demonstrate a pedagogical approach used at Towson university to create board games as a strategy to motivate and inform young women and children about HIV/AIDS.
- 3) Engage the participating audience to brainstorm and discuss how some of these gaming strategies may be used to create literacy materials that are culturally appropriate for young women and children.

Towson University is the second largest university in Maryland, United States. It is recognized among the nation's best regional public universities, offering more than 100 bachelors', master's and doctoral degree programs in the liberal arts and sciences, and applied professional fields. As a metropolitan university, Towson combines research-based learning with practical application. The university is located eight miles north of Baltimore city faced with HIV/AIDS crisis. The university provides several resources, peer voluntary programs, training workshops, World AIDS day events and outreach programs to educate the community on and off-campus about HIV/AIDS prevention

#### ACCESSING FUNDING FROM THE GLOBAL FUND FOR AIDS PROGRAMMES (Int. F/S)

MILTON AMAYUN, WORLD VISION INTERNATIONAL  
WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP IN RESPONSE TO HIV AND AIDS  
July 6, 14h30-17h30

Are you finding difficulties engaging with the Global Fund? Would you like to learn some tips about writing million-dollar proposals? Come and learn the secrets of experienced proposal writers and from your peers around the globe.

World Vision (WV) is a global humanitarian relief, development and advocacy agency focused on improving the wellbeing of children, their families and communities around the world by targeting the root causes of poverty. WV works with thousands of communities in nearly 100 countries through Area Development Programs. Through the Hope Initiative,

we are addressing the global HIV and AIDS pandemic through activities related to prevention, care and advocacy. WV is committed to the empowerment of women as a pillar of our development efforts

#### EMPOWERING THE FAMILIES OF THE POSITIVE WOMEN THROUGH MICRO-FINANCE

PRISCILLA DANIEL, ECLOF  
LESSONS LEARNT FROM CHANGING COMMUNITIES  
July 6, 14h30-17h30

Based on the experience of ECLOF, micro-finance programmes provide strong evidence that giving the poor access to financial services and the transfer of financial resources to poor women lead to women becoming more confident, more assertive and better able to confront systemic gender inequalities. A presentation on ECLOF-Kenya's Health Insurance scheme would also be made, which has helped families to give health care to their HIV positive members. Examples would also be given from ECLOF Uganda focusing on loans given to churches who support children orphaned by AIDS

#### WHO IS THE UNIVERSE? WOMEN'S RIGHTS AND UNIVERSAL ACCESS

ACTIONAID INTERNATIONAL AND WOMEN DON'T WAIT  
POLICY AND ADVOCACY – MOVING INTO ACTION  
July 6, 14h30-17h30

This workshop will talk about the goal of Universal Access to treatment, care and support by 2010 and the neglect for issues related to women's human rights. It will stress the importance of engaging critically with what Universal Access means and what the policy gaps are in order to provide policy solutions and new directions for change. The objectives are to provide a feminist analysis and critique of the concept and UA framework; engage participants in analysis of how UA is being understood and implemented and come out with key policy change recommendations that will be used in advocacy with UNAIDS, donors, national governments and other civil society actors.

"Women Wont Wait" is an international coalition of organisations and networks committed to promoting women's health and human rights in the struggle to address HIV and end all forms of violence against women and girls. Women Wont wait seeks to accelerate effective responses to the linkages of violence against all women and girls and HIV by tracking and, where necessary, calling for changes in policies, programming and funding streams of national governments and international agencies.

#### STRENGTHENING RESISTANCE, CRITICAL ISSUES AND INNOVATIVE ADVOCACY IN HIV AND VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

CENTRE FOR WOMEN-S GLOBAL LEADERSHIP (US)  
POLICY AND ADVOCACY – MOVING INTO ACTION  
July 6, 11h-12h30

This workshop will provide a forum for participants to explore not only the critical links between HIV and AIDS and violence against women, but also the creative and strategic advocacy that groups all over the world are engaging in to stem these twin and interlinked human rights crises. While the workshop will provide an opportunity to address policies, funding, research and state and community accountability, it will also focus on responses, on the many ways women's human rights and HIV activists are coming together to generate public awareness and policy change at the points of intersection between VAW and HIV.

DEFENDING WOMEN- DEFENDING (HIV-RELATED)  
RIGHTS: EXPLORING EXPERIENCES OF  
ACTIVISTS

CENTRE FOR WOMEN-S GLOBAL LEADERSHIP (US)  
POLICY AND ADVOCACY – MOVING INTO ACTION  
July 5, 16h30-18h

This workshop will promote and build on an overview of the "human rights defender" framework as it relates to HIV/AIDS and women's activism, with emphasis on the areas of focus of the International Campaign on Women Human Rights Defenders (state actors, family and community actors, rise in fundamentalisms, regulation of and attacks on sexuality, and issues connected to militarism and "the security state"). It will explore experiences of activists as "defenders," including those facing particular risks because of their status as members of marginalized groups (such as sex workers or lesbians). It will identify strategies that have been useful in response to various forms of attacks on defenders (including threats of or actual violence, challenges to personal reputations and credibility, and closures or de-registration of NGOs) and provide concrete opportunities for women / HIV activists to contribute to NGO and UN research and documentation on human rights defenders.

ADDING LIFE TO YEARS: TURNING A BLIND EYE  
ON CHILDREN

ECUMENICAL ADVOCACY ALLIANCE  
POLICY AND ADVOCACY – MOVING INTO ACTION  
July 7, 11h-12h30

This workshop will aim to outline the challenges children living with HIV face due to lack of access to treatment, provide factual information on pediatric AIDS and treatment, facilitate an effective transfer of skills on advocacy work, mobilise participants to advocate for universal access to treatment for people living with HIV, especially pediatric AIDS medicines and share lessons learned and practical experiences of advocacy.

CLAIMING YOUR RIGHTS IN THE WORKPLACE  
UNAIDS

POSITIVE LIVING  
July 4, 14h-15h30

This workshop will focus on the need for workplaces to develop and implement workplace HIV and AIDS policies using a rights-based approach. It will urge participants to analyse their working environments for sensitivity and responsibility around the issue of HIV in the workplace. The workshop will be interactive and introspective, leading to a call to action and response by all participants.

THE POWER OF PEERS WITHIN THE  
FEMINISATION OF AIDS

WOMEN ORGANIZED TO RESPOND TO LIFE-THREATENING  
DISEASE (WORLD)  
WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP IN RESPONSE TO HIV AND AIDS  
July 7, 11h-12h30

This workshop will share some of WORLD's peer-led programme models. These include the Peer Advocate Programme and the POWER Project. These programmes began at a grassroots level when no resources were available for women. It will inspire positive women to advocate for themselves and for others.

was founded in 1991 by and for HIV+ women with the motto, "You are not alone." When our founder, Rebecca Denison unexpectedly tested positive, she was unable to find resources focused on women. WORLD's first project was the newsletter which went out to 200 people. Today the newsletter reaches 12,000 readers in 87 nations. WORLD offers a Peer Advocate program, retreats for HIV+ women, HIV University, a Speakers Bureau, an outreach project helping women who have fallen out of medical care and the POWER Project - an HIV prevention project lead by HIV+ women. WORLD offers HIV education and through a peer model works to inspire and support HIV+ women to advocate for themselves and one another.

YOUNG WOMEN AS LEADERS FOR CHANGE –  
HOW PEER EDUCATION PROGRAMMES CAN  
HELP PREVENT HIV AND REDUCE STIGMA (Int.  
F/S)

WAGGGS  
INTENSIFYING PREVENTION, TREATMENT, CARE AND  
SUPPORT FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS  
July 6, 11h-12h30

This workshop will highlight results from new research conducted on WAGGGS' HIV and AIDS programmes, focusing on the role of girls and young women in HIV prevention and stigma reduction. It will invite exchange of best practice among the workshop participants. The workshop will help to

build skills and capacity among other organizations wishing to develop young women as leaders in the fight against HIV and AIDS. It will highlight best practices from the Kenya Girl Guides Association.

The World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) is the largest international NGO providing non-formal education for girls and young women worldwide. WAGGGS has approximately 10 million individual members in 144 countries worldwide. Their mission is "to enable girls and young women to develop their fullest potential as responsible citizens of the world".

WAGGGS works with the UN and other international organizations through volunteer teams in Geneva, Nairobi, New York, Paris, Rome and Vienna. The teams comprise women and men who ensure that girls and young women have their voices heard at the highest level worldwide.

#### MOBILIZING FAITH COMMUNITIES TOWARDS A COMPREHENSIVE RESPONSE TO HIV AND AIDS: LESSONS LEARNED IN ADDRESSING STIGMA, SILENCE AND DISCRIMINATION

WORLD VISION INTERNATIONAL

LESSONS LEARNT FROM CHANGING COMMUNITIES

July 6, 14h30-17h30

This workshop will share lessons and skills of the Channels for Hope model which has been used to mobilise faith communities towards an integrated response to HIV and AIDS with a strong focus on reducing stigma and discrimination. An overview of the mobilising model will be presented, including examples of interactive and participatory exercises used in workshops to address judgmental and stigmatising attitudes and behaviour. A special focus will be on the role PLHIV as well as faith leaders play highlighted by the input of a female HIV positive faith leader. Group discussions will provide an opportunity for participants to share experiences and examples of good practices, exploring ways to address gender-related issues within the diversity of faith and cultural practices. The group work will be facilitated by trained Channels of Hope facilitators and will include women, PLHIV and faith leaders.

#### THE ROLE OF SAFE DRINKING WATER IN HELPING PEOPLE LIVE POSITIVELY WITH HIV/AIDS

PROCTER & GAMBLE

LESSONS LEARNT FROM CHANGING COMMUNITIES

July 6, 11h-12h30

This workshop will address the role of safe drinking water in helping people live positively with HIV/AIDS. The objectives are to provide an overview of the importance of providing safe drinking water for people living with HIV/AIDS, review specific implementation projects that have been sustainable and review income

generation activities used to provide safe drinking water focused on people living with HIV/AIDS

The consumer goods company Procter and Gamble (P&G) has a focal philanthropy programme called the Children's Safe Drinking Water Programme. This is a not-for-profit effort to provide life-saving technology, PUR (Purifier of Water), to treat drinking water at the household level. P&G is providing PUR at cost in developing countries to help reduce the illness and death associated with unsafe drinking water. P&G is partnering with groups providing support to people living with HIV and AIDS, including the YWCA of Kenya, the Kenyan Red Cross and the Rotary-sponsored Safe Water and AIDS Programme (SWAP). The IWCA is providing PUR to local women's groups to improve health and provide a source of income generation. Kenyan Red Cross is integrating household water treatment into their HIV/AIDS Family Health and Home-Based Care Programme. SWAP is training and empowering local women's groups to provide household and water treatment at the community level in a sustained in a sustained income generation model.

#### TEN STEPS TO A BETTER AIDS RESPONSE FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS (Int. F/S)

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S HEALTH COALITION

INTENSIFYING PREVENTION, TREATMENT, CARE AND SUPPORT FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

July 6, 14h30-17h30

This workshop will examine ten actions at the policy, funding, programmatic and monitoring and evaluation level that can lead to a significant change in the way that the AIDS response is meeting the needs of women and girls. This will be a highly participatory workshop what will invite participants to develop their own "ten step program" for their organizations to work on

#### INTENSIFYING PREVENTION, TREATMENT, CARE AND SUPPORT FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

INTENSIFYING PREVENTION, TREATMENT, CARE AND SUPPORT FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

July 7, 11h-12h30

Stand with Africa is a campaign undertaken by the ELCA World Hunger Programme along with the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod World Relief and Lutheran World Relief. It assists communities and churches in Africa in their work to overcome HIV and AIDS, banish hunger and build peace. The workshop will describe Stand with Africa programme and what has been done and what will be done in the future. This workshop will also discuss the definition of gender and explore why so many women are living with the virus and what could be the best preventive

and curative approaches taking into account the vulnerability of women.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, through its Global Mission (GM) Department is participating in God's mission by sharing the good news of Jesus Christ in word and deed by supporting evangelism with direct grants and personnel, by supporting Christian education, health and theological education, by providing leadership training to name a few. "Global Mission" refers to the way ELCA responds to God's call to mission outside the USA.

#### MICROBICIDES: AN HIV PREVENTION OPTION FOR WOMEN

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIP FOR MICROBICIDES  
INTENSIFYING PREVENTION, TREATMENT, CARE AND SUPPORT FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS  
July 5, 16h30-18h

The feminization of HIV/AIDS calls for new prevention technologies that women can initiate. Microbicides are vaginal products under development to reduce the transmission of HIV during sexual intercourse. IPM will host a panel comprised of researchers and advocates who will provide an update the state of microbicide development. Panel members will discuss ongoing large-scale clinical trials, the next generation of candidates and new microbicide formulations. The panel will also discuss microbicide advocacy efforts taking place throughout Africa. The presentations will be followed by a question and answer session for audience members.

IPM is a non-profit product development partnership (PDP) established in 2002 to prevent HIV transmission by accelerating the development and availability of a safe and effective microbicides for use by women in developing countries. By screening compounds, designing optimal formulations, establishing manufacturing capacity, developing trial sites and conducting clinical trials, the organization works to improve the efficiency of all efforts to develop and deliver safe and effective microbicides as soon as possible.

AN AIDS COMPETENT CHURCH (Int. F/S)  
WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES  
POLICY AND ADVOCACY – MOVING INTO ACTION  
July 6, 11h-12h30

Since 1986, the World Council of Churches has been a dynamic space which has facilitated sharing, dialogue and transmission of lessons learnt – as well as the challenges to each other from across the different regions of the world and among churches- concerning HIV and AIDS. Much progress has been made over the years and there have been many advances in church action and policy on this issue. There has also been increasing commitment to engage with the issue

in the theological realm and within institutional frameworks.

Many statements have been made by churches and related organisations on their commitment to overcome HIV and AIDS. But there is clear paucity in the capacity of faith communities to judge their effectiveness and to make visible – even to themselves – the gaps that need to be bridged. Many churches are engaged in care, prevention work and service provision, but are not able to identify the gaps in their competence and practice. This limits their ability to be self-critical, to stand up to scrutiny and hence be able to improve their performance.

Based on the experience of community-based programmes on HIV, the WCC has facilitated the establishment of guidelines for developing the concept and practices of an HIV-Competent Church, including self-assessment and peer-assessment tools for quantifying the role and effectiveness of churches in the area of HIV and AIDS. These guidelines and tools are designed to assist churches and local congregations in monitoring their own engagement, competency and effectiveness in dealing with the epidemic.

The workshop will present this material and train participants to apply this tool in a synergistic input into the churches' work, enabling them to measure their impact in the area of HIV and AIDS, to enhance the quality of their response and thereby to become examples worthy of emulation.

THE ROLE AND CONTRIBUTION OF POSITIVE WOMEN AND FAITH COMMUNITIES IN THE RESPONSE TO AIDS WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES, ECUMENICAL HIV AND AIDS INITIATIVE ON AFRICA  
WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP IN RESPONSE TO HIV AND AIDS  
July 7, 11h-12h30

Women face the brunt of the HIV epidemic – by being personally affected by infections and in carrying the maximal burden of care and support in the community. Positive women also shoulder a bigger chunk of the blame, stigma and discrimination. These effects are exacerbated in patriarchal societies and in religious communities. This environment has made it more difficult to be open about their HIV status and to involve in advocacy and action. But whenever women have come forward and communities has nurtured and supported them in their ordeal, it has been of tremendous benefit to the community and to their struggle to overcome HIV. This workshop will give the opportunity to positive women and women leaders to share and analyse the contributions and the great untapped potential of positive women in contributing to the effectiveness of community responses to HIV.

TAMAR CAMPAIGN: STOP SEXUAL VIOLENCE  
AND ONTEXTUAL BIBLE STUDIES  
ECUMENICAL HIV AND AIDS INITIATIVE ON AFRICA  
WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP IN RESPONSE TO HIV AND AIDS  
July 5, 16h30-18h

Based on the Tamar Campaign, this workshop will undertake a contextual reading of the Bible on sexual violence, develop skills in facilitating and leading contextual bible studies and create a safe and sacred space for planning community-based actions against violence against women and children.

WOMEN WAR TORTURE SURVIVORS: POLICY  
AND ADVOCACY IMPLICATIONS  
ISIS-WICCE  
POLICY AND ADVOCACY – MOVING INTO ACTION  
July 6, 14h30-17h30

The workshop will present information on women's experiences of sexual violence during war and the policy implications. Presentations will be from different war-affected regions in the world as well as a national focus on research and interventions with women war survivors in Uganda. Policy recommendations, particularly for women with reproductive health needs and HIV/AIDS, will be discussed. Small groups will focus on the five workshop streams. An action plan with a clear strategy will be formulated. The workshop welcomes women war survivors, policy makers, non-government organisations, women activists and community leaders, human rights workers and health professionals.

Isis-WICCE, founded in 1974, Geneva, aims to promote justice and women's human rights. In 1993, it relocated to Kampala it relocated to Kampala, to highlight African women's voices. Since then, it has focused on building women's capacity in documentation, peace building and conflict resolution. Dr. Helen Liebling-Kalifani, Lecturer-Practitioner in Clinical Psychology, Coventry & Warwick Universities, is a member of Isis-WICCE & APRO, African PsyCare Research Organisation, Uganda. Helen has worked closely with Isis-WICCE since 1998 carrying out her PhD research with women war survivors in Luwero. She has obtained several research grants for this work and attends the Congress through British Academy support.

BEST PRACTICES FROM ETHIOPIAN NGO IN  
COMBATING HIV AND AIDS  
Melat Tekletsadik , YWCA ETHIOPIA  
LESSONS LEARNT FROM CHANGING COMMUNITIES  
July 6, 11h-12h30

The workshop will draw lessons from good practices in HIV work of Ethiopian NGOs. It will create an avenue for young women to build their leadership skills, increase motivation of young women volunteers to take

active roles in changing their communities and draw a plan of action for the participants' respective organisations

The YWCA of Ethiopia strives to create socio-economic and political empowerment of women and girls in order to attain better life, peace, justice, freedom and dignity of all people regardless of their ethnic and religious background. YWCA seeks to improve the status of women and girls by providing skills and leadership training, promoting income generation activities, working on reproductive health issues including HIV/AIDS, promoting discussion on social issues, advocating and lobbying for the rights of women and provision of library services to women.

WOMEN AND GIRLS LIVING WITH HIV AND AIDS  
FACE TO FACE  
MARAMA SMITH PALA, POSITIVE WOMEN INC  
POLICY AND ADVOCACY – MOVING INTO ACTION  
July 5, 16h30-18h

This workshop will address the mental and emotional health needs of positive women and strategies to increase positive women's leadership.

Self empowerment – A long term survival  
Stephanie and Bev Greet, Positive Women, Vic.

This workshop aims to empower young women to share experiences and strategies for leading strong and productive lives.

POLICY AND ADVOCACY – MOVING INTO  
ACTION  
AWID  
POLICY AND ADVOCACY – MOVING INTO ACTION  
July 6, 11h-12h30

This workshop will present findings about current feminist/human rights responses to HIV and AIDS globally and inputting into AWID's future feminist strategies.

INTENSIFYING PREVENTION, TREATMENT,  
CARE AND SUPPORT  
ACTION AID  
INTENSIFYING PREVENTION, TREATMENT, CARE AND  
SUPPORT FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS  
July 6, 11h-12h30

This workshop will be a stimulating discussion about the alternatives for prevention that should women adopt in the absence of a women controlled prevention methodology

NAVIGATING INTERNATIONAL AIDS  
CONFERENCE (Int. F/S)  
SOPHIE DILMITIS, WORLD YWCA

POLICY AND ADVOCACY – MOVING INTO ACTION  
JULY 6, 14H30-17H30

Maximising civil society participation in the international AIDS conference and exploring how Mexico 2008 can better address the needs of women and girls

MOBILISING AND STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY  
LED CARE FOR ORPHANS AND VULNERABLE  
CHILDREN – LESSONS LEARNED  
WORLD VISION INTERNATIONAL  
LESSONS LEARNT FROM CHANGING COMMUNITIES  
JULY 6, 14H30-17H30

This workshop will share lessons from a faith community mobilisation model addressing stigma and discrimination and leading to integrated and comprehensive community care, advocacy and prevention

DO MACROECONOMIC POLICIES MATTER FOR  
GENDER EQUALITY AND HIV AND AIDS? WHAT  
ISSUES COULD THE WOMEN'S MOVEMENT  
MOBILISE AROUND?  
UNIFEM-UNDP  
LESSONS LEARNT FROM CHANGING COMMUNITIES  
July 7, 11h-12h30

This workshop will explore different strategies available for women to demand policy change based on existing human rights instruments and reviewing existing campaigns for women's human rights in the context of HIV and AIDS.

HIV POSITIVE WOMEN'S EXPERIENCES OF  
ACCESSING CARE, TREATMENT AND SUPPORT  
ICWL  
POSITIVE LIVING  
July 7, 11h-12h30

This workshop will explore how a simplistic ABC (Abstain, be faithful and use condoms) approach helps stigmatise already HIV positive women and girls and will continue to do so.