

STOP AIDS NOW!
Activities at AIDS 2008 on
Women and HIV
Monday, August 4

14.00 – 15.00

"Gender based human rights violations of HIV positive women"
In Spanish/En Español

Type of session: Presentation

Description: This session presents the results of a social audit done on the conditions of women in Honduras. Colectivo Feminista Mujeres Universitarias, which coordinated the audit, identified that women have been subjected to a series of gender based human rights violations, and that this has been especially true for women living with HIV. The study shows, according to CFMU, that the State has been negligent in protecting the rights of HIV positive women; Honduras lacks public policies that can guarantee the health of women and their right to a life free from discrimination.

Presenter: Blanca Estela Dole, Colectivo Feminista Mujeres Universitarias (CFMU)

Organisers: STOP AIDS NOW!, CFMU

Location: STOP AIDS NOW! booth, area 101, Global Village

Contact: Blanca Estella Dole, mujersu@cablecolor.hn

15.00 – 16.00

"Universal Access by 2010: Be Heard!!"

Type of session: Presentation and testimonials

Description: With the goal of contributing to possible revisions of country and global strategies, this session addresses the challenge of universal access in Zimbabwe to accelerated prevention, treatment, care and support for women and girls. The session includes testimony on the situation of women to help reveal whether universal access is a myth or a reality.

Presenters: Mary Sandasi, Women and AIDS Support Network (Presentation)
Lynde Francis, The Centre (Presentation)
Filia Rifa, Women and AIDS Support Network (Testimonial)
Florence Sithole, Safaids (Testimonial)

Organisers: STOP AIDS NOW!, Woman AIDS Support Network (WASN)

Location: STOP AIDS NOW! booth, area 101, Global Village

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Tuesday, August 5

9.30 – 10.30

"Where is the Global Women's AIDS Movement?"

Type of session: Informal debate

Description: The session brings together HIV women activists from all over the world to advance current discussions on global women's AIDS advocacy. Some argue we do not have a global women's AIDS movement. What we have is a global HIV-positive women's movement forced to work in isolation. The session seeks to unpack this argument, and provide concrete answers to the question, "How do we, AIDS advocates and women's rights advocates, join hearts, minds, and hands to build a strong global women's AIDS movement to respond effectively to the impact of HIV/AIDS on women world-wide?"

Panelists: Ana María Pizarro, Sí Mujer, Nicaragua; Esther Wanjiru Mbugua, Kenya Network of Women with AIDS, Kenya; Thokozile Budaza, Open Society Initiative for Southern Africa, South Africa; and Sophie Dilmitis, World YWCA and ICW, Switzerland.

Moderator: Jennifer Bushee, STOP AIDS NOW!, Netherlands

Organisers: STOP AIDS NOW! and World YWCA

Location: Women's Networking Zone, area 413, Global Village

Contact: Jennifer Bushee, jbush@stopaidsnow.nl

10.30 – 12.00

"Universal access to female condoms: The use of the female condom"

Type of session: Participatory presentation

Description: Continuous demonstration on the use of the female condom, the different kinds and the potentials of the female condom. There will be a quiz where female condoms can be won, and enough time to ask questions and discuss experiences.

Presenter: Ilze Smit, Advocacy Officer, UAFC

Organisers: STOP AIDS NOW! and Universal Access to the Female Condom (UAFC) Joint Programme of Oxfam-Novib, World Population Foundation (WPF), IDA Solutions and the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs (DGIS)

Location: STOP AIDS NOW! booth, area 101, Global Village

Contact: Ilze Smit, I.Smit@wfp.org



12.00 – 13.00

“Empowering HIV positive women in Kenya to claim their rights”

Type of session: Presentation

Description: This session will share success stories from intensive dialogue sessions organised with a group of women living with HIV and their partners in Western Kenya. The dialogue sessions aim to address concrete cases of violations of women’s rights in the HIV positive community, and to provide local women with the leadership skills they need to claim their rights. Issues broached in the discussions range from inheritance/succession rights, prevention of perinatal transmission, discrimination, and civil rights.

Presenter: Christine Oyaro, Women Fighting AIDS in Kenya (WOFAK)

Organisers: STOP AIDS NOW! and WOFAK

Location: STOP AIDS NOW! booth, area 101, Global Village

Contact: Jennifer Bushee, jbushee@stopaidsnow.nl

12.30 – 14.30

"Can't we work together to confront gender inequality and HIV? Approaches to addressing gaps in cross-sectoral collaboration"

Type of session: Poster presentation

Description: Gender-based inequality is at the core of the vulnerability of women and girls to HIV. Few programs that focus on women and HIV directly confront gender inequality. Why? Effective, cross-sectoral collaboration is lacking. We have learned from the Gender Development Project of STOP AIDS NOW! that ways of stimulating successful collaboration range from facilitating mutual trainings, building structures and strategies for collaboration to calling upon unexpected allies to deconstruct prejudices.

Presenter: Jennifer Bushee, STOP AIDS NOW!

Organiser: STOP AIDS NOW!

Location: Exhibition Hall D, Level 2

Contact: Jennifer Bushee, jbushee@stopaidsnow.nl

15.00 – 16.00

“Building awareness on women’s rights to build healthy relationships”

Type of session: Presentation

Description: Anum Siregar, recent nominee to the Front Line Award for Human Rights Defenders at Risk, will share how her organisation is helping young people build healthy relationships through gender equality and mutual understanding. ALDP’s HIV prevention efforts with young people focus on strengthening understanding and respect for women’s rights, and on discussing relationship building in the context of a view of HIV as a social and rights issue.

Speaker: Anum Siregar, Alliansi Demokrasi Untuk Papua (ALPD)

Organisers: STOP AIDS NOW! and ALDP

Location: STOP AIDS NOW! booth, area 101, Global Village

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Wednesday, August 6

15.30 – 17.00

"Sex for fish, shooting up, and stigma. Grassroots activists from Kenya and Indonesia explain how they empower women and girls to stand up to HIV in the face of these realities."

Type of session: Informal debate

Description: This session seeks to expose the realities of women living in two very different places in the world, but who nevertheless confront many of the same challenges in relation to HIV and gender based issues. We wish to go beyond an articulation and analysis of the context to discuss what activists and organisations are doing that works to address the realities in concrete and replicable ways. We will pay special attention to economic empowerment activities.

Panelists: Esther Wanjiru Mbugua, Kenya Network of Women and AIDS; Heldina Irayanti, Yayasan Kita, Indonesia; and Rosemary Atieno, Community Mobilization for Economic Development and Advancement, Kenya.

Moderator: Jennifer Bushee, STOP AIDS NOW!

Organiser: STOP AIDS NOW!

Location: STOP AIDS NOW! Networking Zone, area 401, Global Village

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