

UN Women's Participation in AIDS 2014
20-25 July 2014 | Melbourne, Australia

UN Women will be participating in the following events during the 20th International AIDS Conference:

Satellite Session

Gender and Sexual Rights in the post 2015 framework

Organized by the International Planned Parenthood Federation

Sunday, 20 July 2014 -11:15 -13:15

Location: Room 203-204 (2nd Floor) Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre

HIV is a public health issue and a human rights concern. HIV drives gender inequality and impacts on the development of individuals and communities. Gender inequality and unequal power relations continue to significantly influence the epidemic. IPPF is a global service provider and leading advocate of sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) for all. IPPF works with individuals and communities to address causes of inequality, reduce GBV, and challenge laws that deter the enjoyment and fulfilment of SRHR and empower women and girls. This session will include global experts on SRHR, HIV and gender. They will debate the proposed post-2015 global architecture to address gender inequality and empower individuals to exercise choice in their sexual and reproductive lives; take charge of their bodies and reduce the risk of HIV. The highlight of this session will be testimonies from young people living with HIV, survivors of gender-based violence and transgender people. Session Chair is Marijke Wijnroks, Chief of Staff, the Global Fund to fight AIDS, TB, and Malaria; Opening Remarks: Keiko Haneda, Consul-General of Japan, Melbourne; Panellists: Kate Gilmore, Deputy Executive Director – Programmes, UNFPA, Nazneen Damji, Policy Advisor, UN Women; Christine Stegling, Executive Director, The International Treatment Preparedness Coalition; Naimatullah Akbari, Executive Director, Afghanistan Family Guidance Association; Lena Luyckfasseel, Programme Director, IPPF European Network; Leigh Ann van der Merwe, Coordinator, Social, Health, and Empowerment Feminist Collective of Transgender Women of Africa; Salim Ng'azi, youth leader, Family Health Options Kenya Youth Action Movement.

UN Women Speaker includes Nazneen Damji, Policy Advisor, Gender Equality, HIV, and Health

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Special Session

No One Left Behind: Stepping Up the Pace on the Removal of Punitive Laws to Advance Human Rights and Gender Equality

Monday, 21 July 2014 13:00-14:00

Location: Melbourne Room 1

Throughout the world, punitive laws and law enforcement practices continue to be barriers to effective HIV responses. Such laws and practices contribute to making individuals and specific populations more vulnerable to HIV and hinder their access to health and HIV services. Even in countries where protective laws have been introduced to support HIV responses and uphold the right of people living with HIV, women and girls, and key populations, their enforcement is often inappropriate and their impact remains limited. Responding to these concerns, the UNAIDS Strategy 2011-2015: Getting to zero as well as the 2011 Political Declaration on HIV called for laws and law enforcement that support effective HIV responses. In 2010-2012,

the Global Commission on HIV and the Law, conducted a review of laws and law enforcement practices globally and their impact on HIV responses, and issued bold recommendations for advancing human rights in the context of HIV. Chair: Helen Clark, Administrator, UNDP; Chair: Helen Clark, Speakers include M. Kirby, Australia; C. Chauvel, UNDP; M. Ighodaro, United States; S. Saptasagar, India; S. Mthembu, South Africa; E. Ross Albers, United Kingdom.

UN Women-supported Speaker: Sethembiso Mthembu, Regional Director, ICW Southern Africa

Symposia Session:

Violence, Culture and Conflict: Strategies for Safety in a Time of AIDS

Friday, 25 July 2014 from 11:00 – 12:30

Location: Room 203-204 (2nd Floor) Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre

This session addresses the interface between violence towards women and HIV. It examines the range of violence directed towards women from intimate partners to health care workers. The symposium will highlight how culturally-condoned violence can lead to contracting HIV and how women living with HIV face disproportionate levels of violence in every sector of society. Violence is disproportionately directed towards women regardless of whether they are mothers, lovers, young or old, in the home or the hospital. The presenters each speak passionately from very different personal perspectives, and offer strategies to overcome the challenges women face. Co-Chairs: Carol Kidu, PNG, Tanya Plibersek, MP, Australia; Speakers include, Introduction: C.Kidu, Papua New Guinea; Intimate partner violence, R. Kubunavanua, Fiji; Violence and disability, J. Hargrave, Australia; Violence to women within the health sector, T. Njoki Otieno, Kenya; Violence towards sex workers, T. Rai Nisha Ayub, Malaysia; Violence faced by female drug users, N. Ao, Thailand; Addressing violence at the national level, K. Mutuvi, Kenya Closing: T. Plibersek, MP, Australia

UN Women Speaker: Kavutha Mutuvi, Programme Coordinator, HIV/AIDS, Kenya

Women's Networking Zone Event

Women4GF Session in the Women's Networking Zone - The UNDP Checklist

Wednesday, July 23, 2014

9:30 - 10:30

Location: Women's Networking Zone, Global Village

This panel discussion will highlight: The UNDP Gender Checklist, the UNAIDS Gender Assessment tool, the Compendium on Gender Equality and HIV/AIDS Indicators, and other tools that can support W4GF advocates participating in country processes of the NFM to ensure that concept notes (submitted to the Global Fund) address gender inequality, which is widely recognized as a driver of the HIV epidemic. Speakers Include: Claudia Ahumada (UNAIDS), Ludo Bok (UNDP), Sophie Dilmitis (W4GF), Jill Gay (What Works for Women) Susana Fried (UNDP), Robin Gorna (W4GF), Nazneen Damji, (UN Women).

UN Women Speaker: Nazneen Damji, Policy Advisor, Gender Equality, HIV, and Health

Abstract – Poster Exhibition and Presentation – Late Breaker

Tuesday 22 July 2014, 12:30 –14:30

Location: Poster Exhibition Area

Strengthening advocacy and policy-setting capacity of networks of Women living with HIV: lessons from a five-country programme evaluation

Background: An evaluation was conducted of a five country program "Supporting Gender Equality in the Context of HIV/AIDS" to measure the effectiveness of the HIV response for women through strengthening of policy and planning frameworks and securing a greater voice for organizations/networks of women living with HIV and affected by HIV (WLHIV) in decision-making processes. One significant objective focused on WLHIV organizations providing leadership and influencing of policies, programmes, and resource allocations of the HIV response. Interventions focused on building the leadership capacity of women living with HIV through peer and training workshops and opportunities for advocacy at national, regional and international levels. Poster provides findings and learning from the evaluation.

UN Women Presenter, Tesmerelna Atsebha, Programme Specialist, HIV and Health

For more information check programme for #LBPE42

Abstract – Poster Exhibition and Presentation

Tuesday 22 July 2014, 12:30 – 14:30

Location: Poster Exhibition Area

Increasing access to property and inheritance rights of women living with and affected by HIV and AIDS in Sub-Saharan Africa: lessons from a nine country program

Background: Women in many sub-Saharan African countries have statutory rights to own property, however many experience patterns of discrimination in accessing and securing these rights as a result of norms and customary laws that reinforce gender inequalities. Women living with HIV and AIDS are particularly vulnerable to property and inheritance rights violations because of the stigma associated with HIV. They are often stripped of their assets and forcibly evicted from their lands and homes undermining their ability to access HIV treatment, care and support. Poster provides findings and lessons from work to address this issue.

UN Women Presenter, Nazneen Damji, Policy Advisor, Gender Equality, HIV and Health

For more information check programme for #TUPE329

Women's Networking Zone

Daily 20-25 July 2014

Location: Global Village

UN Women is a proud supporter of the Women's Networking Zone! Women's Networking Zone (WNZ) is a vibrant, inclusive, and exciting space where community members, advocates, policy-analysts, decision-makers, service-providers, and researchers share and learn. UN Women is pleased to have provided support for the development by the WNZ of **A Delegate's Guide to Women and HIV at AIDS 2014**, available at: <http://www.womensnetworkingzone.org/program/daily-sessions-calendar>

The Women's Networking Zone at AIDS2014 is coordinated by ICW Global, ATHENA, WAP+, HEARD, Straight Arrows, Positive Women's Network and Positive Women Victoria.

For more information, visit <http://www.womensnetworkingzone.org/>

UN Women will participate in the UNAIDS Joint Booth

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UN Women, as the eleventh co-sponsor of UNAIDS, will be part of UNAIDS' Joint Family Exhibition Booth
