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Annual Meeting of Special Rapporteurs 2003

**JOINT UNAIDS and OHCHR
Discussion on HIV/AIDS and Human Rights**

**First Floor Conference Room, Palais Wilson, Geneva Switzerland
30 June 2003
9:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

Draft Programme

Purpose and objective

To develop a strategic approach for the integration of HIV/AIDS-related issues into the mandates and work of special rapporteurs, special representatives and independent experts appointed by the UN Commission on Human Rights and in so doing strengthen country level HIV/AIDS related human rights work.

Draft Agenda

- 9:30 – 10:15 **Introductory remarks:**
Mr. Bertie Ramcharan, Acting High Commissioner for Human Rights, OHCHR
Ms Marika Fahlen, Director, Department of Social Mobilisation and Information, UNAIDS
- 10:15-10:30 **Presentation: UNAIDS strategic approaches in implementing a rights based approach in HIV/AIDS programmes at country level:**
Miriam Maluwa, Law and Human Rights Adviser, UNAIDS
- 10:30 - 11:00 **Presentation: Living with HIV/AIDS - the Challenges**
Mr Stuart Flavell, International Coordinator, Global Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS
- 11:00 – 11:30 **Coffee break**

Chairperson: *Ms. Marika Fahlen, Director, Department of Social Mobilisation and Information, UNAIDS*

11:30 – 12:30 Plenary Discussion

HIV/AIDS related human rights issues in mandates of special procedures:

- Health
- Education
- Food
- Housing
- Extreme poverty
- Structural adjustment policies and foreign debt

Right to development

Discussant: *Paul Hunt, Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health*

12:30 – 14:30 Lunch break

14:30 – 15:00 Presentation: Addressing HIV/AIDS related Human Rights issues in programs dealing with sex workers- *Dr Irina Kroujkova, AIDS INFOSHARE, Russia*

Chairperson: *Mr. Dzidek Kedzia, Chief, Research, Policy and Right to Development, OHCHR*

15:00 – 16:00 Plenary Discussion

HIV/AIDS related human rights issues in mandates of special procedures:

- Freedom of opinion and expression
- Torture and other inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment
- Arbitrary detention
- Enforced or involuntary disappearances
- Racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

Focus on special groups

- Women
- Children
- Migrants
- Prisoners

Focus on emergency/armed conflict situations

Discussant: *Dr. Sofia Gruskin, Director, International Health and Human rights Program, François-Xavier Bagnoud Centre for Health and Human Rights(IHHRP,FXBC) Harvard School for Public Health and Chairperson of the UNAIDS Global Reference Group on HIV/AIDS and Human Rights*

16:00-16:30: **Coffee break**

16:30 – 17:00 Discussant on strategic approaches on issues raised:

Dr. Nafis Sadik, Special Envoy of the UN Secretary General on HIV/AIDS in Asia-Pacific

17:00 – 17:30 **Way forward and closing remarks:** *Ms Marika Fahlen, UNAIDS*
Mr. Dzidek Kedzia, OHCHR