

Thematic guide on HIV prevention in the XVII International AIDS Conference, Mexico

Satellite, Non-Abstract Driven and Skills Building Workshop Sessions

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A. HIV prevention by target audience:

1. HIV prevention and sex workers

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1	The Business of Prevention at Scale - How Classic Management Principles led to a Scaled Approach to Delivering Prevention in India	Avahan, a non-governmental organization, design for implementing at scale and lessons learnt from the interventions with sex workers and their clients, men having sex with men and Injecting drug users. • The use of data to form and maintain the business model – which in turn broadened coverage, deepened intensity and improved quality. • The role of the implementing partners, with their targets, and accountability • The role of the peer educators in their communities Trucking – how chaos on the Indian roads has been turned into a structured prevention tool	August 3rd 2008	11h15-13h15	Session Room 4	Satellite
2	Sex by the Side of the Road: HIV Vulnerability along Road Transport Corridors in Africa	In September 2007, the International Organization for Migration (IOM), World Food Programme (WFP) and the North Star Foundation (NSF) co-organized the Regional Workshop on HIV in the Road Transport Sector for Southern Africa in Piggs Peak, Swaziland which was co-hosted by the United Nations Joint Programme on HIV/AIDS Regional Support Team for East and Southern Africa, and the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC). This satellite session will (1) share the outcomes and some of the successful responses presented at the workshop, (2) invite comments on the draft regional framework to upscale HIV responses in the transport sector in southern Africa that was agreed at the workshop, and (3) facilitate networking among key stakeholders working on HIV in the road transport sector in Africa and beyond.	August 3rd 2008	15h45-17h45	Skills Building Room 3	Satellite

2. HIV prevention and injecting drug users

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1	The New Frontiers of Harm Reduction	Harm reduction and human rights Young people taking the lead HIV and drug use (including alcohol) in Africa Nothing about us without us HIV and non-injecting drug use in Latin America	August 6th 2008	14h30-16h00	Session Room 2	Non- Abstract driven
2	Moving beyond the male drug users: Developing and Designing Gender Sensitive Service Delivery Models For Women Drug Users And Partners Of Male Drug Users	The participants would be provided a conceptual framework on gender sensitive programming and comprehensive package of HIV prevention services for drug users. Subsequently, the participants will learn how to create space for women drug users and female partners of male drug users in harm reduction services through brainstorming, power point presentation and sharing of experiences by the positive women networks. The participants would then be guided to design and develop gender sensitive service delivery models within the existing harm reduction programmes through case discussions and group exercises. At the end of the session, participants would be asked to evaluate the session.	August 6th 2008	11h00-12h30	SBR 5	Skills building workshop
3	Drug abuse and HIV/AIDS research: Improving public health in Latin	The workshop will present state-of-the-art research on drug abuse and HIV/AIDS epidemiology including: • Drug abuse and psychiatric disorders in Mexico and the effects of migration • Drug use and HIV/AIDS epidemiology in Latin America • Drug use and sex work on the U.S./Mexico border • Drug use and HIV among Hispanic MSM There will also be presentations on substance abuse treatment as HIV prevention and on HIV prevention and treatment in substance abusers, including treatment of co-infections prevalent in Latin America. Training opportunities for Latin American investigators will also be presented. There will be ample time for discussion of presentations with the objective of identifying how research results can be translated into programs that can benefit diverse populations throughout Latin America. A	August 6th 2008	14h30-18h00	SBR 10	Skills building workshop

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		major aim is enabling Latin American scientists to enhance their own work and enter into collaborations with other Latin American and US researchers. Attendees will be given a memory stick with relevant publications and information on research and training opportunities as well as HIV prevention materials.				

3. HIV prevention & Men having sex with men and transgender people

1	Forgotten Truths, Hidden Realities: Addressing the Dynamics of HIV and MSM in Unfavourable Environments	Overcoming homophobia, violence, stigma and discrimination as a way to promote HIV prevention among gay men in Ghana HIV prevention, care and support for MSM in a post-Soviet country: fighting with old stereotypes and new realities The yogyakarta principles at the International AIDS conference in Mexico, August 2008 From invisibility to being a core high risk group – the journey of India's colorful communities of marginalized sexualities waking up to the genocide of HIV.	August 6th 2008	14h30-16h00	Session Room 1	Non- Abstract driven
2	An insider View of Obstacles, Challenges and Problems Faced by Transgender People for Access to HIV Prevention, Care, Treatment	Fluidity of thai queer sexualities and their experiences of accessing sexual health care Effective access to health services through positive empowerment of transgender people with HIV Institutionalized discrimination and transphobia: an insidious two-some in Latin American and Caribbean societies Understanding the role of hijras/transgenders in effective HIV responses	August 7th 2008	16h30-18h00	Session Room 2	Non- Abstract driven
3	How to be an ally to Lesbian, Gay, bisexual and Transgender people	This workshop is aimed to educate others in a sensitive way about the experiences of trans, gay, lesbian, bisexual and questioning youth. The feminist pedagogy will help in a friendly manner to share knowledge and skills how to be an ally and to develop youth leadership and positive modelling though empowerment and building bridges between communities. It will motivate	August 4th 2008	11h00-12h30	SBR 1	Skills building workshop

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		<p>other to take an active role in human rights advocacy in their everyday life and to be allies to LGBT and HIV people Promotion: This workshop welcomes to share experiences and skills about being ally when a friend comes out or reveals HIV status and creates friendly space for people who want to challenge discrimination from small conversation to hostile policy in non-violent safe way. Also it talks positive experiences for inspiration.</p>				
4	<p>HIV On the U.S. - Mexico Border: A Multi-MSM Community (men having sex with men) Approach to HIV Prevention & Change</p>	<p>Participants will learn about the sub-groups of the MSM communities on the U.S. (Arizona and tribal) and Mexico (Sonora) border region and multi-cultural prevention strategies for outreach. 2. Establish Guidelines for Strategic planning for community mobilization on a community issue. How to work effectively with the community to develop education and prevention strategies in a border region. 3. Learn prevention framework that leads to the targeted community becoming the change agent. Through interactive exercises, the participants will a) identify key issues within their own communities; b) learn steps on how to engage the community; c) help formulate prevention strategies for sub-groups that exist within the men with men community; d) offer tips for gathering data in a simple, effective manner and help document and evaluate their effectiveness without the costs associated with a professional evaluator.</p> <p>The men who have sex with men (MSM) community is quite diverse and those living in the U.S./Mexico border region are no different...or are they? This workshop provides the opportunity to learn more about those who migrate to the border region with great frequency and the effective strategies for prevention.</p>	August 6th 2008	11h00-12h30	SBR 3	Skills building workshop

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5	Safer Sensuous Sexual Pleasure: Using elements of sensuousness in promoting safer sex among men having sex with Men (MSM)	<p>Currently SAATHII, India carrying out an action research project to test the efficacy of using “elements of sensuousness” in making male-to-male sex safer and mutually pleasurable. Workshop participants would be taught how some of those “elements of sensuousness” can be used in their own area of work. The workshop would also try to explore newer and better ways and means of promoting safer and pleasurable sex among MSM. Special emphasis would be given on understanding how the subjective experiences of MSM, particularly male sex workers (MSWs) affect on their morality, values and norms, and how it compares and contrasts with the normative approach towards their present sensuousness. And how on the basis of the present sensuousness of MSM, we as non governmental organization workers can enhance the appeal of non-penetrative sex and increase willingness for condom use during penetrative sex. Additionally the workshop would try to develop ways to collectivize the “male-to-males commercial sexual pleasure service providers” towards empowering those populations, which in turn would help in increasing and improving their access to health services (prevention, care, support and treatment services) and in demanding for their rights.</p> <p>Promotion: The workshop would help individuals and agencies implementing Sexually transmitted infections/HIV interventions targeting MSM and those associated with male-to-males commercial sexual pleasure service providers to learn about various elements of sensuousness which can be used for making male-to-male sex safer and mutually pleasurable.</p>	August 6th 2008	14h30-18h00	SBR 2	Skills building workshop

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6	Implementing a Diversified Approaches in Public Health and Community Partnership: HIV/AIDS Strategies for Latinos (In Spanish)	This workshop will highlight strategies implemented to address the growing HIV epidemic among Florida's Latino community, specifically Latino Gay Men, Latinas and migrant workers. In partnership with community leaders, people living with HIV and civil society, the Florida Department of Health, Bureau of HIV/AIDS has rolled out a series of initiatives to educate and mobilize Latino communities. The workshop will feature steps used to develop HIV prevention and access to care interventions, social marketing campaigns and community mobilization initiatives. Highlighted products and example showcased will be feature in the languages created Spanish and English including the use of diversity, cultural norms, and idiosyncrasies.	August 7th 2008	16h30-18h00	SBR 10	Skills building workshop

4. HIV prevention and Children

1	Strategies to Promote and Sustain psychosocial well-being for Caregivers and Children Affected by AIDS	Innovative ways of psychosocial support for Children affected by AIDS Importance of Psychosocial issues in context of HIV and AIDS Evidence-based and scalable intervention for improving the functioning and hopefulness of adults and adolescents affected by HIV and depression. Psychosocial Care for Caregivers.	August 3rd 2008	15h45-17h45	Skills Building Room 7	Satellite
2	Beyond the Orphan Crisis: Findings of the Joint Learning Initiative on Children and HIV/AIDS	Advancing the Political Agenda for Children Affected by HIV/AIDS Strengthening Families through Cash Transfers: Lessons from the Mexican Experience Focus on Family: the Key for Ensuring Children's Well-being Adolescent Vulnerability and Prevention: New Approaches Channelling Resources to Families through Community-Based Organizations	August 6th 2008	18h30-20h30	Session Room 4	Satellite

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		Strengthening Families through HIV Prevention, Treatment, Care and Support. Family-centered Service Delivery Models for Children Affected by HIV.				
3	Young Children and AIDS: an Unrecognised Window of Opportunity	What child development science can contribute to efforts to support children affected by AIDS Breaking implementation bottlenecks: integrating PMTCT and early childhood services Field perspectives on incorporating early childhood into efforts to support children affected by HIV and AIDS.	August 7th 2008	18h30-20h30	Skills Building Room 9	Satellite
4	Where are the Children? Exploring Key Issues, Efforts and Challenges in Programme and Policy Responses to Children and HIV/AIDS	Non-vertical HIV transmission in children focussing on three Southern African Countries My personal Story Efforts to support children infected and affected	August 4th 2008	18h30-20h30	Skills Building Room 6	Satellite
5	Country-level Advocacy Initiatives that Support Children and AIDS	In-country advocacy work on children – local organization's work, and their challenges Advocating for children affected by AIDS in Malawi European and African parliamentarians' perspectives on children and AIDS Supporting African advocacy networks on children affected by AIDS	August 5th 2008	18h30-20h30	Skills Building Room 9	Satellite
6	Keeping the Promise: Unite for Children. Unite against HIV/AIDS	The satellite session comprises six presentations and focuses on innovations in accelerating scale-up around the 4 Ps (including responding to the nutrition crisis): a) Taking stock of progress and remaining challenges; b) Accelerating the food and nutrition response in the context of HIV: Supporting women, children and families; c) Family centred approaches in implementing and integrating prevention of mother to child transmission interventions in the era of ART; d) Keeping infants alive: The importance of early HIV diagnosis and progress to date; e) Cash transfers for social protection: What do we know and how feasible is large scale implementation? f) Addressing prevention with and for especially vulnerable and most at risk adolescents.	August 4th 2008	18h30-20h30	Session Room 4	Satellite

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7	Communicating with children about their illness	Communicating with children about their illness, particularly with regards to difficult issues such as their diagnosis, death and dying is a challenge for many people. With the number of children with HIV around the world, particularly in areas such as sub-Saharan Africa there is a great need for health professionals to feel comfortable with communicating about such issues. This workshop will explore issues around communicating with children with HIV within the palliative care context. Following an introduction the workshop will take the place of an interactive session with participants moving between different groups, exploring different ways of communicating with children e.g. using play, sharing challenges they have experienced, and hearing it from the children themselves through the use of video clips.	August 7th 2008	11h00-12h30	SBR 4	Skills building workshop

5. HIV prevention and young people

1	NO YOUTH NO CHANGE: Youth Rights as Key in the Response to HIV	Young people can be found in virtually all other key populations affected by HIV: People Living with HIV, Men having Sex with Men, sex workers, drug users, faith-based groups, indigenous communities, AIDS service organizations, etc. Young people are not adequately able to access comprehensive sexuality education, contraceptives and sexual and reproductive health services. It is therefore important that HIV policies and programs adequately address the needs and rights of young people.	August 3rd 2008	13h30-15h30	Session Room 4	Satellite
2	Youth Pop Culture, Media and HIV/AIDS: How to Work and Meaningfully Involve Celebrities in HIV/AIDS Prevention	Building Peer Credibility of Prevention Efforts Song for Life Power of Theatre and Drama in HIV/AIDS Prevention Creating Messages in Conservative Environment Mexican Experience Key Trends in Global Youth Culture	August 3rd 2008	13h30-15h30	Skills Building Room 7	Satellite

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3	It's Risky Business Focusing on Risks Only - Comprehensive Sexuality Education for all.	All children and young people, regardless of their HIV status, should be provided with participatory and gender sensitive sexuality education. The purpose of the satellite meeting is to discuss sexuality from a holistic and individual perspective beyond sexual acts, pregnancy and disease prevention. It will also address challenges in implementing sexuality education in different parts of the world.	August 4th 2008	18h30-20h30	Skills Building Room 7	Satellite
4	The Beautiful Game: Using the Power and Popularity of Soccer to Engage Young People in HIV Prevention and Life Skills Training	Achieving scale through soccer-based HIV interventions in Ethiopia and Namibia: successes and challenges Building resiliency in young people through participatory life skills activities Grassroot Soccer/Zimbabwe: Effectiveness and sustainability of utilizing professional soccer players as role models in HIV prevention Incorporating private sector investment into US Government-funded HIV portfolio Sport-based HIV prevention: a funder's perspective.	August 3rd 2008	11h15-13h15	Skills Building Room 2	Satellite
5	Integrating HIV Prevention, Care and Treatment in Sub- Saharan Africa: The Testing and Scaling Up of Intervention Models Involving Youth and Women	The Tanzania Youth Health Corps for Community-Based Prevention, Care and Treatment Adapting and Testing Evidenced-Based HIV Prevention and Care for Several Vulnerable Groups of Women in South Africa and Next Steps Integrating HIV Prevention and Care: Common Themes and Challenges Combining Behavioral and Economic Interventions to Improve Primary and Secondary Prevention and HIV Care of Adolescent Girls in Zimbabwe: The SHAZ (Shaping the Health of Adolescent in Zimbabwe) Project.	August 6th 2008	18h30-20h30	Skills Building Room 6	Satellite
6	Achieving Universal Access for Young People	Through this satellite session, the Inter Agency Task Team on HIV and Young People (IATT/YP) in partnership with World AIDS Campaign, and other partners, aim to share information on these targets, provide space for their critical analysis, as well as share best practices and recommendations on young people's leadership and involvement towards achieving universal	August 6th 2008	18:30-20:30h	Session Room 3	Satellite

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		access for all. The speakers will provide examples of challenges faced, as well as successful youth initiatives. They will also discuss concrete avenues for campaigning, advocacy, lobbying, and awareness raising strategies that can aid us on the road to universal access.				
7	Reaching Millions - Youth, AIDS and the Digital Age	Online social networking and civic engagement Information communication technologies for networking and capacity building of young AIDS advocates Information communication technologies for sexual and reproductive Education- Involving young people as authors and receivers Exploring the growing potential of applying Information communication technologies to Health and Development.	August 4th 2008	14h30 -16h00	Session Room 4	Non-Abstract driven
8	Addressing the Gap: Commitments, Funding, and Youth Engagement	The crucial potential of young people to affect change in the global response is unparalleled, yet universal access targets for young people's prevention, treatment, care and support are far from being met. At the XVI Toronto International AIDS Conference, the Toronto Youth Force and the AIDS 2006 Youth Programme hosted an unprecedented initiative, the Youth-Adult Commitments Desk, where high profile decision-makers made concrete and time-bound commitments on how they planned to scale up their interventions for and with young people. Currently only 25% of the commitments have been achieved. In the context of "Universal action now!" a diverse panel of adults and young people will explore those unmet commitments and contrast these with examples and results of young people and adults working together for progress and accountability.	August 5th 2008	14h30-16h00	Session Room 4	Non- Abstract driven
9	Family Acceptance: A Family and Community Approach to Prevention, Wellness and Care for Lesbian, Gay, bisexuals and transgender (LGBT) Youth and Young Adults	The session will present this important new research and will discuss current approaches to working with families to prevent HIV infection, promote well-being, decrease rejection and increase social support for sexual minority individuals. The session will provide a forum to discuss the role of institutions (e.g. families, community programs, health agencies) and community-level interventions to help change outcomes for Lesbian, Gay, bisexuals and transgender young people and to change	August 6th 2008	12h45-14h15	Session Room 9	Non-Abstract driven

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		negative and rejecting group norms that increase stigma, victimization and low self-esteem in LGBT young people which increase their risk for HIV infection.				
10	Lobbying and networking within the conference and beyond	This workshop will educate young people on how to lobby within the conference, how to advocate to decision makers and speak to media on issues relevant to young people. It will also address how to deliver advocacy messages at the conference and beyond using various tools such as media.	August 4th 2008	11h00-12h30	SBR 4	Skills building
11	People living with HIV/AIDS in the Arab states; Working "for" them? Or "with" them?	Understand how stigma, discrimination and risk factors increase young people's vulnerability. - To foster an understanding of possible personal consequences of belonging to certain social minorities or cultural groups. - Highlighting the importance of involving People Living with HIV and effective ways to achieve that.	August 5th 2008	11h00-12h30	SBR 10	Skills building workshop
12	Young women and their fight against HIV/AIDS	This Skill Building Session will provide understanding of different factors affect young women's lives and how these interplay with HIV, adopting intersectional approach in programs and policy advocacy. It will also explore how understanding of sexuality is instrumental in issues of young people and can be integrated. Presentation, Brainstorming and Group Work Tools will be used to achieve the objectives of session.	August 6th 2008	11h00-12h30	SBR 1	Skills building workshop
13	Working WITH Youth: Strategies for Effectively Engaging Youth Most At Risk (Street involved, sex workers, Injecting drug users)	Young people who are street-involved and at risk for injection drug use, or are injection drugs users and/or sex workers often remain extremely marginalized and excluded from services, including harm reduction services. While harm reduction has proven to be an effective and pragmatic option for adults, there is still resistance to the inclusion of young people in developing, implementing and participating in harm reduction strategies. Prevention and treatment are not the only options for youth. This session explores how health can be promoted when young people use their voice and agency to develop and participate in approaches that are necessary and lifesaving for young people at risk of HIV through injection drug use and/or sex work. Strategies on how to work with young people	August 6th 2008	11h00-12h30	SBR 2	Skills building workshop

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		to develop harm reduction programs that are youth-led, honest, relevant, accessible and respectful to their needs and experiences will be discussed. Participants will gain workable training tools to actively engage young people in their region to be involved in peer support, outreach and education, and to create links with primary care and treatment options, while reducing the negative health consequences of social exclusion and marginalization.				
14	What came first-Chicken or Egg? An Integrated Approach to Sexuality and HIV is the answer	This is the time to challenge and change perceptions. The Sexuality Education Programme for young people is the pioneer one in Pakistan that advocates for an integrated approach of Sexuality and HIV Education. Both are vital for but if given in isolation do not result in sustainable long term behavioral change. The session will reflect on unique approach and working experience in a conservative society; advocacy strategies adopted for its integration into national curricula for secondary grade and lessons learned. The session will be conducted in English and will be valuable for professionals working on HIV/Sexual and reproductive health, Youth, Academicians and Lobbyists.	August 7th 2008	11h00-12h30	SBR 5	Skills building workshop

6. HIV prevention & Men and boys

1	Men Engage: Developing a Global Movement to Work with Boys and Men for Gender Equality	Panel of Activists for Gender Equality Men Engage - Current and Future Directions Men Engage Country and Regional Networks.	August 7th 2008	18h30-20h30	Session Room 7	Satellite
2	What does it Mean to "Be a Man?" Insight into Men's Experiences from Around the Globe	Satellite sessions typically feature panel discussions; this session will "break the mould" by challenging participants to think differently about men's experiences and how programs can more effectively target men. Session participants will interact with exhibits that highlight issues related to masculinity in developing countries. Proposed exhibits include the Hombres de Verdad ("Real Men") program in Central America where participants will learn if they fit a traditional machismo"	August 5th 2008	18h30-20h30	Skills Building Room 1	Satellite

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		profile or an emergent masculine construct, like the "protector" or "searcher." Another exhibit will walk participants through the process of male circumcision, from HIV testing and intake to post-procedure counseling. A mock beer hall from Cambodia will allow participants to experience a "typical" evening of socializing between men, including pressure to frequent sex workers. In addition to PSI exhibits, experts in male involvement programs will be invited to create interactive sessions to highlight their work.				

7. HIV prevention and women & girls

1	Securing Women and Children's Property Rights in the Era of HIV/AIDS	Objective: - Advocacy and awareness rising among policy makers and donors on the issues of women's property rights in the context of HIV and AIDS. Assess the process and challenges to move on.	August 3rd 2008	15h45-17h45	Skills Building Room 1	Satellite
2	Scaling Up an Effective Response to Violence Against Women and Girls: Case Studies, Promising Practices & Recommendations for Achieving Zero Tolerance	The United States' Role in Addressing Violence against Women and Girls Rwanda's Experience in Addressing Violence against Women and Children Addressing Violence Against Women and Girls and Fighting HIV/AIDS: Recommendations and Advocacy for Scaling Up The Tipping Point: The UN's Role in Ending Violence against Women and Girls	August 5th 2008	07h00-08h30	Skills Building Room 1	Satellite
3	Advocacy Strategies to Make the AIDS Response Work for Women	Ensuring that the U.S. Response to the Global AIDS Epidemic Meets the Needs of Women and Their Families Community-level Advocacy for Increased Prevention Education Targeting Youth Civil Society Watchdog Efforts to Monitor Pharmaceutical Supplies in Eastern Europe, Central Asia and the Caucasus Keeping Treatment Issues on the Front Burner of the AIDS Agenda at the Country Level and Through Global Agencies	August 6th 2008	18h30-20h30	Skills Building Room 7	Satellite

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4	Making HIV Trials Work for Women and Adolescent Girls	Women and clinical trials: where have we been and where are we going? Women and trials in low- and middle-income settings She shoots but does she score: women's participation in clinical trials - are they on the scoreboard? The Clinical Investigator's Perspective Voices of experience: women speak out Sexual and reproductive health: what has it got to do with it?	August 6th 2008	18h30-20h30	Skills Building Room 2	Satellite
5	No Simple Solution: Investing in HIV Prevention Research for Women	Women and girls urgently need a range of prevention technologies and approaches to protect themselves throughout the life cycle and as life situations change. Using an interactive "talk show" format, this session will bring together dynamic voices, including high-level government representatives, grassroots leaders working on the frontlines of community-based research, and policy-makers. The panellists will discuss the work needed to develop and test a range of interventions that address the complex gender inequality challenges that exist on structural, behavioral, and cultural levels that continue to exacerbate a feminized HIV epidemic worldwide	August 4th 2008	18h30-20h30	Session Room 6	Satellite
6	Update from the Middle East: Women and HIV	Our focus this year will be to explore the issues that women with HIV face in the Middle East and North Africa region. This will include biological transmission, social stigma, and methods and interventions with the goal being to enhance the lives of women who have been affected by this disease in the Middle East and North Africa.	August 3rd 2008	13h30-15h30	Skills Building Room 4	Satellite
7	The Intersections between Violence Against Women and HIV/AIDS	The session will highlight: a.) evaluating programmes addressing HIV and violence against women, specifically the work of grantees from the 2007 UN Trust Fund on Violence against Women window on HIV; b.) promising practices at the country level to address the intersections (new Action Aid International/UNIFEM publication); c.) testimony of an HIV+ woman and the violence she faces; d.) advocacy work conducted to address the intersections between violence against women and HIV –	August 3rd 2008	13h30-15h30	Skills Building Room 6	Satellite

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		spotlighting the Women Won't Wait campaign; e.) "Men's involvement" in addressing gender equality and the intersections of the twin pandemics.				
8	Addressing Violence against Women and HIV/AIDS – SASA! An Activist Kit	All over the world, many women experience violence from their intimate partners and women are being infected with HIV at higher rates than men. There is a strong link between violence against women (VAW) and HIV. The imbalance of power between women and men increases women's vulnerability to violence and HIV; women's inability to negotiate for safe sex, their vulnerability to forced and transactional sex, economic dependence on men and lack of information – only to name a few - increase women's risk for HIV infection. Now is the time to prevent VAW and HIV. The SASA! Activist Kit for Preventing Violence against Women and HIV offers tools, resources and activities for organizations in the field of HIV/AIDS prevention to address VAW in their work. SASA! Developed this kit by raising Voices and is implemented by CEDOVIP in Kampala, Uganda, and Kivulini in Mwanza, Tanzania. This workshop aims to: Improve the knowledge of the participants on the connection between VAW and HIV Give participants an overview of the SASA!	August 7th 2008	16h30-18h00	SBR 5	Skills building workshop
9	Macroeconomic Policy and the Feminization of the AIDS Epidemic: Film Screening of "Now or Never" and Discussion	The adoption of gender responsive economic policies plays a central role in addressing these issues; policies should aim to support women's economic independence, their right to property and inheritance, their ability to protect themselves from HIV infection, the delivery of social services in a manner that mitigates the impact of AIDS on women and girls, and HIV/AIDS programming sensitive to gender equality and human rights. Economic Advisor at UNIFEM, will introduce the film, titled "Now or Never" (approx. 70 minutes running time) by the award-winning international director, Moussa Sene Absa. The film explores the social and economic costs borne by women when health systems break down due to macroeconomic stabilization policies and cuts in health budgets in seven countries covering Latin America,	August 5th 2008	18h30-20h30	Skills Building Room 4	Satellite

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		South Asia and Africa. The faces and voices of women living with HIV featured in the film powerfully convey the impact of these cuts on women's time and unpaid work, and demonstrate the strength of collective action and evolution of new networks that are helping women to overcome these hardships.				
10	Challenges for Women and Girls and HIV/AIDS	Investing in Young Women's Leadership in Response to HIV and AIDS Linking Sexual and Reproductive Health and HIV Advocacy on the Intersection of Violence against Women and HIV/AIDS Intersections between HIV, sexual and reproductive health and Poverty Sexual and reproductive health gaps in the National AIDS Plan Sex Workers Challenges and Other Vulnerable Groups in India Domestic and Gender Based Violence in the Caribbean Challenges for Women Living with HIV/AIDS in Africa With Women Worldwide to End HIV	August 3rd 2008	10h00-15h00	Session Room 8	Satellite
11	The Role of Industry in Development of ARV-based Prevention Technologies for Women	Update on ARV-based prevention research with focus on the need for women (Pre exposure prophylaxis and second generation microbicides), progress and failures in the field and prospects for future. - Identify issues regarding clinical trial designs and endpoints for prevention research - Partnership with industry - Key lessons learned and future opportunities - Priorities for research	August 4th 2008	18h30-20h30	Skills Building Room 10	Satellite
12	The AIDS Care Economy and the Burden on Women	What should be the job of a trained, experienced nurse or doctor is now the responsibility of women. Girls are being taken out school to care for sick family members, and women are sinking deeper into poverty as they are being pulled away from work that would contribute to household income in order to do unpaid work of AIDS care. What is the impact of the Care Economy on women, households and countries? If women were adequately compensated for their work, what would it cost the	August 6th 2008	16h30-18h00	Session Room 4	Non- Abstract driven

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		world? Why is it acceptable for women's work to go unremunerated (surely if men were the primary caregivers and millions of them were taking on extra duties because of HIV/AIDS we'd find a way to compensate them)? What will it take to get donors, international NGOs and governments to compensate women for their work?				
13	In the AIDS Response, Where is the Leadership for Women's Human Rights?	Responses to this global pandemic have failed to meet the needs of women and girls and are not often based on human rights. Who is leading in changing the AIDS response to meet the needs of women and girls? Who is accountable? What is missing? Is it merely "lip service" or is there is sufficient political commitment to truly address women's human rights as part of the AIDS response? Where are the resources to truly "engender" the AIDS response? How do we move from rhetoric about women to action that matters to women? This interactive dialogue will engage leaders from community-based organizations, feminist movements, youth networks and policy and decision makers from government and the UN system. Clearly there is a need for a greater response to the HIV pandemic that is based on the promotion, protection and fulfilment of women's human rights, but is there enough leadership and commitment to make this happen?	August 6th 2008	16h30-18h00	Session Room 8	Non-Abstract driven
14	Community Participation in HIV Related Clinical Research	This session addresses the basics of community participation in research, starting from the point of view of the research candidate, against the back-drop of a year of disappointing and failed results from a number of vaccine and microbicide trials. Why do trial participants engage with research? Whether we live in a developed or developing country, what are the true motivations of our enrolment? Does inequality in access to health care affect trial enrolment? How communities can directly participate to the design of studies? These questions are lingering questions yet to be adequately addressed as they may impact deeply on the way community groups collaborate with researchers and on their vision of the	August 4th 2008	11h00-12h30	Session Room 6	Non-Abstract driven

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		critical role that civil society should have and its responsibility towards research.				
15	From promises to actions: women, funding and HIV and AIDS	While the amount of funding for HIV has increased significantly, women's rights organizations working on HIV continue to struggle to access funds despite the feminization of the pandemic. This workshop will provide a space for capacity building regarding the financial sustainability of organisations working on HIV and women's rights.	August 4th 2008	11h00-12h30	SBR 10	Skills building workshop

8. HIV prevention and population with humanitarian concern

1	An Emergency within an Emergency: Responding to PLHIV Needs in Humanitarian Crises	Overall context: The double threat of humanitarian and HIV and AIDS emergencies Implications of Gender and protection of women affected by HIV and AIDS in humanitarian crisis Reducing vulnerabilities of PLWHA to common infections in humanitarian settings - experiences from Oxfam GB programs Complexities of treatment access and public health vulnerabilities for PLHIV in humanitarian crisis Climate Change and HIV and AIDS: PLHIV vulnerability in emerging climatic disasters.	August 4th 2008	18h30-20h30	Skills Building Room 2	Satellite
2	Human Security and HIV	There has been a certain amount of debate and research about the connections between conflicts, disasters and HIV. These connections are less straight forward than might be supposed and require ongoing research and monitoring. This session will examine a range of evidence and theorising about the impact of conflict and disasters on HIV. The session will point to developing clear and immediate policy and programme recommendations for how HIV/AIDS initiatives should be designed for humanitarian crisis and post-conflict transitions.	August 6th 2008	14h30-16h00	Session Room 3	Non- Abstract driven

9. HIV prevention and mobile populations

No	Name of the session(s)	Topics discussed	Date	Time	Venue	Session type
1	Mobile Populations and Globalization	This session will bring together scientists, community members, and immigration activists to discuss the links between international population movement and the global HIV/AIDS epidemic. The session will address the challenges created by voluntary and forced migrations in terms of the production of HIV risk and the particular vulnerabilities that migrant populations face. It will also highlight how migration may be propelled by global inequalities in access to adequate AIDS-related care and medication, and the barriers that HIV positive migrants face in crossing international borders.	August 4th 2008	16:30-18:00h	Session Room 11	Non- Abstract driven

10. HIV prevention and disabled people

1	Best-Practices and Strategies for a Cross-Cutting Approach to Disability Issues in the Area of HIV-AIDS Prevention and Care.	<p>Scientific Evidences on Disabilities as a consequence of AIDS</p> <p>Good Practices in South-to-South Cooperation on sexually transmitted infection, HIV/AIDS & Disability Initiatives and Strategies being applied to mainstream Disability issues into the National AIDS Program in Brazil</p> <p>Overview of sexually transmitted infection, HIV/AIDS and Disabilities in Central-America</p> <p>Multiple ways of Stigma and Discrimination on People Living with AIDS and associated Disabilities</p> <p>Strategies for Support and Collaboration between People Living with AIDS and People with Disabilities</p> <p>Bridges for Inclusion Project: sexually transmitted infection, HIV/AIDS Prevention in Children and Youth with Disabilities in Mendoza</p> <p>Strategies for the design and implementation of Inclusive Public Policies and Programs in STD and HIV-AIDS</p>	August 5th 2008	18h30-20h30	Skills Building Room 8	Satellite
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2	HIV/AIDS & Disabilities: the challenge of improving accessibility on prevention, diagnostic and treatment		August 6th 2008	14h30-18h00	SBR 7	Skills building workshop
3	Reaching Deaf Communities	Objectives: Deaf people around the world have been affected by HIV but there has been little sharing of resources about the best ways to combat HIV in Deaf communities. This workshop, with hearing and Deaf facilitators, will be a forum for people to learn about and discuss issues facing Deaf communities. Issues discussed will include the communication needs of Deaf people including straight forward visual information and sign language, best practices such as building peer advocate networks and fighting the stigma associated with HIV within tight knit Deaf communities. Information about specific materials will also be shared with the participants including a South African comic book that uses South African Sign Language, simple English information pamphlets about how to prevent the spread of AIDS, and a Quebec Sign Language video on how to take AIDS medications. This workshop will not only provide information to a wide range of people involved in fighting HIV but will be a crucial part of building a network to share information in the future. Currently there is no centralized facility for sharing information and this workshop is one of the first steps towards creating such a space.	August 7th 2008	14h30-16h00	SBR 7	Skills building workshop

11. HIV prevention and indigenous people

No	Name of the session(s)	Topics discussed	Date	Time	Venue	Session type
1	Indigenous People, First Nations and Afro descendants Confronting HIV/AIDS: Breaking the Silence	This session will debate the risk, vulnerability and public neglect of indigenous people, first nations and afro descendants confronting the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Recognized leaders from these populations will share their perspectives confronting the epidemic, from the experiences lived by their communities to a more academic approach. It will cover issues such as the factors that are responsible for their overrepresentation, the human rights violations that lead to their particular vulnerability, the consequences of the epidemic among the underserved communities, and their recommendations on the development of adequate public policies.	August 5th 2008	11h00-12h30	Session Room 8	Non- Abstract driven

12. HIV prevention and people living with HIV (Positive prevention)

1	Meeting the Sexual and Reproductive Health Needs of People Living with HIV: Critical to Human Rights and HIV Prevention	Consider the fact that many HIV-positive men and women want to have a child. But there is a concern about the health risks. Other HIV-positive couples want to prevent pregnancy, either to wait to have a child or to avoid childbearing entirely, but do not know about the full range of birth control methods that may be appropriate for them. And still others want to pursue a satisfying sex life and need health care providers who are comfortable talking with them about sexual intimacy, risky behaviors and other sensitive issues.	August 3rd 2008	15h45-17h45h	Skills Building Room 5	Satellite
2	Sex and Sensibility : Meeting the Sexual and Reproductive Health Needs of People living with HIV (PLHIV)	Empowering African women living with HIV in reproductive rights advocacy: on enhancing the capacity of HIV-positive women to address reproductive rights. Examples will show how information provision. Positive Perspectives: HIV-positive Men as Partners in Sexual and Reproductive Health - Engagement of the	August 7th 2008	18h30-20h30h	Skills Building Room 4	Satellite

No	Name of the session(s)	Topics discussed	Date	Time	Venue	Session type
		<p>PLHIV community on advocacy issues around sexual and reproductive health.</p> <p>Unwanted Pregnancy and Access to Safe Abortion Care for Women Living with HIV:</p> <p>Responding to the Sexual and Reproductive Health Needs of PLHIV: Where Are We? - A global assessment of the progress made and some of the challenges in meeting the sexual and reproductive health needs of PLHIV</p>				
3	Micro-credit & HIV/AIDS: How Can Micro-financial Services Contribute to the Fight against HIV & AIDS?	<p>Background: Whilst poverty is a crucial cause of HIV & AIDS infection, people living with HIV (PLHIV) are not prime beneficiaries of micro-credit. Micro credit institutions are reluctant to give loans to people living with HIV. The risk of non-payment of loans through illnesses is thought to be too high among PLWH. Lessons learned: Micro-credit to groups of PLWH are possible and can be sustainable. The partnership between Micro-finance institutions and organizations of people living with HIV is mutually beneficial. Micro finance institutions can effectively contribute to prevent HIV infections and improve the quality of life of people living with HIV.</p>	August 4th 2008	07h00-08h30	Skills Building Room 2	Satellite
4	Income generation ideas for positive people	<p>People living with HIV (PLHIV) suffer greater poverty than the general population. The roll out of ARVs provides the opportunity to return to work. But joining the workforce and generating income is difficult. This practical workshop provides innovative ideas on actions to enable PLHIV to generate income, participate in the community, and alleviate poverty.</p>	August 7th 2008	11h00-12h30	SBR 1	Skills building workshop
5	Positive Prevention	<p>The session will give a "framework" for positive prevention with emphasis on positive living issues; human rights issues: implications on policy and laws for different vulnerable groups of PLHIV; implications of treatment and care on positive prevention and the prevention of new infections; sexual and reproductive health and rights implications on positive prevention.</p>	August 5th 2008	11h00-12h30	Session Room 2	Non-Abstract driven

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6	Who is Right and Who is Wrong- Putting the Right Back into Sexual and Reproductive Rights	This session focuses on sexual and reproductive rights for people living with HIV (PLHIV) from a rights-based approach on a personal, programmatic, monitoring and action level addressing: 1) What is the foundation (value-added) for a rights-based approach? 2) How to convince the powers-to- be of that value? 3) How to measure progress in achieving rights? The session will look at how PLHIV exercise their individual sexual health and reproductive rights when not alone in living out their sexual and reproductive rights and likely to have differing desires, facing different circumstances and consequences than their sexual partners.	August 5th 2008	16h30-18h00	Session Room 2	Non-Abstract driven
7	Scaling up a Positive Prevention Intervention in High-HIV Prevalence Countries: Adaptation, Implementation, and Sustainability of Healthy Relationships programme.	This workshop is meant for Non governmental organization program developers and program directors for positive prevention services in resource limited countries with high HIV prevalence to enable them to culturally adapt and implement a version of Healthy Relationships most suitable for their own communities.	August 4th 2008	14h30-18h00	SBR 3	Skills building workshop
8	New Paradigms = New Key Messages (In French)	Generating new questions about access to ARV and laboratory test, new messages related prevention and positive prevention, commitment from governments and new guidelines from WHO and other partners, also, the impact in ethical and subjective perception about risk and safety sex. General Objectives: To clarify the message to key population To spread clear message after this symposium about the relation between "undetectable and un-transmittable" On the basis of a recent study from Professor Bernard Hirschel (HIV/AIDS unit Geneva University Hospital), speaking about involving couples with different serological status with regular sexual practices without condom, shows that triple therapy is essential to prevent new infections.	August 5th 2008	11h00-12h30	SBR 2	Skills building workshop

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9	Positive Prevention: Getting the ingredients right!	Everyone is talking about positive prevention. But there is a lack of clarity on the exact ingredients and how to programme prevention initiatives aimed at people living with HIV. This interactive workshop will explore current positive prevention programmes to determine the components of a comprehensive approach. It will build the participants' skills to better understand and address the positive prevention needs of people living with HIV.	August 5th 2008	16h30-18h00	SBR 3	Skills building workshop

B. HIV prevention by service delivery areas:

1. Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission

1	Scale-up of Comprehensive HIV Prevention, Care and Treatment Services for Women, Children and Families: How Do We Move Toward Global Coverage of PMTCT and Paediatric ART?	Leading Advocacy for Coordinated Action Achieving the Universal Access Treatment Targets in a Multiple-Donor Supported System: Challenges of Harmonization Coordinating the Nigeria Civil society Response to HIV/AIDS: Success Stories and Challenges Optimizing Private Sector Participation in the AIDS Response: Lessons from NIBUCCA Commitments on Improving on AIDS Coordination among Multilateral Institutions and Donors: What Progress?	August 3rd 2008	09h00-11h00	Session Room 2	Satellite
2	Coordinating to Achieve Universal Access: Lessons from Nigeria (Part of this session is on PMTCT)	Leading Advocacy for Coordinated Action Achieving the Universal Access Treatment Targets in a Multiple-Donor Supported System: Challenges of Harmonization Coordinating the Nigeria Civil society Response to HIV/AIDS: Success Stories and Challenges Optimizing Private Sector Participation in the AIDS Response: Lessons from NIBUCCA Commitments on Improving on AIDS Coordination among Multilateral Institutions and Donors: What Progress?	August 7th 2008	18h30-20h30	Session Room 10	Satellite

2. HIV prevention and injection safety, opioid substitution and blood safety

No	Name of the session(s)	Topics discussed	Date	Time	Venue	Session type
1	Drug Abuse and HIV/AIDS Interventions: An International Perspective	Neurobiology of drug abuse and HIV risk behaviors Drug Abuse Treatment as HIV Prevention: The state of Science Scaling up antiretroviral therapy in resource poor countries: The impact of speed on survival STOP HIV/AIDS-Seek and Treat for Optimal Prevention of HIV/AIDS	August 6th 2008	18h30-20h30	Skills Building Room 5	Satellite
2	Addressing the Challenge of HIV Transmission through Unsafe Blood and Injections	Ensuring blood safety and injection safety for achieving millennium developmental goals Major challenges to be addressed for preventing HIV transmission through unsafe blood Major challenges to be addressed to prevent HIV transmission through unsafe injections Strategies and steps implemented to ensure blood safety for HIV prevention: Sharing of experiences from Malawi Strategies and steps implemented to ensure injection safety for HIV prevention: Sharing of experiences from Russia Panel discussion: Priority actions to ensure blood and injection safety	August 3rd 2008	09h00-11h00	Skills Building Room 2	Satellite
3	Increasing Access for Women to Integrated Services for HIV/AIDS and Drug Addiction in Eastern Europe and Central Asia: Opioid Substitution Treatment, HAART and Preventing Mother-to-Child HIV Transmission in Female Injection Drug Users	Epidemiology of HIV/AIDS, Injecting drug users , opioid substitution therapy, prevention of mother to child transmission in the region Community perspective on access to treatment services for pregnant women who use drugs Country Presentation: Ukraine Country Presentation: Poland Country Presentation: Kyrgyzstan Country Presentation: Lithuania HIV, pregnancy, and opioid substitution therapy, Antiretroviral treatment for female injecting drug users	August 3rd 2008	13h30-15h30	Session Room 5	Satellite

3. HIV testing and counseling

No	Name of the session(s)	Topics discussed	Date	Time	Venue	Session type
1	Update on Key Messages and Guidance for HIV Testing and Counselling	Update on HIV testing strategies Detection of acute HIV infection in resource limited settings Key messages and guidance on HIV post test counseling HIV post test counseling problems encountered in resource limited settings	August 7th 2008	18h30-20h30	Skills Building Room 5	Satellite
2	Scaling-up HIV Testing and Counseling: A Human Rights and Public Health Imperative	While scaling up HIV testing continues to be a global priority, critical issues remain. This session will be grounded in a discussion of the UNAIDS Reference Group on HIV and Human Rights statement and recommendations, followed by a discussion of how the issues are being addressed on the ground, with discussions of the special issues of gender and other marginalized groups. The session will seek the common ground between a rights based and public health approach to scaling-up HIV testing and counseling.	August 5th 2008	14h30-16h00	Session Room 2	Non- Abstract driven
3	Bereavement counselling	This workshop will equip participants with knowledge and skills in helping clients grieve for their beloved ones. It is applicable at individual, family and community level to avoid stress, trauma and its multiple affects it the lives of clients and the staff who attend to them. It is a practical and participatory process encouraging a lot of sharing by the participants using the workshop materials indicated in the fist e-mail guided by the facilitator. In the process, they will be exploring, learning and stress relieved at the same time.	August 4th 2008	11h00-12h30	SBR 5	Skills building workshop
4	Developing Effective Counselling Skills to Improve the Uptake of HCT in an STI Clinic Setting	To demonstrate hands-on skills necessary to increase HIV testing uptake. 2. To make participants appreciate what skills it takes to move from "Opt In" to "Opt Out" HIV testing in an STI clinic. 3. To help participants understand how to streamline HIV counselling messages to suit targeted vulnerable groups. 4. To demonstrate to the participants that taking enough counselling time with appropriate information helps patients/clients understand better and accept HIV related services. 5. To demonstrate how rapport and good interaction with	August 7th 2008	11h00-12h30	SBR 8	Skills building workshop

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		clients prior to provision of services impact the good uptake of HIV testing services.				
5	The Brazilian experience of using rapid testing to diagnose HIV infection	The workshop intends to show the participants the Brazilian experience in enhancing access to HIV infection diagnosis, using rapid testing, as well as rapid intervention in the case of people with positive results.	August 6th 2008	1h30-18h00h	SBR 6	Skills building workshop

4. Male Circumcision

1	Male Circumcision: To Cut or Not to Cut	This panel will discuss some of the social, cultural, political and educational issues raised by trials that assert it is a proven technique to reduce HIV transmission. This session will explore difficult issues rather than asserting fixed positions. The discussion will explore the evidence for the efficacy of circumcision, the impact on those who are circumcised and on their sex partners, and the social, cultural and religious contexts of circumcision.	August 7th 2008	11h00-12h30	Session Room 2	Non-Abstract driven
2	Male Circumcision is Good For Us - Educating Communities on Male circumcision for Prevention	This highly technical workshop will explain and demonstrate to managers and practitioners how to apply the science proving that Male Circumcision could reduce heterosexual HIV infection in men by up to 60% - to policy and practice at community level. "Operation Abraham" - a Jerusalem AIDS Project model for technology transfer and training in adult and neonatal MC for HIV prevention will be shared, with lessons learned from a first pilot in Swaziland and on going consultations with other African nations. Participants will walk out with a package of knowledge, skills and educational materials on Community Clinic Based MC for HIV Prevention Service (CCBMCS) scale up.	August 7th 2008	14h30-16h00	SBR 8	Skills building workshop

5. HIV prevention and Sexual and reproductive health

No	Name of the session(s)	Topics discussed	Date	Time	Venue	Session type
1	The Role of Funding Mechanisms in Creating Synergy Between Sexual and Reproductive Health and HIV Programs	Current funding mechanisms and a more synergistic response. Making the money work for young girls and women. Addressing the impact of increased and targeted AIDS funding at national levels. How far has the Global Fund come in providing funding for SRH-HIV linkages and health systems strengthening? How will Department for International Development's new development strategy create more synergy between sexual and reproductive and HIV programs?	August 3rd 2008	13h30-15h30	Skills Building Room 8	Satellite
2	Integration of Sexual and Reproductive Health and HIV in Global Fund Proposals	This satellite session co-hosted by the Global AIDS Alliance, the Mobilizing for Reproductive health/HIV Integration Initiative and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS; Tuberculosis and Malaria aims to educate about opportunities for funding, through the Global Fund, of sexual and reproductive health as a critical component of universal access to HIV prevention, care and treatment. It will also highlight the work of Mobilizing for RH/HIV Integration, a partnership between Friends of the Global Fund Africa, Interact Worldwide, the International HIV Alliance, International Planned Parenthood Federation Africa Region Office, Global AIDS Alliance, and Population Action International, which aims to support civil society organizations in accessing the Global Fund and to increase integrated proposals submitted to the Global Fund.	August 3rd 2008	15h45-17h45	Session Room 2	Satellite
3	Linking Sexual and Reproductive Health: Increasing the Evidence Base of Innovative Approaches to Achieve Universal Access to HIV Prevention, Treatment, Care and Support and	Intensified linkages between sexual and reproductive health and rights and HIV provide an opportunity to increase the relevance, cost-effectiveness and impact of programmes and policies on both SRH and HIV outcomes. Linked programmes play an important role in efforts to achieve the goals of Universal Access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support, and Universal Access to reproductive health. Linked programming can	August 3 rd 2008	11h15-13h15	Skills Building Room 8	Satellite

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	to Reproductive Health Services	help ensure that underserved populations, such as young people and marginalised groups, receive the services they need. Despite recognition of common ground, opportunities to strengthen integrated programming are often missed or limited by; institutional barriers, competition for limited resources, conditionality, or lack of evidence.				
4	Linking Sexual and Reproductive Health and HIV	Evidence: The Missing Link in Linkages Prevention of Mother to child transmission: The most complex and most simple of programmatic entry points for linkages Dreams and Desires: The Sexual and Reproductive Health needs of People living with HIV Antiretroviral treatment Delivery: Providing ART in a sexual and reproductive health setting Making Money Work for Women	August 5th 2008	18h30-20h30	Skills Building Room 2	Satellite
5	Impact of AIDS on Human Development: Reproduction in the Social Context	For this discussion, the panel will take the social context of reproduction as its central organizing concept. The issues to be discussed are: reproductive choice, fertility, desire through breastfeeding, childcare, and economic subsistence as they relate to AIDS prevention and treatment. The panel will also explore the challenges of AIDS to human development.	August 6th 2008	11h00-12h30	Session Room 3	Non-Abstract driven

6. HIV and Media & other communication services

1	Media Management: working with the media to your advantage	The objective of this workshop is to provide participants with an understanding of how the media works and how to improve their skills in managing the media. It will cover: - Understanding the media - What journalists want - Television versus radio versus print - Development of key messages - Writing a media release - Dealing with the media - Conducting interviews - Presenting yourself - Practice makes perfect - Keeping with the message Promotion: We all know that the media is an important ally in a HIV response. But	August 4th 2008	14:30-18:00h	SBR 1	Skills building workshop
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		do you really understand how it works, and how to best respond when you receive the dreaded media call. This workshop will give you all the skills to be effective in your media management.				
2	Developing HIV Prevention Strategies among the sexual diversity populations through the helpline interaction.	This workshop will help to create new prevention strategies through getting theoretical and practical basic elements for promoting the reduction of risk factors and development of factors for protection among the sexual diversity key populations for the epidemic from one call center or an informal phone call.	August 4th 2008	14h30-18h00	SBR 6	Skills building workshop
3	Talking about you-know-what: Finding a language and developing confidence in talking to clients about sex	The workshop develops skills and ideas to help practitioners when talking about sex with clients. Participants will learn to be reflective about their own assumptions and beliefs, apply models of interaction that facilitate good communication and have opportunities to apply these skills and become more confident about their ability to talk openly about sex, sexuality and sexual behaviour. The session is interactive with small group discussions and activities in pairs. Facilitators are clinical psychologists and employ a friendly, informal style. This workshop arises from their clinical experience, including blushes and uncertainty, when talking about sex with their patients.	August 5th 2008	14h30-16h00	SBR 1	Skills building workshop
4	Improving communication skills in the context of the multicultural HIV/AIDS Clinic	The workshop will provide participants with increased insight into the barriers and facilitators to effective communication in the context of the HIV/AIDS clinic. The workshop will highlight the special challenges of working with interpreters and cultural brokers and will present a model for managing the different communication challenges of HIV/Aids at different stages and in different contexts. The workshop is based on a body of research conducted with health professionals (including doctors, pharmacists and counselors) and a series of prior training workshops run with teams in Africa. It will provide insight into interactions and will tackle particular challenges relating to disclosure, adherence, terminology and concepts that	August 6th 2008	11h00-12h30	SBR 9	Skills building workshop

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		<p>are difficult to convey to patients. It will also incorporate real examples and commentaries on the interactive process to empower health professionals to communicate more effectively with patients. The goal is to develop capacity and to increase the toolbox for practitioners working in settings of cultural and linguistic diversity.</p> <p>HIV presents unique communication challenges to health professionals, especially when cultural and language barriers are present. This workshop will provide participants with insight and skills for dealing with communication challenges. It will involve identification of facilitators and barriers to communication and offer an opportunity to examine verbal and non-verbal aspects.</p>				
5	Responsible Media Coverage: Culture, Gender and Human Rights in HIV and AIDS Reporting	<p>Category: Intensifying involvement of affected communities. HIV journalists are key actors in building sustainable HIV and AIDS responses, recent media analysis has highlighted gaps in the epidemic's media coverage. For example, an over reliance on biomedicine and statistics, sensational language and a tendency to overlook perspectives of affected communities have each been identified as areas in need of attention. (See "Voice and Visibility- Frontline perspectives on how the global news media reports on HIV ", Internews Network 2006 and "Reporting AIDS-An Analysis of Media Environments in Southern Africa", the Panos Institute, 2005). Building on previous HIV, AIDS and media work conducted by UNESCO and partners, the objective of the session is to strengthen the capacity of participants to produce accurate, culturally relevant, human-rights based and gender-sensitive HIV media coverage adequately reflecting the voices of communities most affected.</p> <p>Promotion: How can the media better address the challenges of HIV and AIDS? Do the voices of affected communities receive sufficient coverage? Learn, debate and build partnerships at UNESCO's workshop on responsible HIV and AIDS reporting.</p>	August 6th 2008	14h30-18h00	SBR 3	Skills building workshop

C. HIV prevention by distribution of commodities:

1. Condoms for HIV prevention

No	Name of the session(s)	Topics discussed	Date	Time	Venue	Session type
1	Comprehensive Condom Programming: So Much Potential, Yet so Little Progress	Correct and consistent condom use is a critical element in a comprehensive, effective and sustainable approach to HIV prevention and treatment. Male and female condoms are a key component of combination prevention strategies individuals can use at different times in their life to reduce their risks of sexual exposure to HIV. Nonetheless, condom programming scale-up has not been to scale that matches the gravity of the epidemic. The struggle to expand access and use of the only available proven HIV prevention technologies- male and female condoms appears to be losing momentum.	August 7th 2008	18h30-20h30	Session Room 6	Satellite
2	Expanding Access to Female Condoms through Strategic Partnerships and Informed Advocacy	The female condom is an effective HIV prevention tool that is available today; however, this method is not readily accessible throughout the world. This interactive workshop explains the relevance of female condoms to a global response to HIV and identifies challenges to making it accessible. Participants will learn why female condom programs and strategies succeed in some settings and fail in others. Participants will build skills to generate strategic partnerships and informed advocacy to expand access to female condoms, as one option among many, with the goal of ensuring comprehensive, good quality sexual and reproductive health services for all.	August 7th 2008	16h30-18h00	SBR 9	Skills building workshop

2. New HIV prevention technologies

1	New Minds, New Ideas: Attracting the Next Generation of Investigators and Technologies to HIV Vaccine Research	New Minds, New Ideas: Attracting the Next Generation of Investigators and Technologies to HIV Vaccine Research	August 3rd 2008	15:45-17:45h	Skills Building Room 8	Satellite
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2	Expecting (and Managing) the Unexpected: Reality Check for New Prevention Options	Developing new HIV prevention options is accepted as an urgent priority, but the conduct of research and development, particularly in the developing world, faces many challenges, each of which can delay the development and introduction of new prevention options. One of the key challenges is how we communicate and manage expectations around trial results in an increasingly complex world of HIV prevention research.	August 3rd 2008	15h45-17h45	Session Room 5	Satellite
3	Vaccines and Microbicides: Where Do We go from Here?	This special session will bring together senior scientists and advocacy leadership in the area of HIV vaccine and microbicides research. The session will explore where the field is heading, review the results of recent trials, and address critical questions such as the scientific obstacles preventing rapid development and delivery of preventive vaccines and microbicides. The speakers will reflect on strategic considerations within the field, such as promoting basic science and innovative product design versus clinical trials and advancing development of existing candidates. They will also discuss the scientific, ethical, and operational challenges in the field of biomedical prevention research.	August 4th 2008	11h00-13h00	Session Room 1	Non-Abstract driven

D. By prevention by settings:

1. HIV prevention and workplace

1	International Legal Initiative to Strengthen National Responses to HIV/AIDS Through the Workplace	In 2009, the International Labour Conference of the ILO will hold a first discussion on a new international labour standard: an autonomous recommendation on HIV and AIDS in the world of work. The new standard is expected to be adopted as the outcome of a second discussion in June 2010. The preparation of an international legal standard includes the broadest possible consultation on issues, perspectives and prescriptions.	August 7th 2008	18h30-20h30	Session Room 8	Satellite
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2	Getting Serious About Nurses: Health and Safety in the Workplace	Universal precautions and human rights of all health care workers	August 6th 2008	18h30-20h30	Session Room 2	Satellite
3	Responding to HIV/AIDS in the Workplace in Sub-Saharan Africa: Operational and Collaborative Experiences	Employees and employers, and their associations, as well as international technical assistance and financing organizations, have extensive experience, technical expertise, with each having a comparative advantage in support of local, national or sub-regional HIV/AIDS efforts. The satellite session will share good practices at country, regional and global levels. It will highlight examples of what has been done to address HIV/AIDS at the workplace and beyond, feature what has worked (and has not), what is planned, and what could be done to expand workplace and related programs in achieving HIV/AIDS prevention, care and treatment.	August 3rd 2008	11h15-13h15	Skills Building Room 3	Satellite

2. HIV prevention and educational institutions

1	Education Matters: The Role of the Sector in Promoting Universal Access to Prevention, Treatment, Care and Support	The current state of school-based HIV and AIDS education, promising approaches and persistent challenges; • Lessons learned, opportunities and risks of integrating treatment, care and support programmes in schools; and • Efforts to date and actions required to address the educational, sexual and reproductive needs of learners with HIV through school-based interventions. Evidence will be presented from a range of countries, including: Botswana, Brazil, Chile, Kenya, Lesotho, Mexico, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Swaziland, Tanzania, and Uganda. The session will also report back on the outcomes of the pre-Conference Summit between Ministers of Health and Ministers of Education from Latin America and the Caribbean to discuss the multi-sectoral response to HIV and AIDS in the region.	August 5th 2008	18:30-20:30h	Skills Building Room 5	Satellite
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2	Sex and Relationship Education and HIV	Education has proven to be a major factor in the prevention of HIV by providing understanding and skills to enable individuals to reduce their risk in the face of the epidemic. It is also a powerful tool for reducing girls' vulnerability among other things by keeping them in school and is considered in general a high cost-effective means of prevention. Comprehensive sex education and school based interventions for girls and boys should be considered an essential part of the strategy to manage the spread of HIV. This session will explore the interrelationship between sex and relationship education for girls and boys, sexual health behaviour and HIV prevention. The session will use a gender lens to analyze in and out of school sex education programmes. It will also analyze levers and barriers to success, offering perspectives from many different regions of the world.	August 4th 2008	16h30-18h00	Session Room 5	Non- Abstract driven

E. HIV prevention in General:

1. Addressing the drivers of the Epidemic

1	Leading the AIDS Response in Asia: Recommendations from the Commission on AIDS in Asia (Part of this session is on prevention)	Legal impediments to scaling up prevention services Prevention in Asia: addressing drivers, policy implications.	August 5th 2008	18h30-20h30	Session Room 8	Satellite
2	Drug policy, HIV and Human Rights: A Latin American Perspective	Mexico's drug policy has clearly focused on the fight against drug trafficking and violence with little or no regard to other aspects. This has led to increasing militarization of public security, justice reforms to fight organized crime, and bilateral agreements with the United States focused on strengthening security, where	August 7th 2008	18h30-20h30	Skills Building Room 10	Satellite

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		human rights are not a priority and are violated in order for the fight against drugs to be successful. Drug policy has therefore become a key human rights issue, and an integral approach that incorporates a human rights perspective is urgently needed.				
3	Undermining Public Health and Human Rights: The United States' HIV Immigration and Travel Ban	Winning the global fight against AIDS is a central prong of U.S. foreign aid and foreign policy. The U.S. government has taken a leadership role under both Republican and Democratic administrations, committing vast financial, medical and scientific resources to this effort. Considering this commendable commitment, it is ironic that for over 20 years, the United States has barred HIV-positive people from immigrating to the United States. It has barred HIV-positive immigrants already in the U.S. from attaining legal immigration status except in extremely limited circumstances. The government has also banned HIV-positive visitors from travelling to or transiting through the U.S. The HIV bar first came into effect in 1987 in the early days of the AIDS epidemic, when there was a great deal of fear and misunderstanding associated with the disease.	August 3rd 2008	11h15-13h15	Skills Building Room 9	Satellite
4	Key Population Response to HIV/AIDS in Latin America - A study as to how the Latin American Response to the HIV Epidemic has Brought Influence to Bear on Social Development, Legislation, Public Policies and Respect for Human Rights in the Region	The proposal of the plenary debate is to discuss the impact that the Latin American response to the HIV/AIDS pandemic has had on the defence of human, political, social and civil rights, as well as on the non-discrimination, activism and visibility of vulnerable groups. And also, the social indicators which were analysed can help in monitoring and evaluating responses to the epidemic and demonstrate progress made in the region which so far had not been visible due to the exclusive use of clinical and epidemiological indicators.	August 7th 2008	18h30-20h30	Skills Building Room 8	Satellite

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5	AIDS, Race, Gender and Inequality in the Americas	Race, Gender and AIDS in North America Afro Brazilian women and HIV: the case of Brazil Economic Inequality and HIV in Latin America and the Caribbean Indigenous peoples and HIV/AIDS in Latin America and the Caribbean Responding to the triple stigmas of homophobia/race/living with HIV Social exclusion and AIDS	August 5th 2008	18h30-20h30	Session Room 2	Satellite
6	Engaging communities in dialogue to address the linkages between culture, GBV HIV and AIDS	This workshop shall equip and empower participants with advocacy skills for the reform of cultural practices that predispose women and girls to HIV infection. The workshop shall impart skills and generate knowledge on effectively engaging community structures in mapping the linkages between the community's culture and the HIV epidemic. The workshop shall draw from SAfAIDS' experience of working with communities in Zimbabwe, on a programme which worked with community structures, such as custodians of culture, men and women to address issues related to culturally sanctioned practices that increase the vulnerability of women and girls HIV infection. The workshop will highlight the processes that are necessary in conducting such dialogues. The objectives of the workshop include to: 1. Highlight the cultural factors that exacerbate the vulnerability of women and girls to HIV infection 2. Share effective methods of addressing communities on cultural practices as a way of addressing the HIV epidemic 3. Explore the possibility of participants using this approach in different settings 4. Share Zimbabwean Case study Promotion of workshop: Culture – the key to unravelling the vulnerability of women and girls to HIV and AIDS. Welcome to SAfAIDS' hosted "Engaging communities in dialogue to address the linkages between culture, GBV HIV and AIDS".	August 6th 2008	11h00-12h30	SBR 10	Skills building workshop

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7	Crime and Punishment: Criminalization of HIV	Punishments that do not match the 'crime': Understanding the impact of criminalizing HIV transmission Into the Firing Line: Placing young women and girls at greater risk Race and Immigration: Determinants of a sound policy Stigma and Discrimination facing People Living with HIV: Getting the evidence Answers and Alternatives: A more nuanced approach towards the criminalization of HIV.	August 5th 2008	18h30-20h30	Skills Building Room 7	Satellite
8	Challenging Men having sex with men (MSM) stigma in an African context	This workshop will provide a rare opportunity to 'break the ice' around MSM in Africa. In many countries there is growing recognition of the importance of including MSM in HIV prevention care and treatment strategies. Yet there are still high levels of stigma around sexuality issues, particularly faced by MSM. The workshop will provide an opportunity to share anti-stigma tools and techniques which were developed in Senegal with MSM and the Regional Stigma Training Project. These tools have already been tested out in Madagascar and Cote d'Ivoire by MSM groups and HIV trainers and opportunities for feedback and creative ideas for new tools will be gathered in the workshop. Participants will discuss and strategise how to integrate MSM issues into prevention initiatives in an African context and MSM stigma into anti-stigma initiatives. Different elements of stigma will be explored including stigma and disclosure, forms, causes and effects; how gender issues influence MSM stigma and stigma and religion.	August 5th 2008	11h00-12h30	SBR 8	Skills building workshop
9	Understanding and challenging stigma faced by young people living with HIV	Finally a workshop lead by young people to discuss issues affecting young people and stigma. Come and share your experiences, try out our new tools, (developed in Tanzania) see how they can be adapted to fit different contexts. Participants will participate in activities which will help them to reflect on their own attitudes towards young people, particularly in relation to sex and relationships. There will be opportunities to share experiences of stigma, explore how stigma affects	August 6th 2008	14h30-18h00	SBR 1	Skills building workshop

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		young people, discussions on how young people's sexual rights are being violated and exercises to explore how to strengthen young peoples support structures.				
10	From Commitment to Action: Implementing Effective Responses on Gender and AIDS	Tanzania: Strengthening gender action through the national AIDS response 'Making the money work' for women and marginalized communities Increasing women's participation in decision-making processes and AIDS coordination mechanisms India: Empowering positive women and strengthening leadership and capacity of women's networks Brazil: Enrolling men and boys in promoting gender equality Mexico: Addressing the nexus between gender, sexuality and vulnerability	August 4th 2008	18h30-20h30	Session Room 5	Satellite
11	Gender Analysis of HIV Communication Campaigns in Latin America and the Caribbean	This satellite session will provide a participative gender analysis of HIV TV spots produced in Latin America and the Caribbean. The objectives of the session are: • Identification of the gender stereotypes, particularly about women, in the HIV TV spots produced in Latin America and the Caribbean • A shared understanding of how these stereotypes contribute to increase women's vulnerabilities to HIV • Production of recommendations for professionals involved in the development of HIV TV spots The TV spots, an anthology of HIV TV spots from the region that will be shown for the first time at an International AIDS Conference.	August 7th 2008	18h30-20h30	Skills Building Room 1	Satellite
12	Mainstreaming Gender Equality and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights	Gender inequality is a key contributor to vulnerability to HIV infection and the social and economic consequences of HIV/AIDS. Promoting gender equality and ensuring that sexual and reproductive health and rights is the right of girls and women as well as boys and men and must be part of comprehensive prevention and care strategies. This workshop will develop competencies in addressing gender inequalities and sexual and reproductive health and rights in programming. Hands-on experience from recent technical support provided across a variety of contexts by members of the UNAIDS	August 7th 2008	16h30-18h00	SBR 7	Skills building workshop

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		Interagency Task Team on Education will assist participants in developing strategic visions.				
13	From Risk to Vulnerability: Caribbean and Global Perspectives	Speaking of sex: gay men vs. men who have sex with men Sex work and gender identity: addressing multiple vulnerabilities in the Pacific Human Rights and HIV in the Caribbean How risk and vulnerability become 'socially embedded': insights into the resilient gap between awareness and safety in HIV	August 6th 2008	11h00-12h30	Session Room 4	Non-Abstract driven
14	Human Rights, HIV and Sex Work Policy	Introduction to film on the impact of anti-trafficking programmes on sex workers and sex worker HIV programmes Film on the impact of anti-trafficking programmes on sex workers and sex worker HIV programs HIV programming and our human rights: a sex workers perspective There is no human right "not to be a sex worker". Why rights based programs need to focus on HIV and sexual and reproductive health and rights The view from the ground- the impact of raids and rescues on communities and on sex worker HIV programs.	August 7th 2008	11h00-12h30	Session Room 8	Non-Abstract driven
15	Is Religion a Barrier to HIV Prevention?	Religion, culture, and tradition are all critical issues for successful prevention programmes. While some religious organizations have been very active in providing care and support for people with HIV/AIDS, they have also blocked measures that are regarded as best practice in prevention, and helped perpetuate judgements of sexual behaviors and identities that make reaching vulnerable populations more difficult. This session will provide an analysis of the role of major religious organisations and faiths in HIV prevention.	August 4th 2008	11h00-12h30	Session Room 2	Non-Abstract driven

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16	Faith in Action on the Margins	This session attempts to highlight the scope of what Faith Based Organisations (FBOs) are doing and to present some examples of innovative work with marginalised populations. Drug dependency rehabilitation based on Hindu values The Lutheran Church in Liberia--work with internally displaced person with the assistance of zoees/traditional midwives How theology assisted in setting up a comprehensive prevention program for injecting drug users in Iran.	August 3rd 2008	09h00-11h00	Session Room 7	Non-Abstract driven
17	Good Catholics Use Condoms: How to Answer the Tough Questions Surrounding HIV Prevention and Religion	This interactive workshop will train advocates, activists and policy makers how to answer the difficult questions about condoms, sexuality and religion. Participants will gain the skills necessary to counter anti-condom messaging and advocate for a culture of life that recognizes condoms as an integral part of a successful prevention strategy.	August 4th 2008	14h30-18h00	SBR 10	Skills building workshop
18	The Role of Human Rights in HIV Related Interventions Amongst Vulnerable Groups	Responses to HIV have shifted away from the traditional isolationist models and now increasingly veer towards medical models. Though Human Rights language finds its place in a number of the interventions, there is a serious issue being raised whether Human Rights based approaches are really effective, especially in the context of criminalization of practices of vulnerable groups. The session will initially lay out the theoretical basis of Human Rights based interventions in HIV, vindicated by empirical evidence, if any, and then develop the theme, in terms of successes or failures in intervention and responses that civil society and government have launched with Human Rights being part of the central plank and contrasts that same with those responses where Human Rights are absent or negated.	August 7th 2008	14h30-16h00	Session Room 2	Non-Abstract driven
19	Political Crises, Sexual Violence and HIV	With increased political instability in regions such as Kenya, Zimbabwe and Burma, violence against women is on the rise and new challenges are emerging for persons living with HIV, as well as for marginalised communities most affected by HIV. What is the situation for women in	August 7th 2008	16h30-18h00	Session Room 4	Non- Abstract driven

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		ongoing conflict zones such as the Eastern Congo and other areas of unrest? What is the impact of political instability on access to treatment and care for persons living with HIV? What is the effect on the sustainability of HIV prevention programmes? How do we ensure that women's voices and expertise are included in the efforts to build peace and create solutions? This session will examine the impact of sexual violence, conflict and political crises on women, persons living with HIV, and marginalised communities in the context of HIV.				
20	Criminalization: Why, Where and What are the Alternatives?	This session, Chaired by Plenary speaker from Cameron, will seek to understand where criminalization of HIV transmission is occurring, what the reasons are behind it, and alternative responses by which to address the concerns of those who promote it. Speakers will examine whether criminalization of HIV transmission advances either the public health goal of HIV prevention or the criminal law goals of justice and deterrence (or serves any other useful purpose). They will also consider scientific issues that impact on criminalization, such as phylogenetic testing and new studies regarding infectiousness while on successful treatment, as well as social issues, such as selective enforcement and possible impact on women living with HIV. The appropriate boundaries of criminalization of HIV transmission, including the appropriate role of the State with regard to intervening in intimate sexual encounters, and the extent to which each sexual partner should take autonomous responsibility for self-protection, will be explored. Following panel presentations there will be an opportunity to engage in a moderated discussion with speakers.	August 6th 2008	16h30-18h00	Session Room 6	Non-Abstract driven
21	Women's Rights Equal Women's Lives: Violence Against Women and HIV	Violence against women is both a cause and consequence of HIV and AIDS: A cause because rape and sexual assault are vectors for HIV transmission. This dialogue aims to highlight common strategies as well as the specific ways in which women's rights activists, policy makers, and donors are working together to	August 5th 2008	11h00-12h30	Session Room 11	Non-Abstract driven

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		<p>overcome challenges and find opportunities to combat violence against women.</p> <p>This dialogue between community activists, researchers, media and policy makers will highlight the creative and innovative strategies that they use to address the links between violence against women and HIV and AIDS. The session will conclude with a challenge and call to action to donors, governments, policy makers and civil society to address the intersection between violence against women and girls and HIV and AIDS.</p> <p>Promoting an ethic of responsibility among men.</p>				
22	Regional Session on Asia-Pacific	<p>This session will review the HIV scenario in the Asia-Pacific region; review prevalence rates, approach issues such as rampant stigma and discrimination as well as sex work and IDU in the context of criminalization of risk behaviors. Political complacency and apathy, women and children issues, and the emerging epidemic in some Asian countries will be included.</p>	August 4th 2008	16h30-18h00	Session Room 8	Non-Abstract driven
23	Travel Restrictions on People Living with HIV: Going Against the Grain of Human Rights and Public Health	<p>This special session will include policy makers, civil society and people living with HIV that are currently playing a leading role in policy change on HIV-related travel restrictions. The session will provide a platform for sharing the work of the UNAIDS convened International Task Team on HIV-related Travel Restrictions. Since the beginning of the HIV epidemic some governments have implemented discriminatory travel restrictions in regards to HIV positive people wishing to enter or remain in a country for short stay (e.g. business, personal visits) or for longer periods (e.g. employment, asylum, family reunification, resettlement or study). Current reports indicate that there are 74 countries with laws and policies barring entry or residency for individuals based on their HIV positive status, and of these, 13 countries ban HIV-positive people from entering for any reason or for any length of time. There is growing international momentum for HIV-related travel restrictions to be reversed. The time for change is now.</p> <p>Discussion of US efforts to end discriminatory HIV-</p>	August 5th 2008	12h45-14h15	Session Room 11	Non-Abstract driven

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		related travel, entry restrictions, laws and policies.				
24	Moving from Promises to Actions: Building Global and National Commitment for Evidence-Based Approaches to Addressing Stigma and Discrimination	In 2006, UNAIDS categorized HIV stigma and discrimination, along with inequity and human rights abuses, as primary obstacles to scaling up HIV programs and achieving universal access to HIV prevention, care and treatment. In recent years, researchers and practitioners have made significant progress in identifying the causes and dimensions of stigma, developing practical tools for programs with multiple target groups, and standardizing measures for evaluating programs. The stage is now set for effective strategies that combine interventions across sectors and at multiple levels to generate broad reductions in stigma, discrimination, and gender based violence. Despite this progress, efforts to address stigma's negative impact still remain grossly neglected in national and international AIDS responses. The session will address - Connecting the Dots Between Human Rights and Stigma Reduction, Measuring Stigma: The Stigma Index, Promoting evidence-based stigma reduction programming, Building Political Leadership for a Comprehensive Approach to Stigma Reduction, Getting stigma reduction on the donor's agenda.	August 6th 2008	12h45-14h15	Session Room 10	Non-Abstract driven
25	Crisis Management: Equipping and operating a voluntary "fire department" managed and run by high risk groups to address their foremost concerns, tackle violence, abuse and other threats in their day to day life.	Learn to design and manage community-led crisis response systems, for dealing with violence committed against people vulnerable to HIV. Training will be provided on how to set up legal support, a crisis telephone contact system, and appropriate counselling and medical services.	August 4th 2008	11h00-12h30	SBR 3	Skills building workshop

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26	Creating a National HIV-related discrimination reporting and redress system: The Jamaican Model	Using the Jamaican System as a model, this workshop will explore the many facets of a national discrimination reporting and redress system including: data collection tools and methods, data sharing, forms of redress, coalition building to increase reporting and achieve redress, protecting and empowering those who suffer from discrimination.	August 4th 2008	11h00-12h30	SBR 6	Skills building workshop
27	Online Legal Help Line: Addressing HIV-Related Human Rights Violations, Removing Stigma and Discrimination	The session will provide steps for creating an online legal help line, discuss how the help line will address HIV-Related Human Rights Violations and stigma and discrimination, share presenter's experiences, gather participants' experiences and propose solutions to concerns raised. The online legal help line was created as a response to a felt need by people working in AIDS service organizations, people living with HIV and AIDS and vulnerable populations who were trained as paralegals by the presenter, ALTERLAW, to address HIV-related human rights violations and stigma and discrimination by providing an easy way to access legal advice and assistance.	August 4th 2008	11h00-12h30	SBR 8	Skills building workshop
28	Designing and Implementing Empowerment Seminars that Foster Peer and Community Group Development: A Training of the Trainers based on 20 years of empowerment work with Latinas.	The goal of this workshop is to train participants with tools to create empowerment seminars that foster the development of peer groups for HIV positive women. Throughout the workshop, participants will expand their networks by exchanging ideas, experiences and strategies about peer group development and empowerment among each others. By the end of this workshop, participants will realize diverse empowerment strategies that are easy to use. Participants will also be able to apply the principles of empowerment and community development to design their own unique culturally appropriate seminars, and develop a plan of action for implementation at their home sites.	August 4th 2008	14h30-18h00	SBR 4	Skills building workshop

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29	The Challenges of Monitoring and Evaluating Community Sector Advocacy	We increasingly rely on advocacy to bring about change in our communities. But how do we monitor and evaluate advocacy? Much of M&E—a vital component in planning and implementation of policy, programs and services, and ensuring organizations' accountability to constituencies and funders—is geared toward service delivery projects and programs for which tracking outputs and assessing results are relatively straightforward. This joint session by the International Council of AIDS Service Organizations (ICASO), the International HIV/AIDS Alliance and Constella Futures, explores the challenge of successfully implementing M&E methodologies to track and assess the progress and results of advocacy efforts.	August 4th 2008	14h30-18h00	SBR 8	Skills building workshop
30	Taking into account gender implications in addressing the AIDS epidemic- a focus on Prevention	The session seeks to examine the factors that increase vulnerability of boys and girls, men and women to HIV. It will also take participants through a process of conducting a gender analysis of the issues leading to increased vulnerability, and thinking through workable interventions targeting boys and girls, and men and women differently to reduce vulnerability	August 5th 2008	11h00-12h30	SBR 6	Skills building workshop
31	Advocating for human rights and HIV/AIDS: Now more than ever	Universal access to HIV prevention and treatment will never be achieved without much greater attention to human rights. This workshop, aimed at activists globally, will make HIV and human rights issues accessible for participants. By the end of this workshop, participants will be able to: (1) name 10 reasons why, now more than ever, human rights should occupy the centre of the struggle against HIV (2) show that human rights approaches to HIV are not abstract, but real, practical, and cost-effective (3) provide concrete examples of human rights actions for universal access in national responses to HIV.	August 5th 2008	11h00-12h00	SBR 9	Skills building workshop

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32	Developing Advocacy Strategies	The aim of the workshop is to mobilize participants stimulating their empowerment and their meaningful involvement in decision-making at national and regional level. The activities will lead participants to identify obstacles PLWHA usually face in accessing to comprehensive treatment, think about possible solutions, and develop effective advocacy strategies.	August 7th 2008	14h30-18h00	SBR 1	Skills building workshop

2. Know your epidemic & Making prevention programmes work & Prioritizing HIV prevention based on evidence & Monitoring and evaluating the progress & Universal Access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support

1	Weighing the Evidence: Prioritizing Comprehensive Prevention in the Fight Ahead	There are still lingering questions about sustaining comprehensive HIV prevention for the future and even more compelling, maintaining these priorities within a general health agenda. The Caucus for Evidence-Based Prevention proposes a special satellite session at the XVII International AIDS Conference in Mexico City to highlight the importance of prioritizing evidence-based HIV prevention and advancing effective solutions within the context of broader health and development efforts	August 3rd 2008	11h15-13h15	Session Room 5	Satellite
2	Confronting the Evidence in Evidence-Based HIV Prevention	What kinds of evidence can and should be used to determine whether HIV prevention programs and interventions really work? What happens when we move from "efficacy" to "effectiveness" --from controlled research settings to "real world" implementation? How do we best derive evidence related to social drivers of HIV epidemics and strategies to address them? What are the implications of evidence emerging from recent clinical trials of biomedical technologies with null or negative results for setting priorities in HIV prevention? Criteria for Assessing Strength of Evidence Interpreting Evidence From an Advocate's Perspective Evidence for Social and Structural Interventions.	August 5 th 2008	18h30-20h30	Session Room 5	Satellite

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3	Success beyond Towards Universal Access by 2010	Bureau of AIDS, Tuberculosis and Sexually transmitted infections despite the harmonized and continuous efforts to overcome HIV and its impact particularly ART expansion in Thailand have been recognized as one of the good practices and clearly progressing to achieve Universal Access targets by 2010. Its experience and the lessons learned are used as the good model for the intervention in some countries without realizing about its un avoided consequences.	August 4th 2008	07h00-08h30	Skills Building Room 7	Satellite
4	Universal Access in the Caribbean by 2010: What is the Reality?	This satellite, in essence, examines the issues pertinent to the Caribbean Region's efforts to achieve universal access to HIV & AIDS-related prevention, treatment, care and support services, by 2010. Among other issues, the presentations treat with the challenges to achieving universal access, the structural drivers of HIV & AIDS stigma and discrimination as they have manifested in the Caribbean, and developments in epidemiology and how they have evolved in the Caribbean context.	August 3rd 2008	13h30-15h30	Skills Building Room 2	Satellite
5	India's Response to HIV and AIDS: Lessons Learnt	Putting HIV high on the law makers agenda Planning and implanting an effective response in a large and diverse country Halting and reversing the spread of HIV epidemic- putting Tamil Nadu on a tapering prevalence trajectory Role of positive networks in the HIV response Bringing visibility to the issues of sexual minorities for control of the epidemic in India	August 6th 2008	18h30-20h30	Session Room 6	Satellite
6	Inter-country Debate on Emerging Issues and Challenges of National AIDS Response in India, Brazil and Thailand	Brazilian Response to AIDS in mobilising community based response Lessons learnt from National AIDS programme- in mobilising communities of sex workers and other key population at risk of HIV in Brazil. HIV prevention efforts among high risk groups through Community Based Organizations – Indian experience Lessons learnt from targeted intervention among sex workers and Injecting drug users Sexual risk factors for HIV infection in high risk and general population of Brazil, Thailand and India	August 3rd 2008	15h45-17h45	Session Room 7	Satellite

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		Lessons learnt from targeted intervention among sex workers Emerging issues of country's HIV response in Thailand.				
7	Intensify HIV Prevention: Meeting the Challenges of Scale, Demand and Drivers	The purpose of this session will be - To draw attention to ways of overcoming barriers at country level to large-scale, effective prevention programming; - To get greater clarity globally on effective means of tackling the drivers of the epidemic. The satellite will have 3 arms: a) a focused discussion on the model for prevention scale up b) a lively interchange on prevention demand: can we grow prevention activists or are they born that way? c) a state-of-the-art panel on social change communication to address the drivers of the epidemic.	August 4th 2008	18h30-20h30	Session Room 2	Satellite
8	Know Your Epidemic, Know Your Response	Synthesis of multiple public health data sets: recent experiences with data triangulation Modes of Transmission Study, Kenya National Synthesis Results and Policy & Programme Implications Modes of Transmission Study, Lesotho National Synthesis Results and Policy & Programme Implications Modes of Transmission Study, Mozambique National Synthesis Results and Policy & Programme Implications Modes of Transmission Study, Swaziland National Synthesis Results and Policy & Programme Implications; Modes of Transmission Study, Uganda National Synthesis Results and Policy & Programme Implications; Modes of Transmission Study. Regional Lessons and Implications for Prevention; Characterizing the HIV Epidemic in the Middle East; Understanding the dynamics of West Africa's HIV Epidemic; Characterizing the HIV Epidemic in Asia	August 3rd 2008	13h30-15h30	Session Room 10	Satellite
9	The Sharpest HIV Decline in Southern Africa: Experiences from Zimbabwe	What caused HIV prevalence to decline in Zimbabwe? Update on results from epidemiological review The role of programmes and the social environment in Zimbabwe's HIV decline. Results from Qualitative Research and Historical Mapping of HIV Prevention Programming The Making of Zimbabwe's National Behaviour Change Strategy 2006-2010: Towards Nation-wide Evidence-	August 6th 2008	18h30-20h30	Session Room 7	Satellite

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		based HIV Prevention Overview of Comprehensive Condom Programming in Zimbabwe Building A Successful HIV Response in a Resource-Limited Context: The Case Of Zimbabwe Summary and introduction of discussion.				
10	Watch dogging Scale-Up: Monitoring Progress, Driving Change	An inter-active panel discussion addressing what civil society and other organizations in the Global AIDS Community are doing on the ground to monitor and hold their governments accountable for scaling up delivery of treatment and prevention services. The session will explore the following questions: What is your monitoring methodology? What/Whom do you monitor? What are your chief findings and recommendations? How will you use these efforts to create change in policy? Emphasis will be placed on southerners holding their own governments and global agencies accountable.	August 4th 2008	11h00-12h30	Session Room 4	Non-Abstract driven
11	Methods to Understand and Track Epidemics and Measure Results	Increase in funds has implied the need to monitor better not only the risk, but the vulnerability of populations and to move beyond the standard approaches used in epidemiology and surveillance in public health. Moreover the increased funding (national, bilateral as well as multilateral) of AIDS programmes worldwide will demand better measuring and reporting of outcomes. In addition National AIDS Programmes will have to be more efficient with their interventions in order to maximize investment and results. They will have to show that its interventions are effective in preventing new HIV infections and mitigating their impact. HIV epidemiology and surveillance have to adapt to these new paradigms and provide basic information of where the epidemic is going and what the impact of intervention has been.	August 4th 2008	14h30-16h00	Session Room 2	Non-Abstract driven

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12	New Frontiers in HIV Prevention Sciences	<p>This session will focus on what is known about approaches to plan, implement and evaluate HIV prevention programmes in a range of settings. Particular attention will be paid to innovative evaluation approaches for measuring the impact of promising HIV prevention interventions, including structural interventions, and comprehensive HIV prevention programmes.</p> <p>Addressing structural determinants of HIV and measuring change</p> <p>Lessons learned from working with communities in HIV prevention research</p> <p>Assessing HIV prevention approaches: Beyond randomized controlled trials</p> <p>Scaling up HIV prevention in India</p> <p>Challenges of HIV prevention in hyperendemic settings.</p>	August 5th 2008	16h30-18h00	Session Room 1	Non-Abstract driven
13	Research-Based Public Policy: Why is it Not the Golden Standard?	<p>International health agencies recommend basing public policy on evidence. In the context of the AIDS epidemic, there is a growing body of research that provides evidence of programs and interventions that are the most effective in preventing HIV transmission. Nonetheless, this data is often overlooked when public policy is drafted. This session will deal with sexuality education, harm reduction, sex work and homophobia. Speakers will present research results on effective ways of preventing transmission related to these topics. They will compare programs that are based on research with others that are not.</p>	August 5th 2008	11h00-12h30	Session Room 4	Non-Abstract driven
14	In From the Margins, the Leadership of Vulnerable Populations in the AIDS Response	<p>This session will evidence the seriousness and extent of the challenges and will also propose some solutions. It will bring together influential donors and successful leaders from marginalised populations to do three things: 1. examine the barriers to effective leadership experienced by marginalised populations, 2. explore the potential of organisations representing marginalised populations to advocate for better access to services and</p>	August 6th 2008	11h00-12h30	Session Room 2	Non-Abstract driven

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		to resources, and 3. reflect and learn from good donors leadership. What works in the response in concentrated epidemics? Trends and effective prevention strategies.				
15	Regional Session on the Caribbean - Creative Caribbean Approaches to the HIV Epidemic	The Pan Caribbean Partnership against HIV and AIDS (PANCAP) has marked its 6th anniversary. The presentation will discuss the context, approaches and lessons learned in the implementation of the Caribbean Regional Strategic Framework during the period 2001-2006. The Pan Caribbean HIV Forum brings together all stakeholders to confront the barriers that hinder effective HIV responses. Regional Ministers of Health and stakeholders have endorsed this call for a biennial Regional Forum to address Caribbean-specific challenges. The Forum will address legislative barriers, policy gaps and universal access.	August 7th 2008	11h00-12h30	Session Room 7	Non-Abstract driven
16	The Trans-Caribbean HIV/AIDS Research Initiative: Building Cross-Cultural, Trans-National, Multidisciplinary Research Collaborations	This workshop seeks to enhance development of collaborative HIV -related research in the Caribbean, with particular focus on cross-cultural, trans-national, multidisciplinary research. Participants will: receive an inventory of ongoing Caribbean AIDS research; learn about current opportunities for collaboration; identify and meet potential collaborators; understand cultural competencies critical to the conduct of HIV research in the region; help identify and develop approaches to addressing ethical and cultural issues relevant to the region; provide input into strategies for career development of junior Caribbean scientists; and return home with essential information on how to pursue collaborations.	August 5th 2008	14h30-18h00	SBR 9	Skills building workshop

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17	The Lancet Series on HIV Prevention	Twenty five years into the global HIV response, it is widely acknowledged that we cannot treat our way out of the HIV pandemic. The Lancet series consists of six reviews on the challenges of current and future needs for global HIV prevention. It includes the evidence for biomedical interventions, how to improve behavioural approaches, addressing and understanding structural approaches, how to make programmes work and scale them up on the ground. The papers draw on the successes and failures in HIV prevention to date and conclude with a call to action in forming and sustaining a new prevention movement that will push prevention efforts beyond the current levels. The history and challenge of HIV prevention.	August 5th 2008	12h45-14h15	Session Room 9	Non-Abstract driven



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