



## CONCURRENT SESSIONS: DAY 1

### Venue:

*International Track: Academy Hall*

*U.S. Track: Vista Room*

### Concurrent Sessions #1

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

#### **International Track: Addressing violence against criminalized women: at the intersection of access to justice and HIV**

*Location: Academy Hall*

Gender based violence (GBV) is documented to be one of the main barriers to access HIV and other health services for marginalized women. However, criminalized status effectively bans women who use drugs, sex workers and transgender persons from accessing safety, justice and essential health services. A complex set of health and human rights issues that exist at the intersection of criminalization and GBV remain largely invisible and unaddressed, both at the level of service delivery and at the level of advocacy to improve policy and legal frameworks. The session, organized by **Open Society Foundations (OSF)**, will discuss ways to bridge this service and policy gap. The panelists including a community activist, a researcher, program implementer and human rights lawyer will talk about the specific needs of criminalized women relating to GBV and health, and showcase interventions that have proved effective to address this emergent issue.

**Moderator:** Olga Rychkova, Open Society Foundations. **Panelists:** Louisa Gilbert, Global Health Research Center in Central Asia (Columbia University); Syinat Sultanalieva, Sex Workers' Rights Advocacy Network (SWAN); Mikhail Golichenko, Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network; and Melanie Croce-Galis, What Works Association.

#### **U.S. Track: The Power of Partnerships to Reach Young Gay Men in the U.S.**

*Location: Vista Room*

Confronting the silence and stigma that surrounds HIV/AIDS among gay and bisexual men in the United States, the *Speak Out* public information campaign by Greater Than AIDS highlights the power of targeted partnerships to amplify responses to the epidemic in more-affected communities. The campaign comes at a critical time when new HIV infections are rising among gay men – and most quickly among young men in the U.S. – even as a [national survey from the Kaiser Family Foundation](#) finds that few gay men are talking about HIV with those closest to them. Not with friends, partners or even doctors. This session, designed by the **Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation**, will showcase the potential for impact created by bringing together a broad array of public and private sector entities committed to increase knowledge, decrease stigma, and promote actions to stem the spread of the disease.

**Moderator:** Tina Hoff, Kaiser Family Foundation. **Panelists:** Jeff Krehely, Human Rights Campaign; Isaiah Webster, NASTAD; Jai Makhoka, Greater Than AIDS Ambassador; and Michael Kaplan, AIDS United.

## Concurrent Sessions #2

3:15 pm – 4:15 pm

### **International Track: Unlocking Progress in the AIDS Epidemic: Investing for Impact in Key Affected Populations**

*Location: Academy Hall*

Scientific advancements, epidemiological intelligence and improved implementation have led us to a historic moment when the control of HIV/AIDS is within reach. But serious hurdles remain. Among the most significant is the disproportionate HIV rates among key affected populations (KAPs), such as men who have sex with men (MSM) and women and adolescent girls. KAPs and their partners account for as much as 51% of new infections in Nigeria, 33% in Kenya, 80% in Morocco, 47% in the Dominican Republic, and 65% in Peru.<sup>1</sup> An AIDS-free generation will not be possible without targeted approaches toward these highly vulnerable populations. This panel, organized by **Friends of the Global Fight**, brings together medical, policymaking and advocacy experts to explain the epidemiological need for KAP-focused interventions, why policymakers and policy reforms are key to scientific progress, why advocacy is crucial to reaching those decision-makers, and how investing for impact is critical to making the end of HIV/AIDS a reality.

**Moderator:** Kali Lindsey, amfAR. **Panelists:** Dr. Chris Beyrer, Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health; Ani Shakarishvili, UNAIDS; and Deb Derrick, Friends of the Global Fight.

### **U.S. Track: Finally Getting Real About Stigma**

*Location: Vista Room*

This session, organized by the **Sero Project** and co-sponsored by **Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS** and the **Elton John AIDS Foundation**, will examine the challenge of HIV-related stigma, how it has qualitatively changed over the years as the epidemic has become increasingly racialized, feminized, and impoverished, why stigma is increasing and strategies to effectively combat it. Participants will learn about HIV and related stigmas as they intersect; hear initial findings from the US Stigma Index's pilot project in Detroit; and explore how funders can effectively support community-driven responses for stigma reduction and elimination.

**Moderator:** Edwin J. Bernard, HIV Justice Network. **Panelists:** Sean Strub, Sero Project; Andrew Spieldenner, U.S. PLHIV Stigma Index; and Naina Khanna, Positive Women's Network - USA.

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<sup>1</sup>[http://www.amfar.org/uploadedFiles/\\_amfarorg/Articles/On\\_The\\_Hill/2013/Key%20Populations%20Issue%20Brief%20-%20Final%20\(2\).pdf](http://www.amfar.org/uploadedFiles/_amfarorg/Articles/On_The_Hill/2013/Key%20Populations%20Issue%20Brief%20-%20Final%20(2).pdf)



## CONCURRENT SESSIONS: DAY 2

### Venue:

*International Track: Academy Hall*

*U.S. Track: Vista Room*

*EMTCT: Balcony Room E*

### Concurrent Sessions #3

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

#### **International Track: Advancing the Health & Rights of MSM and Transgender people: A Discussion w/ PEPFAR and the Global Equality Fund**

*Location: Academy Hall*

This interactive discussion will examine the role of the U.S. Government in addressing the global HIV/AIDS epidemic and advancing human rights for the LGBT community, and in particular gay men, men who have sex with men (MSM) and transgender individuals. Panelists will discuss current gaps within the health, legal, social, and political environments that impede efforts to fight the epidemic. The session will explore how new initiatives and funding mechanisms, including the Global Equality Fund and the recently announced public-private partnership between PEPFAR and the Elton John AIDS Foundation work to address those gaps through prioritizing the scale-up of health and rights-focused programs for the LGBT community. This will include a discussion of the evidence gap and the need for more evidence on concrete links between human rights and HIV—for example, how increasing human rights directly leads to suppressed viral load. Particular focus will be given to highlight the elements that must exist in programs aimed at creating enabling environments for LGBT persons to receive nondiscriminatory access to care, which is crucial to addressing the epidemic. Specific opportunities for private foundation partnership will also be highlighted. Moderator: Julia Greenberg, The Fremont Center; Speakers: Jesse Bernstein, United States Department of State; Mohamed Osman, Elton John AIDS Foundation, UK; other speakers TBD.

#### **Domestic Track: Ending HIV/AIDS in Indiana: The Role of Philanthropy**

*Location: Vista Room*

When the U.S. government committed to accelerating HIV prevention and care through the National HIV/AIDS Strategy and HIV Continuum of Care Initiative, **The Health Foundation of Greater Indianapolis** responded. During 2012 and 2013, the Foundation shifted its pattern of grant making to align with this goal, focusing on HIV treatment-as-prevention as a primary strategy and increasing grants to programs that work with the most at-risk populations in promoting the continuum of care. Last fall, after a gap analysis of HIV in Indiana, the Foundation committed an unprecedented amount of money toward grantee capacity building and an advocacy campaign. This session will explore what three grantees—the largest public hospital in Indiana, the largest ASO in the state, and the largest minority ASO—are doing to build capacity and increase their ability to test and link people living with HIV/AIDS with primary care, especially those hardest to reach, including transgender positives.

**Moderator:** Katherine Campbell Nagler, The Health Foundation of Greater Indianapolis.  
**Panelists:** Tom Bartenbach, The Damien Center; Dr. John Kunzer, Eskenazi Medical Group/Health Center; and Marissa Miller, Brothers United

**Concurrent Sessions #4**

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

**U.S. Track: Funding Policy & Advocacy: Not Just Allowable**

*Location: Vista Room*

For every \$1 invested by foundations and corporations in the U.S. response to HIV and AIDS, the federal government invests more than \$20. Yet too often, nonprofits and private funders are cautious on using their resources to weigh in on government policy. While government funds can never be used for lobbying, and rarely support policy and advocacy, all are allowable with private funds. This session, designed by **AIDS United**, will first explore the differences between policy, advocacy and lobbying work – as well as the regulations that govern such work being conducted by non-profits. Secondly, the panel will explore key policy issues at federal and state levels that can accelerate success to ending AIDS in the United States. Finally, a panel of both funders supporting, and nonprofits implementing policy, advocacy and lobbying work will share specific examples of work being done in the field.

**Moderator:** Michael Kaplan, AIDS United. **Panelists:** Brook Kelly-Green, Ford Foundation; Naina Khanna, Positive Women’s Network – USA; Robert Childs, North Carolina Harm Reduction Coalition; and Isaiah Castilla, Alliance for Justice.

**International Track: Strategic Litigation and Beyond: Using Law for Rights and Health Protection**

*Location: Academy Hall*

Law reform is a part of HIV programming as critical as an antiretroviral tablet or a condom. This panel, organized by the **Calamus Foundation**, will focus on the use of legal interventions—on such issues as coerced sterilization, patent challenges, and treatment of people who use drugs—to reform national HIV responses. The collected experience of the panelists—using examples from work on strategic litigation, legal empowerment, and patent challenges—will help demonstrate the power of legal action to forge collaborations with community movements and force lasting health change.

**Moderators:** Loring McAlpin, Calamus Foundation; Tamar Ezer, Open Society Foundations. **Panelists:** Priti Radakrishnian, Initiative for Medicines, Access & Knowledge (I-MAK); Mikhail Golichenko, Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network; Anneke Meerkotter, Southern Africa Litigation Centre (SALC)

**Concurrent Session #5**

11:00 am – 3:30 pm

**Funder Convening on Eliminating Vertical Transmission**

*Location: Balcony Room E*

This invite-only funder convening, supported by the **M.A.C AIDS Fund**, will gather leading private and public funders together for a strategic brainstorming session on how to mobilize private and corporate resources to ensure we meet upcoming targets for the elimination of mother-to-child transmission. Data on progress made towards achieving the Global Plan to eliminate new HIV infections in children and keep their mothers alive will be presented, along with new FCAA resource tracking data on the scope of private AIDS-related philanthropic funding to global plan-related efforts. **Please note: this**

**funder-only session is by invitation only.** If you have not received a separate invitation, but are interested in possibly attending, please contact Sarah Hamilton at the registration desk.