



FCAA Advocacy Forum:

## **Rising Threats, Urgent Action: HIV Funding Amidst a Shifting Policy Landscape**

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True Reformer Building  
1200 U St NW  
Washington DC 20009



More than four decades into the HIV response, universal access to rights-based HIV prevention and treatment – the foundation to reaching the end of AIDS – remains a challenge. In the first months of 2023 alone, the state of Tennessee signaled it would no longer accept HIV funding from the CDC; 150+ state-level bills restricting the rights of transgender people were introduced in U.S.; and now the Ugandan Parliament has passed a bill that will severely criminalize the LGBTQ and HIV community. With this as a backdrop, the 118th Congress convened with PEPFAR reauthorization and budget appropriations at stake this year. What can philanthropy do to leverage our voice and funding to address these critical and emerging threats to the global response to HIV and AIDS?

### **Agenda**

#### **9:30am(ET) Registration and Coffee**

**10:00am Welcome: Masen Davis, Executive Director, FCAA; Jesse Milan, Jr., President & CEO, AIDS United**

#### **10:30am HIV & AIDS Policy in 2023: What's at Stake?**

The morning session will feature updates about the current U.S. Congress and political currents worldwide; discuss what they mean for the global HIV response; and explore what advocacy and funding strategies are needed in this moment – especially in light of PEPFAR reauthorization, Global Fund replenishment, and political attacks that threaten HIV funding and key population groups in the U.S. and worldwide.

**Moderator:** Greg Millett, Vice President and Director, Public Policy, amfAR

**Presenter:** Harold Phillips, Director, White House Office of National AIDS Policy

**Panelists:** Lindsey Dawson, Associate Director of HIV Policy and Director of LGBTQ Health Policy, Kaiser Family Foundation

Mark P. Lagon, Chief Policy Officer, Friends of the Global Fight

Mukami Marete, Executive Director, UHAI - East Africa Sexual Health and Rights Initiative

#### **12:30pm Networking Lunch**

#### **1:30pm Intersecting Fates: Confronting Disparities in the Global HIV Response**

The afternoon session will address human rights issues and backlash affecting intersecting communities in the HIV response – from the Tennessee governor's rejection of CDC funding to the global rule and anti-trans movements in the U.S. and worldwide.

**Moderator:** Mark Vermeulen, Executive Director, Aidsfonds

**Panelists:** Erika Castellanos, Executive Director, GATE

Mia Cotton, Chief Programs Officer, Friends for Life

Michael Ighodaro, Director of Global Policy Advocacy, Prevention Access Campaign

Jennifer Sherwood, Public Policy Manager, amfAR

Mike Webb, Public Health Policy Strategist, Equality Federation

#### **3:30pm Reflections & Recommendations for Donors**

**Panelists:** Anne Aslett, Chief Executive Officer, Elton John AIDS Foundation

Paul-Gilbert Colletaz, Coordinator, Red Umbrella Fund

Amelia Korangy, Senior Manager in External Affairs, ViiV Healthcare

#### **4:00pm Dessert Reception**

#### **5:00pm Adjourn**

*This event is for representatives of funding or philanthropy serving organizations only. Webinar capabilities will be offered for those attendees who cannot attend in person, but registration is required.*