



**AIDS** 22<sup>ND</sup> INTERNATIONAL AIDS CONFERENCE  
**2018** AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS  
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**BREAKING BARRIERS • BUILDING BRIDGES**

## DAILY PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS FOR MEDIA

Please visit the Online Conference Programme (<http://programme.aids2018.org/>) for a full list of conference sessions and satellite meetings taking place at RAI Amsterdam Convention Centre, including pre-conference events as well as a full list of affiliated independent events.

**Please note: This list was last updated on 13 July. We strongly encourage you to confirm all details and times as the programme is subject to change.**

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# PRE-CONFERENCES

Saturday, 21 July & Sunday, 22 July

Please Note: ALL pre-conference meetings will be held onsite at RAI Amsterdam Convention Centre.

The full pre-conference programme can be found [here](#).

**The below-listed pre-conference events are all walk-ins and do not need signing up.**

## SATURDAY WALK-IN PRE-CONFERENCES

### STI 2018 - Understanding and Addressing the HIV and STI Syndemics (Two-day event - repeated again on Sunday)

*Time:* 07:30-15:00

*Location:* Hall 11B

*Organizer:* International AIDS Society (IAS), GGD Amsterdam and RIVM

HIV and other sexually transmitted infections (STIs) have been inextricably linked since the start of the HIV epidemic. A new era of global health and development driven by the Sustainable Development Goals offers a fresh opportunity to address critical STI health issues through greater involvement, interaction and coordination between the HIV and STI fields. In the era of universal treatment and pre-exposure prophylaxis, STI 2018 will identify new challenges, emerging issues and opportunities for research and programme implementation to counter increases in bacterial STIs being observed in many settings. The conference will also explore critical issues related to antimicrobial resistance and reproductive, maternal, new-born, child and adolescent health to ensure an integrated approach.

Henry de Vries, Public Health Service of Amsterdam (GGD); Academic Medical Center, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands  
Ken Mayer, The Fenway Institute, United States

## HIV Cure Research with the Community

*Time:* 09:00-18:00

*Location:* E105-108

*Organizer:* International AIDS Society (IAS)

The IAS is partnering with international and local civil society organizations to organize an interactive one-day research literacy workshop as an AIDS 2018 pre-conference event to provide accessible information on current research directions, emerging collaborations with fields beyond HIV, and challenges for an HIV cure. The workshop will be open to AIDS 2018 delegates interested in learning about the HIV cure field, but aimed in particular at peer educators, advocates, young researchers and researchers from outside the field.

Sharon Lewin, The Peter Doherty Institute for Infection and Immunity, University of Melbourne and Royal Melbourne Hospital  
Steven Deeks, University of California, United States

## SUNDAY WALK-IN PRE-CONFERENCES

### STI 2018 - Understanding and Addressing the HIV and STI Syndemics (Two-day event - also on Saturday)

*Time:* 07:30-15:00

*Location:* Hall 11B

*Organizer:* International AIDS Society (IAS), GGD Amsterdam and RIVM

HIV and other sexually transmitted infections (STIs) have been inextricably linked since the start of the HIV epidemic. A new era of global health and development driven by the Sustainable Development Goals offers a fresh opportunity to address critical STI health issues through greater involvement, interaction and coordination between the HIV and STI fields. In the era of universal treatment and pre-exposure prophylaxis, STI 2018 will identify new challenges, emerging issues and opportunities for research and programme implementation to counter increases in bacterial STIs being observed in many settings. The conference will also explore critical issues related to antimicrobial resistance and reproductive, maternal, new-born, child and adolescent health to ensure an integrated approach.

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## **TB 2018 - Bridging the TB and HIV Communities**

*Time:* 14:15-15:30

*Location:* D201

*Organizer:* International AIDS Society (IAS), Stop TB Partnership and USAID

TB 2018 will be an opportunity to highlight the key scientific challenges related to TB (tuberculosis) and TB/HIV research on prevention, diagnosis and treatment to set the stage for the UN General Assembly high-level meeting on TB. With the theme, Bridging the TB and HIV communities, TB 2018 will focus on cutting-edge research gaps to address concrete service delivery issues, translating science into practice.

Yogan Pillay, National Department of Health, South Africa

Lucica Ditiu, Stop TB Partnership, Switzerland

Adeeba Kamarulzaman, University of Malaya, Malaysia

Frank Cobelens, Amsterdam Institute for Global Health and Development, Netherlands

## **Generation Now: Our Health, Our Rights**

*Time:* 09:00-18:00

*Location:* E105-108

*Organizer:* Women Deliver and the International AIDS Society (IAS)

This pre-conference will focus on how to integrate national and global efforts to end the HIV epidemic and achieve sexual and reproductive health (SRH) and rights. Ensuring universal access to SRH services, achieving gender equality and empowering adolescent girls and young women to exercise their sexual and reproductive rights are critical for an effective HIV response.

Daphine Abaho, Mildmay, Uganda

Dakshitha Wickremarathne, Youth Advocacy Network, Sri Lanka

HRH Mabel van Oranje-Nassau, Girls Not Brides, Netherlands

Femi Oke, Al Jazeera English, United States

**GLOBAL VILLAGE EVENT: Opening Ceremony**

*Time:* Sunday 22 July 18:00-20:00

*Location:* Main Stage

Activity organizers, delegates and members of the public are invited to the AIDS 2018 Global Village opening ceremony where international, regional and local participants will be welcomed in a lively and memorable way. The audience can look forward to an exciting programme that will showcase the vibrant, diverse and inclusive community space that visitors to the Global Village can expect throughout the week.

# Monday, 23 July

## **GLOBAL VILLAGE WORKSHOP: Youth Movements to Fight the HIV Epidemic in Eastern Europe and Central Asia: Walking the Walk**

*Time:* 08:30-10:00

*Location:* GV Session Room 1

The world today has the largest population of young people ever. At the same time, the rates of new HIV cases among youth are dramatically high: in 2016, young people accounted for 23% of all new HIV infections, according to UNICEF. This problem is particularly critical in EECA area, where the HIV epidemic is growing day by day. To fight the epidemic, EECA needs to recognize the potential of youth, celebrate their achievements and invest in their development. This workshop will give participants practical information on how to set up youth movements, raise funds, advocate effectively, advertise their work and communicate with policy makers, NGOs and international organizations. The aim of this workshop is to provide young people with tools and contacts and, most importantly, assure them that young voices can make a major contribution to the HIV response in the region.

## **GLOBAL VILLAGE FILM SCREENING: MSM HIV Testing Video Campaign in MENA**

*Time:* 10:15-10:25

*Location:* GV Film Screening Room

The objective of these five short videos is to increase testing by introducing innovative messaging. Indeed, by using humour to increase number of views and shares on social media, the organizers aim to reduce fear and stigma regarding HIV testing and also educate on adherence to treatment for PLHIV. They also want people to understand their right to confidentiality when getting tested and encourage MSM to communicate about sexual health and testing to their peers. The outcome of these films should lead to: increased awareness on HIV testing and reducing fear and stigma around the test itself; improved reach of messages; and increased testing and prevention practices.

**GLOBAL VILLAGE PANEL DISCUSSION: Empower Thailand: PrEP Women and Sex Work**

*Time:* 10:30-11:30

*Location:* GV Session Room 1

Pilot studies and clinical trials have been launched in the sex worker community, but sex workers do not have the information needed to make informed decisions about the impact of PrEP on life and work. Empower Thailand hosted a series of workshops culminating in 10 questions that women sex workers need answered. It brings those questions to AIDS 2018. It will join with sex worker organizations from other regions to present its contexts and concerns, opening a space for experts and others in the HIV community to answer the questions posed to them.

**GLOBAL VILLAGE PERFORMANCE: Every Footstep Counts: Award Presentation Ceremony**

*Time:* 10:30-11:00

*Location:* Main Stage

27 entries, 240,511 public votes, seven expert judges and two winners. The winning organizations of the “Every Footstep Counts” short film competition will be presented with their awards as ViiV Healthcare’s Positive Action Programme celebrates and showcases the successes of its community partners working to end PMTCT and paediatric HIV. Positive Action’s expert judging panel has selected two winning videos from the six entries that were shortlisted by the public votes and these will be revealed live to the audience.

**GLOBAL VILLAGE PRESENTATION: Where Is the Money for The Transgender Movement?**

*Time:* 12:00-13:00

*Location:* GV Session Room 1

Objectives of this session, a presentation with a Q&A, are to: present and explain the key finding of the report, *The State of Trans Organizing. Understanding the Needs and Priorities of a Growing but Under-Resourced Movement* (2017), co-produced by GATE, AJWS and Astraea on trans people’s access to funding around the world. To analyse the impact of the funding situation on the capacity of the transgender movement around the world and, in particular, on transgender organizing in the HIV response. And to identify key strategies and action points to address the funding gap affecting transgender people and their organizations worldwide.



It is hoped that participants will gain a clear understanding of the situation of the transgender movement in terms of funding. Expected outcomes are also that presenters and participants will produce collective knowledge on the impact of the current funding gap in the context of the HIV response and will explore a collective roadmap to addressing the funding gap affecting transgender organizing in the HIV response.

**GLOBAL VILLAGE FILM SCREENING: Footsteps**

*Time:* 13:30-14:10

*Location:* GV Session Room 1

When Joep Lange and his partner, Jacqueline van Tongeren, died in 2014, his five devastated children had no clue what people were talking about when they discussed his incredible legacy. To give the children a better understanding of what their father did and what he meant to Africa and the world, the Joep Lange Institute took them to Tanzania, Kenya and Uganda in November 2016 to show them some of the projects that their father had initiated and worked on. The Joep Lange Institute hoped that they would see and feel why the world was devastated by Joep's death. This film tells that story.

**GLOBAL VILLAGE DEBATE: Motion: Young People Should Disclose Their Status to Their Partners**

*Time:* 15:30-16:30

*Location:* GV Session Room 2

Disclosure: Young people are battling to have steady meaningful relationships and are constantly asking if they should disclose to their partners or not. How to disclose? What are the best ways to disclose? Counselling: How should counsellors help young people with the issue of disclosure and counsel them to have safe, less risky behaviours? The debate will have two young people on each side of the motion, opposing and proposing and also later view the comments and discussions of the audience. The intention is to encourage young people to learn how and when to disclose, how to seek counselling on such issues and also learn from those who have done it.

**GLOBAL VILLAGE WORKSHOP: The Positive Sisters Project: A Successful Dutch Peer Project For HIV-Positive Migrant Women With a Holistic Approach. Workshop on Its Success Factors And Planning Your Own Action!**

*Time:* 15:30-17:00

*Location:* Youth Pavilion Session Room

“I will live! I take my medication! I continue with my life; HIV is not the end!” - \*the three pillars of the Positive Sisters Project

Migrants face challenges in HIV care and treatment due to structural, cultural and legal barriers with several negative effects. Since 2012, the Dutch organization, ShivA, has been effectively supporting HIV-positive migrant women from sub-Saharan African and Caribbean origin by peers known as Positive Sisters. HIV-positive volunteer women from these same communities are trained as Positive Sisters and provide peer support. With a holistic approach, they build on the three pillars\*. ShivA’s Positive Sisters project successfully approaches challenges that HIV-positive migrants face. In this workshop, participants will learn to work with factors that make the Positive Sisters project successful. These are the three pillars and the critical factors in this project: active listening and supporting people to speak up; not taking over problems; and not advising but rather working on the migrant’s self-confidence.

**GLOBAL VILLAGE PERFORMANCE: Cross-Dressing, Voguing, Lipsync And Catwalk as Items of Ballroom Activities To Raise Awareness Of HIV Sexual Diversity And Gender Expression**

*Time:* 16:55-17:10

*Location:* Main Stage

The objective of this ballroom item is to create awareness of HIV, diversity, sexual and gender expression and advocacy, and to create of safe space for community members to express themselves. It also aims to serve as a form of mobilization strategy to bring together gay, bisexual and men who have sex with men. A ballroom activity takes place once a month at the Ishtar MSM Wellness Centre in Nairobi, Kenya, whereby Ishtar Dolls (the name of the organization’s house) use arts to achieve its objectives. During this activity, the “dolls” have different categories, including lip-sync, voguing and dressing up in drag, to entertain members of the community. The feedback has been overwhelming and members always look forward to the next event. The ballroom is a modern way of bringing people together; the clinic at the wellness centre has been busy, with many people seeing the HTS counsellor.

### **GLOBAL VILLAGE PERFORMANCE: Humour Versus Self-Stigma**

*Time:* 17:20-18:20

*Location:* Main Stage

The stigmatization of people living with HIV is a big issue. However, the self-stigma involved with HIV often gets overlooked. It can be a big obstacle for the individual, so much that it can prevent them from getting the proper treatment or even get tested at all. This session addresses how one can come to terms with an HIV-positive status and also how to overcome self-stigma. It should show the audience that there is no right way of dealing with an HIV diagnosis and that humour can be a great tool to make sense of a situation that otherwise is mentally challenging. Scott Agnew starts with a stand-up comedy routine about HIV and self-stigma. This is followed with an informal discussion on how to cope with a HIV diagnosis and how to come to terms with it.

### **GLOBAL VILLAGE DEBATE: "No Sex Before Marriage": How to Overcome Religious Barriers to HIV Testing and Treatment in The Most Fragile Countries of Africa. African Youth Delegates Challenge Religious Leaders**

*Time:* 17:30-18:30

*Location:* GV Session Room 1

In certain societies, notably in Africa, religious leaders are regarded as guardians of culture and social norms with considerable amount of influence. Youth can sometimes feel that they not understood and/or excluded on taboo topic of sexuality and rights. This debate will demonstrate how to build concrete bridges between youth and religious leaders by:

- Youth voice: Giving the opportunity to six African youth delegates, using their communication skills, to mobilize religious leaders
- Religious leader voice: Letting three African religious leaders from different faiths respond to the youth questions
- Both voices together: Showcasing how an effective training approach of religious leaders on HIV and SRHR can promote dialogue, better understanding of the needs and realities of young people and, finally, support accurate, informed, evidence-based information on SRHR without discrimination
- Open your mind: Demonstrating to the audience that both groups can help provide more access to HIV counselling, testing and treatment.

Youth leaders will raise challenging questions and share with religious leaders what they expect from them. Religious leaders will express their struggles and choices between messages of morality, hope and grace. Together, they will demonstrate how they can build bridges to conduct constructive discussions and actions.

**PRESS BRIEFING: Official AIDS 2018 Kick-Off Media Briefing**

*Time: 17:00-17:45*

*Location: G106/107*

**PRESS CONFERENCE: Official AIDS 2018 Opening Press Conference**

*Time: 18:00-18:45*

*Location: G106/107*

The opening session welcomes delegates to the conference, and to Amsterdam, The Netherlands. The session includes several prominent HIV researchers, advocates, and high-level leaders.

Chair: Linda-Gail Bekker, MD, PhD, Deputy Director of the Desmond Tutu HIV Centre, Institute of Infectious Disease and Molecular Medicine, University of Cape Town, and AIDS 2018 International Chair (South Africa)

*Peter Reiss, Professor of Medicine, Academic Medical Center (AMC), University of Amsterdam/ AIDS 2018 Local Chair*

*Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director General, World Health Organization*

*Conchita, Artist*

*Quinn Tivey, Ambassador & Officer, Elizabeth Taylor AIDS Foundation*

*Mercy Ngulube, CHIVA*

*Maria Godlevskaya, Peer Counselors Project Coordinator, E. V.A.*

**AIDS 2018 OPENING CEREMONY**

*Time: 19:30-20:40*

*Location: Hall 12*

# Tuesday, 24 July

## **PLENARY SESSION: Breaking Barriers of Inequity in the HIV Response**

*Time:* 08:30-10:30

*Location:* Hall 12

Co-Chair: Alistair James Hendrie Burt, Minister of State for International Development, United Kingdom

Co-Chair: Monica Geingos, First Lady, Namibia

### Opening Address

Charlize Theron, *Charlize Theron Africa Outreach Project*

### The Epidemiology and Vulnerability of Missing and Indigenous Populations

Stefan Baral, *Director of the Key Populations Program in the Center for Public Health and Human Rights*

### Exploring Innovation Around HIV and Substance Use

Anna Deryabina, *Regional Director for Central Asia at ICAP, Columbia University*

Olena Stryzhak, *Founder of the Eurasian Women's Network on AIDS and the head of the Cherkasy division of the Network of PLHIV, Ukraine*

### Courage in Leadership: National Leadership Toward Human Rights in the HIV Response

Maneesh Gobin, *Attorney-General, Minister of Justice, Human Rights and Institutional Reform of Mauritius*

### Closing Address

Sir Elton John and His Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex

**PRESS CONFERENCE: HIV Prevention Research Highlights**

*Time: 09:00-9:45*

*Location: G106/107*

At this press conference, important new data will be released on “treatment as prevention,” PrEP, and HIV vaccine development.

Chair: Linda-Gail Bekker, MD, PhD, Deputy Director of the Desmond Tutu HIV Centre, Institute of Infectious Disease and Molecular Medicine, University of Cape Town, South Africa, and AIDS 2018 International Chair

*Frank Tomaka, MD, Senior Director, Janssen, Franchise Clinical Leader, HIV Vaccines*

*Jean-Michel Molina, Prof, St-Louis Hospital and University of Paris Diderot, ANRS, France*

*Akarin Hiransuthikul, MD, The Thai Red Cross AIDS Research Centre*

*Sara H Browne, MD MPH, Associate Professor of Medicine University of California San Diego & President, Specialists in Global Health*

*Alison Rodger, MD, University College London, United Kingdom*

**PRESS CONFERENCE: HIV Treatment and Cure Highlights**

*Time: 10:00-10:45*

*Location: G106/107*

This press conference will feature HIV treatment and cure research highlights, including several new studies involving the drug dolutegravir.

Chair: Linda-Gail Bekker, MD, PhD, Deputy Director of the Desmond Tutu HIV Centre, Institute of Infectious Disease and Molecular Medicine, University of Cape Town, South Africa, and AIDS 2018 International Chair

*Sharon Lewin, FRACP, PhD, Director, The Peter Doherty Institute for Infection and Immunity, University of Melbourne and Royal Melbourne Hospital*

Sarah Fidler, *Professor of HIV medicine Imperial College London*

Pedro Cahn, *MD, PhD, Scientific Director of Fundacion Huesped, Buenos Aires, Argentina*

Rebecca Zash, *Attending Physician, Division of Infectious Diseases, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center  
Research Associate, Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health and Botswana-Harvard AIDS Institute Partners*

Mariana Velose Meireles, *MSc, Department of STI, AIDS and Viral Hepatitis - Ministry of Health of Brazil*

**SESSION: The Defence Does Not Rest: Resisting the Criminalization Of HIV**

*Time:* 11:00-12:30

*Location:* Emerald Room

Co-Chair: Annabel Raw, Southern Africa Litigation Centre, South Africa

Co-Chair: Florence Adah Adhiambo Anam, The International Community of Women Living with HIV, Kenya

*Abstracts:*

- The new AIDS denialism: How criminal courts' dismissal of modern science perpetuates HIV stigma, discrimination and criminalisation
- Decriminalizing HIV: How people living with HIV translated quantitative research into community action and legislative transformation
- Step by step: Ending unjust HIV criminalization in Canada through community advocacy based on science and rights
- Marginalized women living with HIV at increased risk of viral load suppression failure: Implications for prosecutorial guidelines regarding criminalization of HIV non-disclosure in Canada and globally
- How punitive laws have encouraged human rights violations and increased HIV/AIDS transmission among gays and other men who have sex with men in Nigeria
- After the repeal: Prosecution of HIV exposure after the removal of specific offences in Colorado, USA and Victoria, Australia
- Did pattern of court rulings in Sweden regarding HIV as a criminal act changed in Sweden since new recommendation from The Public Health Agency of Sweden?

## **SESSION: Antiretroviral Strategies**

*Time:* 11:00-12:30

*Location:* Forum

Co-Chair: Omar Sued, Huésped Foundation, Argentina

Co-Chair: Alexandra Calmy, Geneva University Hospital, Switzerland

### *Abstracts:*

- Comparative effectiveness of first-line antiretroviral therapy regimens: Results from a large real-world cohort in Brazil after the implementation of Dolutegravir
- Simplification to dolutegravir monotherapy is non-inferior compared to continuation of combination antiretroviral therapy in patients who initiated combination antiretroviral therapy during primary HIV infection: A randomized, controlled, non-inferiority trial
- Dolutegravir monotherapy versus dolutegravir/abacavir/lamivudine for HIV-1-infected virologically suppressed patients: Results from the randomized non-inferiority MONCAY trial
- A phase 3b, open-label, pilot study to evaluate switching to elvitegravir/cobicistat/emtricitabine/tenofovir alafenamide (E/C/F/TAF) in virologically-suppressed HIV-1 infected adult subjects harboring the NRTI resistance mutation M184V and/or M184I (GS-US-292-1824)
- Genital HIV-1 shedding with Dolutegravir (DTG) plus Lamivudine (3TC) dual therapy
- Non-inferior efficacy of dolutegravir (DTG) plus lamivudine (3TC) versus DTG plus tenofovir/emtricitabine (TDF/FTC) fixed-dose combination in antiretroviral treatment-naïve adults with HIV-1 infection - interim data from the GEMINI Studies
- Non-inferior efficacy for darunavir/ritonavir 400/100 mg once daily versus lopinavir/ritonavir, for patients with HIV RNA below 50 copies/mL in South Africa: The 48-week WRHI 052 study

## **SESSION: From Conception to Delivery: The Vaccine Discovery Pipeline**

*Time:* 11:00-12:30

*Location:* E105-108

Co-Chair: Marylyn Addo, Universitätsklinikum Hamburg-Eppendorf (UKE), Germany

Co-Chair: Tetsuro Matano, AIDS Research Center National Institute of Infectious Diseases, Japan



*Abstracts:*

- Two-component self-assembling nanoparticle vaccines that present multiple HIV-1 envelope trimers
- A CD4-mimetic compound enhances vaccine efficacy against stringent immunodeficiency virus challenge
- Oral MVA/protein HIV vaccination with a needle-free injector induces robust systemic and mucosal antibody responses in rhesus macaques
- Long-term data from APPROACH: Phase 1/2a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study evaluating safety/tolerability and immunogenicity of vaccine regimens using combinations of Ad26.Mos.HIV, MVA-mosaic and gp140 envelope protein
- HPX1002/IPCAVD010: A randomized controlled trial evaluating the safety and immunogenicity of shorter and simpler vaccine schedules using Ad26.Mos.HIV combined with gp140 Env protein
- Membrane cholesterol maintains structural stability of the HIV-1 envelope glycoproteins and their resistance to antibody neutralization
- Similar antibody responses elicited in BG505 SHIV infected and BG505 SOSIP trimer immunized non-human primates

**GLOBAL VILLAGE WORKSHOP: The Positive Women's Catwalk for Power**

*Time:* 11:00-12:30

*Location:* Youth Pavilion Session Room

This participatory show builds on ideas around fashion and creativity within women-only spaces, activating dialogue on the issues that women living with HIV face. Making demands through proactive fashion and body-positive approaches strengthens our position as women who are not victims but are resilient. The format is one of collective self-expression, which can enable women to progress as leaders of their own lives. The audience and team of activists will create fashion with a message, to project powerful representations and raise challenging issues. They will perform their stories and describe how the Catwalk for Power has been a forceful change agent. Imagery and archival material will be shown to explain creative, activist tactics. Using fashion as a channel, participants will perform, share and build confidence and partnerships. Through dialogue, Catwalk for Power aims to elevate women's thinking for future awareness-raising actions.

**GLOBAL VILLAGE: Sir Elton John Presentation**

*Time:* 11:30-11 :50

*Location:* Main Stage

**GLOBAL VILLAGE THEATRE: Sex Workers Opera - 20-Minute Preview Performance on The Main Stage**

*Time* 12:20-12:40

*Location:* Main Stage

The award-winning Sex Worker's Opera comes to Amsterdam after a sold-out UK tour to coincide with the International AIDS Conference and Amsterdam LGBTQ Pride. Created and performed by sex worker artists and friends, the Sex Worker's Opera is based on the experiences of sex workers and more than 70 stories from six continents. Breaking through stigma and stereotypes with arias, hip hop, jazz and Broadway-worthy choreographies, it offers an unflinchingly honest portrayal of sex workers' lives. The Sex Worker's Opera will perform at the Compagnie Theater in the centre of Amsterdam every night from 21 July to 2 August at 20:00. This special 20-minute teaser of the show brings sex worker stories, songs and choreographies to the conference.

**GLOBAL VILLAGE EVENT: Flash Mob**

*Time:* 12:45

*Location:* Main Stage

**GLOBAL VILLAGE WORKSHOP: Display the Red Umbrella: Creating Media About Sex Work and HIV**

*Time:* 13:00-14:00

*Location:* GV Session Room 1

Everyone working in the field of HIV/AIDS, including scientists, service providers and sex workers themselves, are exposed to media representations of "sex work and HIV" via, for example, public service announcements, television news casts, social media and film. Participants in this workshop will learn how to interface with existing media forms and to interpret media messages about sex work and HIV. Participants will learn the foundations of how to create media representations about sex work and HIV in ways that strengthen rights practices and disseminate accurate information. In a practical exercise, organizers will create a short video using cell phones. Participants will receive incentives and/or prizes, guides and links to online resources. They will also be encouraged to attend the sex worker-led film session, "Not your rescue project", in the Global Village and be offered a reserved front-row seat.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Prep in the Real World: What Are We Learning?**

*Time:* 13:00-14:00

*Location:* Hall 11B

Chair: William Nutland, PrEPster, United Kingdom

*Abstracts:*

- The responsibility of PrEP: A qualitative exploration of men who have sex with men's use of informal PrEP in London
- Attitudes regarding HIV, PrEP and condom use jointly predict risk compensation among men who have sex with men - findings from the VicPrEP implementation project, Melbourne
- The new MTV generation: Using methamphetamine, Truvada and Viagra to enhance sex and stay
- High incidence of hepatitis C virus (re-)infections among PrEP users in the Netherlands: Implications for prevention, monitoring and treatment
- Expansion of HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) among key populations in PEPFAR's global program data, fiscal year 2016-2017
- Altered TDF/FTC pharmacology in a transgender female cohort: Implications for PrEP
- Drug-drug interactions between the use of feminizing hormone therapy and pre-exposure prophylaxis among transgender women: The iFACT study

**SPECIAL SESSION: #PassTheMic: Meaningful Youth Participation in the Fight Against HIV**

*Time:* 13:00-14:00

*Location:* Hall 12

With youth participants from Amsterdam Youth Force, Charlize Theron Africa Outreach Project, Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation, the Elizabeth Taylor AIDS Foundation, the International AIDS Society, Avert, Teenergizer and Youth Against AIDS.

Charlize Theron, *Charlize Theron Africa Outreach Project*

Quinn Tivey, *Ambassador & Officer, Elizabeth Taylor AIDS Foundation*

**PRESS CONFERENCE: Eastern Europe and Central Asia**

Time: 14:15-15:00

Location: G109

Chair: Chris Beyrer, Desmond M. Tutu Professor of Public Health and Human Rights, Johns Hopkins University

Sir Elton John, *Founder, Elton John AIDS Foundation*

David Furnish, *Chairman, Elton John AIDS Foundation*

Lambert Grijns, *Ambassador for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights & HIV/AIDS, Government of the Netherlands*

Gregg Alton, *Executive Vice President, Gilead Sciences*

Assel Terlikbayeva, *Regional Director, Global Health Research Centre of Central Asia*

Alexey Lahov, *Project Coordinator, Humanitarian Action*

Biljana Vidovic, *Project Leader, Aidsfonds*

**GLOBAL VILLAGE DEBATE: #HeForShe Town-hall**

Time: 14:30-16:00

Location: GV Session Room 1

Gender inequality is one of the root causes of HIV: young women are twice as likely to acquire HIV as young men. We should empower male leaders to stand up for women's rights and follow through. Young activists will debate with leaders and policy makers to put their commitments to the test. The challenge is to move support from paper to the everyday reality of women and girls. Audience members will participate through questions and through a Twitter wall. Organizers will showcase the root causes of the disproportionate rates at which women and girls are affected by HIV and AIDS. Politicians and policy makers will be questioned on several topics: HIV and health, violence, economy, women's leadership, young women and girls, education for young women, menstrual health, gender discrimination and the gender pay gap. Being a feminist leader is more than just wearing a #HeForShe pin.

### **GLOBAL VILLAGE DEBATE: Robert Carr Research Award and Memorial Lecture**

*Time:* 15:00-16:00

*Location:* GV Session Room 2

The Robert Carr Research Award is awarded to projects from community-academia partnerships with the potential to inform advocacy efforts and evidence-based programmes, thereby ensuring a rights-based HIV response. It is unique among those awards presented in conjunction with the International AIDS Conference as it addresses the need for stronger community engagement in research. The award celebrates Robert Carr's vision of collaboration between community organizations, academic researchers and advocates to advance human rights-based policies and practices in countries where communities disproportionately affected by HIV continue to face discrimination, social rejection, violence and imprisonment, often by government officials and agencies. Robert's commitment to translating findings from research collaborations between community and academic partners into tangible policy development and advocacy efforts is the driving force behind this prize.

The award was presented at AIDS 2014 and AIDS 2016. An open nomination process for the 2018 award began on 1 February and the awardees were announced in May. During the session, the winning academic-community team will deliver a "memorial lecture" about their research and will receive the award. As in the past, organizers will solicit a dignitary to recognize the winners during the session. Representatives of some award partners will also make remarks (these include ICASO, Human Rights Watch, the IAS, the Center for Public Health and Human Rights at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, the Caribbean Vulnerable Communities Coalition, and the Global Forum on MSM and HIV).

### **GLOBAL VILLAGE WORKSHOP: "A Whole Lot of Produce": Female Condom Workshop with Fruit And Vegetables**

*Time:* 16:30-18:00

*Location:* Youth Pavilion Session Room

The primary objective of this workshop is to promote gender equality in safer sex practices, including empowerment of women, men, trans people and sex workers by demonstrating proper insertion techniques of the female condom using fruits and vegetables chosen by workshop participants to represent their anatomy. Condom application technique is taught in schools and organizations from a one-dimensional male penis perspective; all participants (regardless of gender) roll the male condom onto a banana or other phallic-shaped produce. By demonstrating how to insert a female condom into various kinds of fruit and vegetables (representing different kinds of anatomy), gender parity can be achieved, expanding the use of barrier methods by all genders. This groundbreaking workshop shows that the female condom has as much potential power in HIV/STI prevention as the male condom; the female condom will be seen in a creative and exciting new light of equality in HIV/STI prevention. It is time for the female condom to have as much support and publicity as the male condom. Personal sexual responsibility will be taught by demonstrating that every person should carry the condom of their choice to match their anatomy and desires for use.

**SESSION: Strategies for Cure: Pitfalls, Possibilities and Promise**

*Time:* 16:30-18:00

*Location:* E102

Co-Chair: Timothy Henrich, University of California, United States

*Abstracts:*

- Therapeutic Vaccines for Cure
- A randomised controlled trial comparing the impact of antiretroviral therapy (ART) with a 'Kick-and-Kill' approach to ART alone on HIV reservoirs in individuals with primary HIV infection (PHI); RIVER trial
- Dominant HIV DNA populations present in different T-cell subsets before stem cell transplantation persist in tissues early after transplantation with CCR5 $\Delta$ 32 stem cells
- Rapid rebound of a highly replication competent pre-existing CXCR4-tropic HIV variant after allogeneic stem cell transplantation with CCR5 $\Delta$ 32 stem cells
- Modular gene therapy vectors for gene therapy cure in resting immune cells
- Evaluation of an antibody to Alpha4Beta7 in the control of SIV infection

**GLOBAL VILLAGE MUSIC: " Sing it out! Say it loud! Slam Jam @AIDS 2018**

*Time:* 17:05-18:05

*Location:* Main Stage

This jam session is a platform to highlight arts and music as tools for advocacy, presented by youth from different organizations and backgrounds. Two MCs will lead the session, which will feature two experts in music advocacy, two artists and three activists. Throughout the session, the audience will be involved; they will be invited to sing, dance and play music with the performing artists to create the feeling of a jam session. The session will start off with input from the music advocacy experts. They will present examples for advocacy songs and share their experiences. Then, the artists and activists will present their artwork, as well as stories and experiences from their HIV and AIDS activism. They will share their region- and gender-specific challenges in the form of storytelling, the spoken word and role plays. The session ends with a short discussion and a summary of lessons learned, solutions and key opportunities for partnerships. The session will specifically highlight female voices from the invited guests and audience

# Wednesday, 25 July

## **PLENARY SESSION: Building Bridges from Scientific Innovation to Implementation**

*Time:* 08:45-10:30

*Location:* Hall 12

Co-Chair: Françoise Barré-Sinoussi, Institut Pasteur, France

**The Newest Science in the Search for a Cure and Vaccine**

Brad Jones, *Assistant Professor in the Department of Microbiology, Immunology and Tropical Medicine at George Washington University*

**ART 2018 - Moving into the Integrase Era**

Pedro Cahn, *MD, PhD, Scientific Director of Fundacion Huesped, Buenos Aires, Argentina*

**Differentiated Models of Prevention**

Nduku Kilonzo, *Chief Executive Officer of the Kenya National AIDS Control Council*

## **PRESS CONFERENCE: The Future of HIV Funding**

*Time:* 09:00-9:45

*Location:* G109

This press conference will feature news on key issues and trends in global HIV/AIDS funding.

Chair: Jennifer Kates, Vice President and Director, Global Health & HIV Policy Kaiser Family Foundation

John Stover, *Avenir Health*

Global funding optimization (E-6421)

Annie Haakenstad, *Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health*

Global trends in HIV spending (E-1058)

Deepak Mattur, *UNAIDS, Geneva, Switzerland*

Domestic HIV spending in LMIC (E-11751)

Maureen Milanga, *Senior Campaigner, East Africa, HealthGap*

**PRESS CONFERENCE: Sub-Saharan Africa - New Insights, New Impact**

*Time:* 10:00-10:45

*Location:* G109

Studies released at this press conference will show major progress on HIV in sub-Saharan Africa and highlight challenges ahead.

Chair: Linda-Gail Bekker, MD, PhD, Deputy Director of the Desmond Tutu HIV Centre, Institute of Infectious Disease and Molecular Medicine, University of Cape Town, South Africa, and AIDS 2018 International Chair

Allan Achesa Maleche, *Executive Director KELIN- Kenya*

Hon. Bernard Haufiku, *Minister of Health and Social Services, The Republic of Namibia*

Moeketsi Joseph Makhema, *CEO, Botswana Harvard AIDS Institute*

Velephi Okello, *Deputy Director Clinical Services at Ministry of Health Eswatini Principal Investigator, MaxART Early Access to ART for All Implementation Study*

Aleya Khalifa, *Statistics Officer, HIV/AIDS, UNICEF*

Diane Havlir, *University of California, San Francisco, Department of Medicine*



**GLOBAL VILLAGE PRESENTATION: HIV Prevention Strategies Among Transgenders in Jakarta: Sharing Success Stories And Lessons Learned From An Indonesian NGO, Srikandi Sejati Foundation**

*Time:* 11:00-12:00

*Location:* Youth Pavilion Session Room

This presentation will share experiences from the field and lessons learned. SSF focuses primarily on prevention of HIV among the transgender population in Jakarta. Founded in 1998 and supported by the Indonesian government, the Global Fund and USAID (Linkages) since 2002, SSF is managed by Eko Lenny Sugiharto, a transgender herself. SSF recognizes that a growing trend of discrimination against transgenders has resulted in low levels of education, poor economic opportunities and mostly sex work to earn a living. In 2015, HIV prevalence among Jakarta's transgender community was 24.8%; prevention of HIV among transgenders is a priority programme for SSF. In 2017, SSF conducted an HIV prevention programme for transgenders in 94 hotspots, reaching 1,827 transgenders, who received the full outreach package. This programme has three main interventions: outreach with information and condoms; referral for STI and HIV testing; and HIV treatment. SSF has referred 1,490 transgender people to STI and HIV services; 166 were found to be HIV positive and 91 are now on ART.

**SESSION: AIDS 2018 Co-Chairs' Choice**

*Time:* 11:00-12:30

*Location:* Hall 12

*Abstracts:*

- Engagement in methadone maintenance therapy associated with less time with plasma HIV-1 RNA viral load above 1500 copies/mL among a cohort of HIV-positive people who use drugs in Vancouver, Canada
- Universal test and treat (UTT) versus standard of care for access to antiretroviral therapy in HIV clients: The MaxART stepped-wedge randomized controlled health systems trial in Swaziland
- Men's HIV risk profiles in South African DREAMS sites: Using latent class analysis for more strategic, context-specific programming and evaluation
- Risk of HIV transmission through condomless sex in MSM couples with suppressive ART: The PARTNER2 Study extended results in gay men
- Impact of prevention and treatment interventions on population HIV incidence: Primary results of the community-randomized Ya Tsie Botswana prevention project
- SEARCH community cluster randomized study of HIV "test and treat" using multi-disease approach and streamlined care in rural Uganda and Kenya

**SESSION: Money, Money, Money - Dynamic Financing Solutions**

*Time:* 11:00-12:30

*Location:* G102-103

Co-Chair: Anna Vassall, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, United Kingdom

Co-Chair: Yogan Pillay, National Department of Health, South Africa

*Abstracts:*

- Global optimization of the response to HIV
- How does domestic HIV/AIDS financing respond to declines in development assistance for HIV/AIDS?
- Forecasting the cost of financing ART in sub-Saharan Africa under differential funding scenarios
- Achieving sustainable Workplace HIV/AIDS Programmes through a phased out catalytic financing model: Case of Swedish Workplace HIV/AIDS Programme in sub-Saharan Africa
- Optimizing resource allocation for HIV prevention programs: Proof of concept of an analytical framework using data from Mexico
- Determinants and aggregate estimates of HIV/AIDS domestic public spending in low-and-middle-income countries, 2006-2016
- The end of the golden age of HIV/AIDS funding? Trends in HIV/AIDS spending by financing source and spending category in 188 countries, 2000 - 2015

**SPECIAL SESSION: Durable Control of HIV Infections in the Absence of Antiretroviral Therapy: Opportunities and Obstacles and Jonathan Mann Memorial Lecture: Data to Drive Equity**

*Time:* 13:00-14:00

*Location:* Hall 12

In the first part of this special session, Dr Anthony Fauci will address why induction of durable remission of HIV infection remains a critical challenge in HIV/AIDS research. Two key paths toward remission are being pursued: 1) use of intermittent, non-ART interventions, and 2) induction of durable, immune-mediated control of virus. The speaker will review progress in each area and the obstacles that lie ahead as researchers pursue this essential goal.

The second part of the session will feature Ambassador Deborah Birx, recipient of the prestigious Jonathan Mann Human Rights Award, delivering the associated lecture.

Durable control of HIV infection in the absence of antiretroviral therapy: Opportunities and obstacles  
Anthony S Fauci, *National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases US National Institutes of Health*

Jonathan Mann Memorial Lecture - Data to Drive Human Rights  
Ambassador Deborah Birx, *US President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)*

### **GLOBAL VILLAGE PERFORMANCE: Public Rehearsal: Positive Flame Bearers' Tour and Choir**

Time: 13:00-14:30

Location: Main Stage

When AIDS 2018 takes place in Amsterdam, it will be precisely 90 years since this city hosted the Olympic Games. It was at those games that the Olympic Flame was introduced - the flame is Amsterdam's lasting contribution to the games. This inspired the introduction of the Positive Flame. On Wednesday, 25 July 2018, from 16:30 to 19:30, 37 torchbearers will march through Amsterdam with the specially designed Positive Torch. AIDS activist Peter Staley will ignite the torch. The first torchbearer will be Nobel Laureate Françoise Barré-Sinoussi, who will hand the torch to someone who was diagnosed with HIV in 1984. Subsequently, 34 torchbearers, PLHIV in the Netherlands, will follow. The last torchbearer, Timothy Brown, will ignite the Positive Flame on stage in DeLaMar Theatre at the start of The Power of Love, the annual event in the Netherlands for people living with HIV. The aim is to involve AIDS 2018 participants in the introduction of the Positive Flame and to prepare Françoise, Peter, Timothy and the 34 other torchbearers for their tour and choir performance during a remembrance of the deceased with the song, "Fragile", then the song, "Something Inside So Strong", and at the final, the song, "We'll Meet Again".

### **GLOBAL VILLAGE WORKSHOP: Bridging the Drug Stigma: Breaking Barriers for Young People Who Inject Drugs**

Time: 14:00-15:00

Location: Youth Pavilion Session Room

"If I want to receive opioid substitution treatment, my parents need to write a letter for me saying that I inject heroin. But I do not have a father anymore and my mother doesn't know I am using. If she finds out that I inject ..." (Julia, 16 years, Ukraine, name changed for privacy)

Julia represents a group of young people (10-24) who inject drugs (PWID). In the EECA region, one out of four PWID is younger than 20 years and therefore more susceptible to HIV transmission. This susceptibility can be explained by a lack of knowledge about risky behaviour, age restrictions that hamper access to harm reduction services, and lack of supporting policies that reinforce criminalization and marginalization. Despite the lack of age-disaggregated data, there are successful practices that tackle these issues. This meeting meets the need to exchange experiences and share global best practices to advocate for more youth-friendly harm reduction and SRHR services to fight the HIV epidemic for young PWID. The youth-led session will build an interactive and productive learning environment by understanding the barriers, sharing best practices and empowering (young) professionals to improve youth-friendly harm reduction services and the link with HIV and STIs in the EECA region.

### **PRESS CONFERENCE: The Criminalization of HIV**

Time: 14:30-15:15

Location: G109

At least 68 countries criminalize HIV non-disclosure, exposure or transmission. Another 33 countries are known to have applied other criminal law provisions in cases in which HIV transmission or exposure is alleged. At the conclusion of this press conference, the Journal of the International AIDS Society (JIAS) will publish the Expert Consensus Statement on the Science of HIV in the Context of Criminal Law, and an accompanying editorial.

The statement, developed by 20 global leaders in HIV science with the support of IAS, IAPAC and UNAIDS, outlines how the broad use of criminal law, often grounded in an exaggerated appreciation of risk, contributes to misinformation about HIV and undermines public health. The expert statement is expected to become the gold standard reference for clarifying key issues of HIV science in criminal law for police, prosecutors, lawyers, judges, expert witnesses, lawmakers and advocates.

Chair: Linda-Gail Bekker, MD, PhD, Deputy Director of the Desmond Tutu HIV Centre, Institute of Infectious Disease and Molecular Medicine, University of Cape Town, South Africa, and AIDS 2018 International Chair

Peter Godfrey-Faussett, *Senior Adviser, Science, UNAIDS, (United Kingdom)*

José Zuniga, *International Association of Providers of AIDS*

Edwin Bernard, *HIV Justice Network*

Annabel Raw, *Southern Africa Litigation Centre*

Sarai-Chisala Tempelhoff, *Women Lawyers Association, Malawi*

Kerry Thomas, *Sero Project*

**SESSION: Prep: Work in Progress**

*Time:* 14:30-16:00

*Location:* Elicium 1

Co-Chair: Nyaradzo Mavis Mgodzi, University of Zimbabwe, Zimbabwe

Co-Chair: Jorge Sanchez, CITBM, Peru

*Abstracts:*

- Factors influencing initiation, continuation & discontinuation of oral PrEP at selected facilities in South Africa
- PrEP uptake among pregnant and postpartum women: Results from a large implementation program within routine maternal child health (MCH) clinics in Kenya
- How long will they take it? Oral pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) retention for female sex workers, men who have sex with men and young women in a demonstration project in Kenya
- Cost and impact of PrEP implementation in Haiti to adopt WHO recommendations: Results from
- The cost-effectiveness of multi-purpose HIV and pregnancy prevention technologies in South Africa
- Incidence of HIV-infection in the ANRS Prevenir study in Paris region with daily or on-demand PrEP with TDF/FTC

**GLOBAL VILLAGE WORKSHOP: Role of medical students in the HIV response - International Federation of Medical Students' Associations (IFMSA)**

*Time:* 14:30-16:00

*Location:* GV Session Room 1

At this session, IFMSA will present its work to NGOs and youth-led organizations, receive feedback for improvement and establish networks for potential collaborations. There will be brainstorming on the importance of involvement of the future health workforce. There will also be small group discussions about the ways that youth-led organizations can collaborate with current and future healthcare providers in various aspects of the HIV response. The session will close with each working group sharing a summary of what they discussed. Participants are thus taught the basics on activism for the HIV response and are provided with

insights on country-based initiatives and global actions that IFMSA has done as part of the HIV response. IFMSA simultaneously receives recommendations for improving its work and establishes connections that could materialize into meaningful collaborations.

**GLOBAL VILLAGE PANEL DISCUSSION: Young Men and Chemsex: If, Why, And Where?**

*Time:* 15:00-16:00

*Location:* GV Session Room 2

Chemsex is a rising topic that promises to have a huge impact on young people. When zooming into the demographics of this group of MSM, we can see that this group is skewed on levels such as ethnicity and age. The average age of chemsex participants is around 34. During this panel discussion, the focus will be on the underrepresented group: people under the age of 34. Do these younger men differ from the “general” chemsex population and, if faced with problems, is there a different way to cater for them? Are the demographics, besides age, different from the other chemsex participants (i.e., type of drugs, sexual behaviour and HIV status)? Why are young men underrepresented in the chemsex scene when, for example, the average age of drug use is highest between 20 and 30 years?

**GLOBAL VILLAGE MEET THE EXPERTS: "It Takes A Community to Reach Those Left Behind": Lessons Learned from Community Leaders on HIV Testing**

*Time:* 16:30-17:30

*Location:* GV Session Room 2

A first step in HIV prevention and treatment is learning your HIV status but getting people to test has challenges. Some 70% of people with HIV know their status. But many still don't have access to testing or are afraid of possible stigma when testing. Community-led HIV testing, self-testing and partner- and family-centred testing are critical for reaching those left behind. Building bridges between faith leaders and communities can help ensure no one is left behind. This interactive workshop will bring together faith leaders, lay providers and those often left behind, such as key populations, people living with HIV, men, adolescents and organizations representing children, women and other groups. It will increase awareness of successful community-led models and build bridges between communities to address stigma and discrimination and strengthen testing. Community leaders and participants will share lessons learned and identify ways forward for community-led HIV testing. Participants will also prepare action plans on how to build bridges across communities and strengthen partnerships and the community HIV response. Participants will gain a deeper knowledge of HIV testing and the roles of community in the HIV response and understand that it truly takes a village to implement HIV testing.

**GLOBAL VILLAGE DANCE: The U=U 2018 Dance Party!**

*Time:* 17:20-18:20

*Location:* Main Stage

Join the U=U dance party to celebrate the barrier-breaking fact that Undetectable=Untransmittable (U=U). Hosted by the Prevention Access Campaign and global partners, the dance party represents a collaboration of the more than 650 community partners in 80 countries that have signed the U=U Consensus Statement ([www.preventionaccess.org/community](http://www.preventionaccess.org/community)). These HIV/AIDS service and advocacy organizations, public health bodies, researchers and NGOs are committed to shifting how people with HIV, providers and the public at large think about HIV and people with HIV. Evidence now confirms that a person with HIV on antiretroviral therapy with an undetectable or suppressed viral load (<200 copies/ml) does not sexually transmit HIV. The U=U campaign amplifies this message to dismantle HIV stigma, liberate people with HIV from fear and shame of transmission, encourage treatment uptake and adherence, and promote universal access to antiretroviral care. Come and dance to music from around the world, curated by DJ activist Nic Holas and U=U community partners. Hear from activists, clinicians, public health officials and policy makers who are spreading the U=U message worldwide. Pick up education materials to learn more about the global U=U movement.

# Thursday, 26 July

## **PLENARY SESSION: Breaking Barriers and Building Bridges Between Our Responses Toward Universal Health**

*Time:* 08:45-10:30

*Location:* Hall 12

Co-Chair: Thawat Suntrajan, Ministry of Public Health, Thailand

Co-Chair: David Mabuza, South African Government, South Africa

CIPHER Grant Programme and Growing the Leaders of Tomorrow Fellowship Programme: Launch of the 2018-2019 rounds and awards

Linda-Gail Bekker, *MD, PhD, Deputy Director of the Desmond Tutu HIV Centre, Institute of Infectious Disease and Molecular Medicine, University of Cape Town, and AIDS 2018 International Chair (South Africa)*

Understanding the Intersecting Syndemics Of Communicable and Non-Communicable Diseases

Emily Hyle, *Assistant Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School*

Global Health and the HIV Response

Peter Piot, *Director of the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine*

Making the Treatment Cascade Work in Vulnerable and Key Populations

David Malebranche, *Associate Professor of Medicine at Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, Georgia*

Introduction to speaker

David Mabuza, *South African Government, South Africa*

Leaving No One Behind: A Call to Action

Yana Panfilova, *Board of Teenergizer*



## **PRESS CONFERENCE: Sex Workers & End Demand Policies**

*Time:* 10:00-10:45

*Location:* G109

This press conference will feature new studies showing that laws intended to “end demand” for sex work may be creating barriers to HIV prevention and care.

Chair: Linda-Gail Bekker, MD, PhD, Deputy Director of the Desmond Tutu HIV Centre, Institute of Infectious Disease and Molecular Medicine, University of Cape Town, and AIDS 2018 International Chair (South Africa)

Duduzile (Dudu) Dlamini, *SWEAT/Sisonke and Mothers for the Future Coordinator*

Loveness Bowa Gunda, *Drop in Centre Manager, Health Worker, YONECO*

O'Cindy Cynthia Samuels, *Youth Representative Guyana Sex Workers Coalition*

Elena Argento, *PhD(c), University of British Columbia Research Associate, Gender and Sexual Health Initiative*  
Hélène, Lebail, *Assistant research professor, CNRS - Sciences Po, Centre de Recherches Internationales, Paris, France*

## **SESSION: Creating Danger: Impact of End-Demand Laws and Policing of Sex Work**

*Time:* 11:00-12:30

*Location:* Hall 11A

Co-Chair: Ruth Morgan Thomas, Global Network of Sex Work Projects, United Kingdom

Co-Chair: Lisa Maher, UNSW Sydney, Australia

### **Abstracts:**

- Police related correlates of client violence among female sex workers in a U.S. city
- “They should protect us because that is their job”: An assessment of sex workers' experiences with police abuse in Lusaka, Zambia
- Violence towards sex workers in the Netherlands
- The impact of end-demand legislation on sex workers' utilization of HIV care, health and community-led support services in a Canadian setting

- "Ending demand" in France: The impact of the criminalisation of sexworkers' clients on sexworkers' health, security and exposure to HIV
- Sex work regulation and HIV risk: A qualitative analysis of the impact of different regulation regimes on HIV prevention among female sex workers in two U.S.-Mexico border cities
- Violence victimization among male sex workers in the U.S. Northeast

***SESSION: New Tools, Old Tricks: Innovative Methods for Understanding the Epidemic***

*Time:* 11:00-12:30

*Location:* Hall 11B

Co-Chair: Elizabeth Fearon, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, United Kingdom

Co-Chair: Daouda Diouf, ENDA Tiers Monde, Senegal

*Abstracts:*

- The identification of a micro-epidemic in a hyper-endemic HIV setting using molecular epidemiology
- High prevalence fishing communities are not a major source of new HIV infections to the inland populations in Rakai District, Uganda: Implications for geo-spatially targeted HIV prevention interventions
- An RNA-seq gene expression signature identifies early HIV infection in rural Mozambique
- Size estimation of key populations for HIV in Singapore using the network scale-up method
- Challenges ahead: The impact of future demographic transitions on HIV epidemic control among adolescents and youth in sub-Saharan Africa
- Social network methods for HIV case-finding among people who inject drugs in Tajikistan
- A two-stage approach to quantify time with suppressed viral load in resource-constrained settings
- Using a social networking "app" to establish an open cohort for assessing HIV incidence among men who have sex with men in Beijing, China

## **SPECIAL SESSION: The Legacy of Prudence Mabele: Championing Gender Justice and Health Equity**

Time: 13:00-14:00

Location: Hall 12

To ensure a more sustainable, equitable and just response to HIV, it is imperative that gender justice and health equity are always included as essential parts of our approach. Protecting and promoting gender justice and health equity presents both challenges and opportunities that should be leveraged to better inform a holistic response. Through a facilitated and interactive high-level panel discussion of policy makers, funders, activists and programmers, this special session will also honour the legacy of a global champion of both, Prudence Mabele (1971- 2017). As a trailblazing activist for the rights of women and people living with HIV, Prudence embodied both of these aspects in all of her work. With the inaugural presentation of this new multi-year endowment in tribute of her life and work, the Prudence Mabele 2018 Prize recognizes a recipient who embodies these values and who was selected from public nominations earlier this year. The Prudence Mabele Prize will ensure that her legacy lives on and that unseen champions of gender justice and health equity are celebrated.

### Welcome

Shaun Mellors, *International HIV/AIDS Alliance, United Kingdom*

Yvette Raphael, *APHA, South Africa*

### Setting the Scene

Yvette Raphael, *APHA, South Africa*

### Prudence Mabele Prize

Yvette Raphael, *APHA, South Africa*

Shaun Mellors, *International HIV/AIDS Alliance, United Kingdom*

### Panel Discussion

David Mabuza, *South African Government, South Africa*

Princess Nothemba (Nono) Simelela, *World Health Organization, Switzerland*

Patrick Gaspard, *Open Society Foundations, United States*

Mercy Ngulube, *CHIVA, United Kingdom*

**GLOBAL VILLAGE PRESENTATION: The Future Is Female: Women's Leadership in HIV Criminalization Research and Activism**

*Time:* 13:00-14:00

*Location:* Youth Pavilion Session Room

The objective of this session is to strengthen advocacy efforts to promote laws that do not criminalize HIV transmission, exposure and non-disclosure and respect the rights of people living with HIV. It aims to share best practices of doing research and advocacy using gender and human rights. While it is thought that the laws that promote criminalization of HIV protects women, it is leaving women more vulnerable to persecution and increased violence in their public and private lives. This session allows for an interactive dialogue using feminist frameworks to critically discuss real-life impacts of criminalization on the lives of women and how to best support women to be engaged and lead efforts. It will feature presentations from women-led research and advocate teams and experiences from Eastern Europe and Central Asia, southern Africa, Francophone Africa and North America. Each speaker will give a short presentation on their research methodology and the successes and/or challenges of using it and how it could be applied to other country contexts. By showcasing a diversity of methods for collecting data, capacity building and advocacy for policy reform, this session will empower participants in their regions. There will also be a Q&A and a short interactive piece to engage audience members with a small piece of advocacy.

**GLOBAL VILLAGE PERFORMANCE: "Facing Taboo": Drag Graphic Novel**

*Time:* 14:10-15:10

*Location:* Main Stage

These are two autobiographic stories of acceptance and discovery of one's HIV status. In a unique combination of live painting and drag performance, two HIV-ARTivists will tell how being aware of your status can be a transformative and empowering tale. The comic artist, Luca Modesti (founder of Conigli Bianchi), and the singer and drag queen, Paola Lovely (founder of PLUS LGBTQI HIV+ People), will join forces narrating how finding out their status revolutionized their sexual and affective relationships with the people around them. Through humour and curiosity, the artists will shatter taboos regarding sexual freedom and prevention. The taboos surrounding HIV hinge upon shame and repulsion, emerging from fear of disease and incapacity to talk freely about sex. Anyone who believes in a culture of prevention has the responsibility to talk about sex and sexuality in an empowering and informative way.

**GLOBAL VILLAGE FILM SCREENING: MTV Staying Alive Presents: MTV Shuga Down South**

*Time:* 14:50-15:35

*Location:* GV Film Screening Room

MTV Staying Alive is screening MTV Shuga, a 360-mass media campaign. The screening will be followed by a Q&A with the cast discussing the importance of investing in youth-focused programming. The MTV Staying Alive Foundation produces mass media edutainment campaigns working toward stopping the spread of HIV globally and improving sexual reproductive health knowledge among young people. Young people are best equipped with the tools to end HIV infections among their peers. The aim of this screening is to explore the lived realities experienced by young people globally. The screening will explore sexual identities, living with HIV as an adolescent and sexual reproductive health education using mass media.

**GLOBAL VILLAGE WORKSHOP: Crowdsourcing Contests: Interactive Introduction To WHO/TDR Practical Guide**

*Time:* 16:30-17:30

*Location:* Youth Pavilion Session Room

In 1906, 787 people guessed the weight of an ox. The median guess was accurate to within 1% of the true weight. This points to the wisdom of the crowd under specific conditions. Crowdsourcing - having a group solve a problem and then sharing the solution with the public - may be useful for developing more effective HIV services. Crowdsourcing challenge contests have been used to help inform youth-friendly HIV policy, develop new HIV interventions and create user-friendly HIV programmes. WHO/TDR commissioned a practical guide on implementing and evaluating crowdsourcing challenge contests. This workshop provides an interactive introduction to the practical guide, providing step-by-step assistance for those interested in organizing challenge contests. This will be useful for advocates, scientists, community leaders and programme managers. The workshop is organized by Social Entrepreneurship to Spur Health, a hub within the WHO/TDR Social Innovation in Health Initiative.

**SESSION: Pedal to the metal: Accelerating the cascade**

*Time:* 16:30-18:00

*Location:* Forum

Co-Chair: Sinead Delany-Moretlwe, Wits Reproductive Health and HIV Institute (WRHI), South Africa  
Co-Chair: Praphan Phanuphak, Thai Red Cross AIDS Research Centre, Thailand

*Abstracts:*

- Rapid ART initiation and index client testing outcomes of commlink, a community-based, HIV testing, mobile HIV care, and peer-delivered, Linkage Case Management Program - Swaziland, 2017
- Community-based HIV testing and assessment for same-day ART reaches men for HIV care
- Same-day ART initiation in HIV/STI testing center in Bangkok, Thailand: Initial results from an implementation research
- Fast-track ART initiation in Botswana is associated with high rates of ART initiation, retention in care, and virological suppression
- Towards the third 90: Factors associated with adolescent antiretroviral adherence and viral suppression
- Persistent high burden of advanced HIV disease in South African children and adolescents at entry into care: Data from a longitudinal nationwide laboratory cohort
- Virologic outcomes of perinatally infected adolescents in the period of early adolescence in South Africa (10-15 years)
- Progress toward HIV epidemic control: Results from the Namibia Population-Based HIV Impact Assessment (PHIA)

**GLOBAL VILLAGE WORKSHOP: Fighting Discriminatory HIV Laws: Practical Skills for Documenting, Monitoring, Reporting and Organizing to End HIV Criminalization**

*Time:* 18:00-19:30

*Location:* GV Session Room 2

This workshop is for civil society, human rights and legal advocates who want to build their skills to monitor, document, report and organize with their communities to end criminalization of non-disclosure, perceived exposure and transmission of HIV. In 2017, HIV Justice Worldwide Coalition established five regional hubs and provided technical assistance to multiple country networks to track and respond to HIV criminalization. The hubs use a variety of processes to monitor and respond to HIV criminalization, from community-based peer researchers, to media monitoring, to building legal and organizational networks. Participants will:

- Understand various processes for community-led monitoring of criminal laws, arrests, prosecutions and convictions of people living with HIV.
- Engage in skills building and sharing with civil society experts in legal monitoring in regions around the world.
- Be able to identify and report on cases that disproportionately impact key populations and women living with HIV.
- Increase opportunities to join and build networks of anti-criminalization advocates.
- Learn the current status of HIV criminalization and anti-criminalization advocacy in their region.

# Friday, 27 July

## **PLENARY SESSION: Building Bridges for the Next Generation**

Time: 08:45-10:30

Location: Hall 12

Co-Chair: Henriette Fore, UNICEF, Switzerland

### **Understanding Adolescent Neurocognitive Development in The Context of HIV Treatment, Prevention and Care**

Sarah-Jayne Blakemore, *University College London (UCL), United Kingdom*

Eveline Crone, *Leiden University, Netherlands*

Anne-Lise Goddings, *University College London (UCL), United Kingdom*

### **Growing into Leadership for An Efficient HIV Response**

Romesa Roy William, *Star Gate General Hospital*

O'Cindy Cynthia Samuels, *Guyana Sex Work Coalition, Guyana*

Gautam Yadav, *The Humsafar Trust, India*

### **Back to Basics: Sex Rights and Education**

Sigrid Kaag, *Minister of Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation, Netherlands*

Reina Buijs, *Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Netherlands*

### **Special presentation: MTV Shuga**

Georgia Arnold, *MTV Staying Alive Foundation*

Stephanie Sandows, *MTV Shuga*

Given Stuurman, *MTV Shuga*

**PRESS CONFERENCE: Impact of the Global Gag Rule (Breakfast Briefing)**

*Time:* 10:00-10:45

*Location:* G109

Studies released at this press conference will document the impact of the US government's expanded Mexico City policy - also known as the "global gag rule."

Chair: Anton Pozniak, Executive Director of HIV research and Director of HIV services, Chelsea and Westminster Hospital/ IAS President-Elect, (United Kingdom)

*Jennifer Kates, Vice President and Director, Global Health & HIV Policy Kaiser Family Foundation*

*Luisa Orza, Technical Lead, Gender and HIV, International HIV/AIDS Alliance*

*Brian Honermann, Deputy Director of Public Policy, amfAR, The Foundation for AIDS Research*

*Chloe Cooney, Senior Director, Global Advocacy, Planned Parenthood Global and Planned Parenthood Federation of America*

*Tikhala Itaye, Chairperson, Global She Decides Movement*

**GLOBAL VILLAGE PANEL DISCUSSION: We are all Caribbean! Advocacy strategies to mitigate violence and human rights violations against LGBT persons in the Caribbean**

*Time:* 11:00-12:00

*Location:* Youth Pavilion Session Room

Obtaining rights for LGBT persons in the Caribbean is challenging despite the fact that many countries have signed international agreements about universal human rights. Eleven countries in the region have buggery laws that criminalize sexual relations between consenting same-sex adults. Many others arrest and harass the LGBT community through vague provisions of an affront on public morality. In the past few years, many LGBT groups in the region have started documenting cases of abuse in a standardized fashion, such as the recent report on transgender women published by the Human Rights Observatory for Vulnerable Groups in the Dominican Republic. This workshop offers an opportunity for LGBT activists from around the globe to strategize how to use the emergent data to fight against discrimination and violence. The panel discussion, followed by a plenary, will allow for a



rich dialogue about how to use human rights abuse documentation strategically and how to maximize its impact on mitigating violence and human rights abuses against LGBT persons. This type of discussion has often not yet occurred as the emphasis has largely focused on mastering documentation rather than using it for advocacy or lobbying.

***SESSION: Bound and Gagged: Exposing the Impact of the Expanded Mexico City Policy***

*Time:* 11:00-12:30

*Location:* Hall 11A

Co-Chair: Serra Sippel, Center for Health and Gender Equity (CHANGE), United States

Co-Chair: Cecile Richards, Planned Parenthood, United States

Co-Chair: Monica Ogutu, Kisumu Medical Education Trust, Kenya

*Abstracts:*

- The Mexico City Policy and PEPFAR: Estimating the impact on NGOs and funding
- Understanding the global gag rule: How to sustain global health progress amidst the new U.S. policy environment
- A model of dis-integration: Unpacking the impact of the global gag rule on HIV-SRHR linkages
- Caught by ideology: HIV providers in the era of the protecting life in global health assistance policy (AKA Mexico City Policy)
- The impact of the USG Policy Protecting Lives in Global Health Assistance (PLGHA) on Sida's SRHR-HIV partnerships
- Unmet need for modern contraception: Challenges reaching female sex workers without a prior pregnancy in Swaziland
- Mapping the impact of the expanded Mexico City Policy for HIV/ family planning service integration in PEPFAR-supported countries: A risk index

***GLOBAL VILLAGE WORKSHOP: Family matters: Informing a family-based model of care with indigenous families affected by HIV***

*Time:* 11:00-12:30

*Location:* GV Session Room 1

Members of the Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network have consistently identified the importance of understanding the effect of HIV on indigenous families and implications for providing culturally adequate and appropriate supports and services in this context. This workshop aims to:

- Identify HIV-related supports, services, policies and programmes for aboriginal people living with HIV and their families

- Explore the impact of HIV on the family from different perspectives
- Identify priorities for indigenous, culturally informed, family-based intervention programme options
- Immerse participants in the experience of indigenous research methodologies.

This workshop will use indigenous storytelling methodology to share research results, allowing participants to experience indigenous research methodologies in real time. Participants will understand the value of including families in research while ensuring scientifically rigorous indigenous research, responding to community-identified needs, operationalizing GIPA and embracing culture and the inclusion of ceremony in research. Findings have implications for programming and policy interventions.

### **SPECIAL SESSION: Seizing the Moment For TB: Current Challenges in TB Care And In TB And HIV Integration**

*Time:* 12:30-14:00

*Location:* Hall 12

#### Keynote Address

President Bill Clinton, *Founder of the Clinton Foundation, & 42<sup>nd</sup> President of the United States, United States*

#### Introduction to Panellists

Eric Goosby, *Professor, UCSF, School of Medicine, United States*

#### Panel Discussion

Carol Nawina Kachenga, *Community Initiative for TB, HIV/AIDS & Malaria*

Paul Farmer, *Partners in Health*

Eric Goosby, *UN Special Envoy on Tuberculosis*

Blessina Kumar, *Global Coalition of TB Activists (GCTA)*

### **PLENARY SESSION: Rapporteur and Closing Session**

*Time:* 14:00-17:20

*Location:* Hall 12

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## Community March

*Time:* Monday 23 July 13:00-16:00

*Location:* Starts at Amstelveld Square

## Positive Flame

*Time:* Wednesday 25 July 16:00-19:30

*Location:* Starts at the HIV/AIDS monument

On Wednesday, July 25, a group of torchbearers will take a wonderful tour from 4 to 7:30 pm, partly on foot and partly in electric tuktuks, through the historic centre of Amsterdam: from the HIV/AIDS monument to the DeLaMar Theatre. At each Meet&Greet location along the route, the torch is transferred from one torchbearer to another. Some of these places have a special HIV significance; others are pearls of Amsterdam. Please see <https://www.positiveflame.amsterdam/meet-greet> for the full route of this tour.

## The Power of Love

*Time:* Wednesday 25 July 19:30-22:30

*Location:* DeLaMar Theatre

The Power of Love is informative, inspiring and heart-warming. It is a mix of medical information, experiences of other people that live with HIV, performances and videos.

Peter Reiss, AIDS 2018 Local Scientific Chair

HRH Mabel van Oranje-Nassau, Girls Not Brides, Netherlands