



Access, Inclusion, Disability, Sexuality

Disability Zone at the XVIII World AIDS Conference at Vienna

Official Programme

The interrelation between disability and HIV has recently been recognized by UNAIDS, yet people with disabilities still lack access to information, treatment, care and support. In addition with the arrival of ARVs in the South more PLHIV survive and some develop disabilities as a result of their illness. The disability and HIV networking zone at the XVIII International AIDS Conference aims to raise awareness for the interrelation of disability and HIV as well as provide a platform for exchange of good practise and innovative advocacy ideas. You are very welcome!

Sunday 18th July

Global Village opens at 6pm

18.00 – 20.00 Opening Coffee Shop & Vienna Deaf Community HIV/AIDS Outreach

We welcome all organisers and participants of the Disability Zone to join us for an opening Coffee Shop. Meet the other presenters and activists, and receive important information on the programme for the week.

The coffee shop will be immediately followed by an evening of HIV/AIDS information and entertainment presented in Austrian Sign Language, with participation from Deaf activists Leila Monaghan and John Meletse, and entertainment from a local Deaf theatre company.

Monday 19th July

10.15 - 11.00 *Reality Kick – Deafness and HIV*

Gay and Lesbian Memory in Action (GALA), South Africa - www.gala.co.za

John Meletse shares his own experience of being diagnosed with HIV seven years ago. He will present his work with GALA, his experiences teaching Deaf learners in Soweto and distribute copies of the comic he created for this purpose.

12.00 – 14.00 Meeting the challenges of disability and HIV in East Africa

Mildmay International - www.mildmay.org

A workshop on prevention, management and access issues for those living with disabilities and HIV in East Africa led by Dr Emmanuel Luyirika, director of the Mildmay Centre, a leading HIV care, treatment and training facility in Kampala, Uganda, and Dr Stephen Watiti, an HIV-positive clinician, author and passionate advocate for HIV rights.

15.00 – 16.00 Film “The Voice of 650 Million x1”

www.thevoiceof650million.com, www.vsointernational.org

In this documentary produced by VSO, inspiring people with a disability in Asia and Africa show their world of exclusion regarding sexuality, HIV and reproductive health. This is a courageous and touching documentary portraying those who've been forgotten by governments, donors and NGOs. The 35 minute screening will be followed by a discussion with Jessica de Ruijter (VSO NL) and Wanjiru Mukoma (Liverpool VCT, Kenya).

16.00 – 18.00 Facilitating discussion groups that empower people with disabilities about sexual health, sexual violence and HIV-AIDS prevention

Sexual Understanding - www.sexualunderstanding.com

Sheila Warembourg, founder of Sexual Understanding, will guide you through the process of creating, facilitating and evaluating a discussion group with persons with a disability about sexual health, sexual violence and HIV-AIDS prevention, to encourage you to imagine beginning one yourself. Sexual Understanding works with persons with disabilities, their families and professionals to provide information and training on sexual health, sexual violence and HIV-AIDS prevention.

Tuesday 20th July

10.15 – 11.00 Reality Kick – Blindness and HIV

Zambia National Library & Cultural Centre for the Blind

Joseph G N Mutale, Executive Director, will share with us their work in the psycho-social rehabilitation of persons acquiring blindness through AIDS, and their programs to equip those with newly-acquired blindness with skills in Braille, mobility, orientation and personal management.

12.00 – 14.00 The disabling effects of HIV - A new agenda for policy makers

Heath Economics and HIV/AIDS Research Division, South Africa - www.heard.org.za

Many families are coping with the impacts of AIDS-related disabilities. There is, however, very little research in sub-Saharan Africa which investigates the impacts of adult disability on *children* in the home. This study uses data from 1000 matched carer-child pairs in Kwa-Zulu Natal, South Africa to ask whether the extent of adult disability predicts children's domestic work, school attendance and mental health. Discussion will be lead by Marisa Casale (HEARD) and Caroline Kuo (Oxford University).

14.00 – 16.00 Film “Stepping into the Unknown”

HEARD www.heard.org.za and *DHAT Southern Africa* - www.dhat.org.bw

This documentary tells the story of four disability and HIV activists who took the plunge at the world's highest swing in South Africa in an attempt to raise awareness for the interrelations of disability and HIV. Using the jump as a metaphor the film explores how confronting your fears enables you to be in control provided you got the necessary assistance. Because of the double stigma associated with disability and HIV disclosing a positive status might be even more difficult. Stepping off the cliff symbolises stepping away from stigma and fear. Discussion with Phillimon Simwaba (DHAT), John Meletse (GALA), and Jill Hanass-Hancock (HEARD)

16.00 – 18.00 Developing the full potential of quadriplegics and paraplegics

Quadpara Association of South Africa - www.qasa.co.za

QASA will present their *Rolling Positive* program, funded by the Global Fund, which aims to train persons with disabilities as peer educators and lay counsellors on HIV-AIDS and STIs. The discussion, with Phillip Coetzer, Siphon Mdletshe and Vernon Openshaw, will focus on lessons learned regarding Sexuality and Disability and on life enhancing programmes

18.00 – 20.00 Stopping the Brain Drain: Confronting the issues of HIV-related neuro cognitive impairment (HNCI) head on

Mildmay International – www.mildmay.org

Dr Simon Rackstraw, medical director of Mildmay UK, Europe's only specialist HNCI rehabilitation unit, based in East London, uses his experience and expertise to offer real insight into this little known and often misunderstood effect of HIV and how Mildmay is striving to tackle it.

Wednesday 21st July

10.15 – 11.00 Reality Kick – Intellectual Disability and HIV

Toyin Aderemi, PhD Nigeria

In Nigeria, little is known about the vulnerability of intellectually impaired learners (IIL) to HIV infection. This presentation is based on a study which investigated HIV knowledge and sexual practices among mild/moderate IIL and mainstream learners in Nigeria. Findings point to the relevance of parents in HIV education for learners. The presentation will discuss the selected results from the study and present a Sexuality and HIV Education Manual developed for people with intellectual disabilities.

11.00 – 12.30 Physical and Cognitive Rehabilitation Following Complications of HIV Disease: Designing and Delivering Services in Different Settings

Please note: this professional development workshop is part of the official Conference Program and will not take place in the Disability Zone. Location: GVSR 2

This workshop explores the challenges facing communities in managing the needs of people living with HIV in settings where treatment is now becoming available, and are therefore living longer, but with potential HIV related impairments and disabilities. The presenters are rehabilitation professionals from a range of settings.

12.30 – 13.20 Activists with Disabilities Speak out on HIV/AIDS: A Panel Discussion

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People with disabilities, including deaf people, are a priority and under-served population and yet many AIDS activists and service providers and most of the general public do not know the issues facing disabled people around HIV/AIDS. Three activists with disabilities will share their experiences as people with HIV or working closely with HIV/AIDS populations and discuss the issues that affect people with disabilities.

14.00 – 15.30 Inclusion for all: An innovative approach to HIV and STI prevention among children with disabilities

World Vision Canada - www.worldvision.ca

Karen Sodoma of World Vision Canada will share best practise and lesson's learnt from World Vision's first Disability/HIV program in India. World Vision are partnering with local disabled people's organisations, the government, healthcare workers and school leaders to ensure persons with disabilities are included in HIV programs.

15.30 – 16.30 Film "Disability and HIV/AIDS in Uganda"

National Union of Disabled Persons of Uganda – www.nudipu.org.ug

This short film illustrates the challenges faced by persons with disabilities in Uganda to access HIV-AIDS prevention, care and support. Martin Babu Mwsigwa (NADPU) will introduce Kwagala Betty Babirye, a Ugandan woman with a disability living with HIV who will share her experiences.

16.30 – 18.00 Community Based Rehabilitation for people living with HIV and Disability

Jan Sewa Parishad, India – www.jspindia.org

Mr. Ramlal Prasad will present the current scenario, challenges and opportunities in community based rehabilitation of persons with disabilities living with HIV/AIDS in rural areas. He will share the magnitude of the problem in the context of India and suggest possible intervention strategies to overcome the challenges and tap the existing opportunities.

18.30 – 20.30 AIDS and Disabilities: Country Level Perspectives

*Global Partnership for Disability and Development (<http://www.gpdd-online.org/>) and Health Canada
Please note: this Satellite Session is part of the official Conference Program and will not take place in the Disability Zone. Location: MR 7*

This satellite session aims to increase awareness and knowledge about programmes on AIDS and disabilities, and present opportunities for strengthening the linkages between the two. It will discuss the need for enhanced collaboration between development actors, donors, national partners, and civil society etc. to foster the proliferation, integration and development of inclusive HIV prevention and AIDS programs for persons with disabilities.

Thursday 22nd July

7.30 – 8.30 Advancing AIDS and Disability responses: monitoring and evaluation strategies

World Bank, SICA, SISCA and IIDI

Please note: this satellite session is part of the official Conference Program and will not take place in the Disability Zone. Location: MR5

With the entry into force of the Convention of Rights of People with Disabilities, the UN Agencies, international cooperation bodies and National Governments have the mandate to ensure inclusive development strategies that benefit people with disabilities and other disadvantaged groups. Over the last three years SICA-SISCA has lead a process of developing capacities to address the challenge of including people with disability in HIV/AIDS interventions. This meeting will be important to disseminate knowledge and explore bridges between data and participatory programming.

10.15 – 11.00 Reality Kick – The Disabling Effect of HIV

Canadian Working Group on HIV and Rehabilitation – www.hivandrehab.ca

This presentation will discuss HIV/AIDS as an Episodic Disability and its implications as well as the role and opportunities for rehabilitation in addressing health related challenges faced by people living with HIV/AIDS.

12.00 – 14.00 Inclusion of youth with disabilities in Disability and HIV/AIDS programmes

Youth with Physical Disability Development Forum, Uganda

This presentation will portray the role of youth with disabilities in promotion of a disability perspective in the implementation of HIV/AIDS programmes, the dissemination of information and the provision of services at grassroots level in Uganda.

14.00 - 16.00 AIDS and Disability: Two Years Later

Please note: this Symposium is part of the official Conference Program and will not take place in the Disability Zone. Location: SR7

The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities came into force in international law in 2008. In the same year, the Mexico City AIDS conference was the first IAC to include disability issues in the main conference programme. Two years later, this session asks "Where are we now?" Notable AIDS activists, disability advocates and human rights campaigners will gather for an interactive session to review and analyze progress made and obstacles encountered in the push to fulfil the vision of the CRPD in the field of HIV/AIDS. Presented by Shantha Rau Barriga, Rosangela Berman Bieler, Wanjiru Mukoma and Winstone Zulu.

16.00 – 18.00 Closing Coffee Shop

We invite all organisers, presenters and participants of the Disability Zone to join us for a closing Coffee Shop, to say thank you and goodbye and reflect on the Vienna 2010 conference and Disability Zone. It's your last chance to swap business cards so please do come!



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