

Taking Action to Overcome HIV Stigma & Discrimination

Comprehensive, Compassionate Care for All

Interfaith Pre-Conference to the International AIDS Conference 2022
Hybrid Event

July 27-28, 2022, Montreal, Canada

All times are in EST (-5 UTC)

In presence: Plaza Centre-Ville, 777 Blvd Robert-Bourassa, Montreal

Virtual: Links will be sent prior to the meeting

Wednesday 27 July 2022 (8:00-18:00 | EST)

7:30-8:00 | Registration of participants & coffee

8:00-8:25 | Opening

- Opening Prayer
 - Rev. Canon Gideon Byamugisha
 - Rev. Dr Pauline Njiru, *Eastern Africa Regional Coordinator, World Council of Churches – Ecumenical HIV and AIDS Initiatives and Advocacy, WCC-EHAIA*
- Opening Remarks
 - Ulysses Burley, *UBtheCURE*

08:25-9:25 | Opening Ceremony

- Music: North Coast Men Chorus
- Facilitator: Brian Otieno, *Alfajiri Network, Kenya*
- Mathew M. Kavanagh, *Deputy Executive Director, a.i., Policy, Advocacy and Knowledge UNAIDS*
- Sandy Thurman, *Chief Strategy Officer, U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator and Health Diplomacy, PEPFAR*
- Keynote: Jeanne White-Ginder, *AIDS activist and Ryan White's mom*
- Music: North Coast Men Chorus
- Kate Thompson, *Head of the Community, Rights and Gender Department, The Global Fund*
- Fr. Richard Bauer, *George Washington University, Institute for Spirituality and Health, Maryknoll*
- Music: Children Kenya

9:30-10:30 | Setting the Scene 1: General overview: Data and Targets

- Facilitator: Ulysses Burley, *UBtheCURE*
- Vinay Saldanha, *Director, UNAIDS WDC: State of the HIV and AIDS global response*
- Francesca Merico, *UNAIDS – PEPFAR Faith Initiative, PEPFAR Faith and Community Initiative: General overview - Data and Targets*



- Countries' overview of the situation and challenges, gaps and interventions:
 - Christine N. Njogu, *Programme Officer, Faith Sector, National AIDS Control Council, NACC, Kenya*
- Q&A: Facilitator: Ulysses Burley, *UBtheCURE*

10:30-11:00 | **Break & Networking** (*for those attending virtually, please stay logged on*)

11:00-11:45 | **Voices & Visions for a world without stigma: recommendations of affected persons and communities in dialogue with faith leaders**

- Facilitator: Rita Rhayem, *Health & HIV Advisor, Caritas Internationalis*
- Valeria Rachynska, *100% Life, Ukraine*
- Gracia Violeta Ross Quiroga, *Programme Executive, World Council of Churches – Ecumenical HIV and AIDS Initiative and Advocacy, WCC-EHAIA, Bolivia*
- Ekow Tachie-Mensah, *Youth Ambassador, Ghana*
- Table discussion (*for those attending virtually, chat rooms will be organized*)

11:45-12:30 | **Workshop Stream 1**

- Interfaith Action to Overcome Stigma and Discrimination, Rev. Christiana Sutton Koroma, *Congregational Evangelical Mission in Sierra Leone, the Council of Churches in Sierra Leone (VIRTUAL)*
- You are Precious! Sr. Maria Fernandes, *Holy Family School, Seraulim, Goa, India (VIRTUAL)*
- To address HIV and AIDS-related stigma in the faith Community, Charles Simakumba, *White Ribbon Campaign Namibia, Namibia (VIRTUAL)*

12:30-13:25 | **Lunch**

13:25-14:30 | **High-level Session: FBOs interventions that advance HIV epidemic control by addressing stigma and discrimination**

- Video: FCI HIV
- Music: Children
- Facilitators: Susan Hillis, *Senior Technical Advisor, Faith and Communities Initiatives, Office of the Global AIDS Ambassador and Health Diplomacy & Brian Otieno, Alfajira Network*
- Dr John Nkengasong, *Ambassador-at-Large, U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator, United States President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, PEPFAR*
- Monsignor Robert J. Vitillo, *Secretary General, International Catholic Migration Commission, ICMC*
- Music: FCI
- Q&A

14:30-15:15 | **What theological principles guide faith groups to overcome stigma and discrimination? The duty to respond and to participate in the wellbeing of communities**

- Facilitator: Fr Richard Bauer, *George Washington University, Institute for Spirituality and Health, Maryknoll*
- Sujatha Kotamraju, *National General Secretary, Hindu Council of Kenya*

- Rev. Jane Ng'ang'a, *Coordinator, Network of Religious Leaders Living with and Personally Affected by HIV and AIDS (INERELA+)*
 - Prof Mohammed Karama, *Islamic Relief Worldwide, INERELA+*
 - Monsignor Robert J. Vitillo, *Secretary General, International Catholic Migration Commission, ICMC*
 - Prof John Blevins, *Associate Research Professor, Hubert Department of Global Health, Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University*
- 15:15-15:30 | Break & Networking** *(for those attending virtually, please stay logged on)*
- 15:30-16:15 | Workshops Stream 2**
- Recommended Practices for Local Faith Communities to Address HIV-Related Stigma, David Barstow, Joe Davis and Duncan Teague, WCC (IN PERSON)
 - La réussite du Projet GRAIL de Caritas à réduire la stigmatisation et accroître l'adoption du dépistage du VIH chez les enfants, Say Somian Daniel, Côte d'Ivoire, Dr Jean Munongo, Congo (VIRTUAL)
 - "Overcoming HIV-infection and decreasing stigma and discrimination during the war", Fr Serhiy Dmitriev, Ukraine, & Gary Jones, UNAIDS, Migration Roadmap (VIRTUAL)
- 16:15-16:30 | Break & Networking** *(for those attending virtually, please stay logged on)*
- 16:30-17:15 | Workshop Stream 3**
- Caritas' GRAIL Project success in stigma reduction and increased uptake of pediatric HIV testing, Dr. Olayiwola Lanre (IN PERSON)
 - Experiences of Local Congregations Addressing HIV-Related Stigma, Gracia Violeta Ross Quiroga, John Blevins, Rev Canon Gideon Byamugisha, WCC & Emory University (IN PERSON)
 - Multi-prong Approach To Stigma and Discrimination in Nigeria, Christian Health association of Nigeria (CHAN) & Africa Christian Health Association (ACHAP) experience in Nigeria and DRC, Omorebokhae Onomoase David, Nkatha Njeru, (IN PERSON & VIRTUAL)
 - A Voice of Hope, Brian Otieno, Alfajiri Network, Kenya , Rev. Jane N'gan'ga, INERLA+, Doreen Moraa Moracha, Kenya, Sara Thapa Magar, Nepal, Kalisito Biaukula, Fiji (IN PERSON)
- 17:15-17:30 | Faith and Community Engagement**
- Faith and Community Engagement: Leveraging Trust and Access to Sustain Epidemic Control and Advance Prevention
 - Susan Hillis, *PhD, MS, Senior Technical Advisor, Faith and Communities Initiatives, Office of the Global AIDS Ambassador and Health Diplomacy*
- 17:30-18:00 | Wrap-up of the day, Music FCI**

Thursday 28 July 2022 (8:30-18:00 | EST)

08:30-8:50 | Opening Prayer

- Jama Hanshi, *Islamic Relief Worldwide*, & Prof Mohammed Karama, *Islamic Relief Worldwide, INERELA+*

08:50-10:30 | Innovations to tackle HIV Stigma & Discrimination: Undetectable = Untransmittable

- Welcome remarks
 - Jacek Tyszko, *Senior Adviser, UNAIDS*
 - Harlan Pruden, *Indigenous Knowledge Translation Lead at Chee Mamuk, and co-founder of the Two-Spirit Dry Lab*
- Innovations to tackle HIV Stigma & Discrimination: Undetectable = Untransmittable
 - Facilitator: Manoj Kurian, *Coordinator, World Council of Churches – Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance, WCC-EAA*
 - Long-acting injections to treat and prevent HIV: optimizing treatment results
 - David H. Brown Ripin, *Executive Vice President, Infectious Diseases, Chief Science Officer, Clinton health Access Initiative, CHAI*
 - Ending Stigma Through Compassionate, Comprehensive Care
 - Echo VanderWal, *Managing Executive Director, The Luke Commission, Eswatini*
- How optimal HIV paediatric treatment can pave the way to end stigma among children?
 - Facilitator: Stuart Kean, *Interfaith Health Platform*
 - Chip Lyons, *President & CEO, Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation, EGPAF*
 - David Mabirizi, *Technical Lead, Pediatric & Adolescent HIV, FASTER/FOCUS | Catholic Relief Services, CRS*
- Discussion

10:30-11:00 | Break & Networking (for those attending virtually, please stay logged on)

11:00-11:45 | Innovations to tackle HIV Stigma & Discrimination: Undetectable = Untransmittable & decentralization of care

- The impact of new testing tools, including HIVST, and methodologies in addressing stigma and discrimination: the contribution of the faith sector
 - Facilitator: Julienne Munyaneza, *UNAIDS – PEPFAR Faith Initiative*
 - Rachgel Baggaley, *Team Lead for Testing, Prevention and Populations, Global HIV, Hepatitis and STI Programmes, World Health Organization, Geneva*
 - Gibstar Makangila, *Executive Director, Circle of Hope Zambia*
- Discussion

11:45-12:30 | Leveraging FBOs to Achieve Epidemic Control Overcoming HIV Stigma and Discrimination

- Facilitator: Tiffiany M. Aholou, *CDC Atlanta / Division of Global HIV and Tuberculosis* & Susan Hillis, *CDC*
- Tiffiany M. Aholou, *CDC - Messages of Hope*
- Yvonne Pande, *Expanded Church Response: Faith Matters*
- Timothy Efuntoye, *CDC* and Dina Patel, *USAID: Congregational Baby Shower Model*
- Justus Muhangi, *Uganda Catholic Medical Bureau: Ugandan experience with Key Populations*
- Discussion

12:30-13:25 | Lunch

13:25-14:30 | Impact of Initiatives to tackle stigma and discrimination and potential for engaging with the faith sector

- Facilitator: Nkatha Njeru, *Team Lead, Africa Christian Health Association Platform, ACHAP*
- Suki Beavers, *Director, Equality and Rights for All, UNAIDS: Global Partnership to Eliminate All Forms of HIV-related Stigma and Discrimination*
- Pim Looze, *PLHIV Stigma Index Officer, The Global Network of People Living with HIV (GNP+): The Stigma Index Study and ways in which Faith groups and communities could use this tool to strengthen their stigma reduction interventions*
- Alexandrina Iovita, *Technical Adviser Human Rights, Human Rights, Community Rights & Gender Department, The Global Fund: The Breaking Down Barriers Initiative: tackling HIV stigma with faith communities*
- Itoero Effiong Ekanem, *Chair of the The Pact: "Impact of Initiatives to tackle stigma and discrimination and potential for engaging with the faith sector" – Youths' perspectives*
- Discussion

14:30-15:30 | Break & Networking – Stigma & Discrimination Reduction Activities and Games

15:30-15:45 | Engaging Interfaith Leaders in HIV: A model for Ending the HIV Epidemic in the U.S. South

- Facilitator: George Kerr III
- Allison Mathews, *PhD, Research Fellow in Faith and Health, Executive Director Gilead COMPASS Faith Coordinating Center, School of Divinity, Wake Forest University: Engaging Interfaith Leaders in HIV: A Model for Ending the HIV Epidemic in the U.S. South*

15:45-17:05 | Monitoring & Evaluation: which M&E frameworks are in place that can be adapted to faith interventions to effectively address stigma and discrimination?

- Facilitator: Ayoko Bahun Wilson, *World Council of Churches – Ecumenical HIV and AIDS Initiative and Advocacy, WCC - EHAIA*
- Shobana Ramachandran, *Associate Director of Strategic Information & Evaluation, EGPAF*
- Dr. Tiffiany M. Aholou, *HIV Testing Services Team Division of Global HIV and Tuberculosis/HIV Prevention Branch, US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*

- Prof John Blevins, *Associate Research Professor, Hubert Department of Global Health, Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University*
- Discussion

17:05-17:15 | **Celebration – Video and Cultural Dance – Human Touch, Goa, India**

17:15-18:00 | **Closing & Next Steps**

- Facilitators: Brian Otieno, *Alfajira Network* & Rev Jane Ng'ang'a, *Coordinator, INERELA+ Kenya*
- Matthew M. Kavanagh, *Deputy Executive Director, a.i., Policy, Advocacy and Knowledge, UNAIDS*
- Sandy Thurman, *Chief Strategy Officer, U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator and Health Diplomacy, PEPFAR*
- Luvo Sobuza, *GenEndIt Youth Ambassadors, South Africa*
- Fr Richard Bauer, *George Washington University, Institute for Spirituality and Health, Maryknoll*
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