

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

Engaging Faith Leaders & Communities To Address HIV Stigma and Discrimination

10 December 2020



PURPOSE

- On the occasion of Human Rights Day 2020, the UNAIDS-PEPFAR Faith initiative aims to engage its focus countries and Implementing Partners (IPs) as well as partners on a discussion around the Framework for Dialogue – a stigma and discrimination methodology and process to improve greater access to quality HIV and health services to all.
- The FfD webinar will showcase a practical and inspirational example of stigma and discrimination reduction intervention by faith groups, in collaboration with networks of people living with HIV, the interfaith network of religious leaders living with or affected by HIV and AIDS, the governments and other key players, that can contribute to fostering more resilient and just societies.



Session 1

Facilitator: Sandy Thurman, Chief Strategy Officer, Office of the US Global AIDS Coordinator and Health Diplomacy, US Department of State

Objectives

- Frame stigma and discrimination interventions within the Human Rights agenda
- Present the challenges posed by stigma and discrimination to access to HIV and health services, as well as to the achievements of the 95-95-95 targets and health outcomes



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- Ibrahim Salama, Chief of the Human Rights Treaties Branch, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights: ***Stigma and Discrimination in International and Regional Human Rights treaties***
- Luisa Cabal, Special Adviser, Human Rights and Gender, UNAIDS: ***Stigma and Discrimination and their impact on HIV and COVID-19***
- Kate Thompson, Head of the Community, Rights and Gender Department at the Global Fund: ***Engaging with communities of faith to promote human rights and address stigma and discrimination***
- Mme MUJINGA BIMANSHA Marie Josée, Juge à la Cour de Cassation, Directeur Général du Service de Documentation et d'Etudes/Ministère de la Justice, Présidente de l'Association de Femmes Magistrats / Rd. Congo, Point Focal Pays VIH et Droits Humains: ***Stigma and Discrimination in DRC***

Discussion



Session 2

- Facilitator: Pernessa C. Seele, CEO and founder of Balm in Gilead, Inc.- ***Stand Up to Stigma: How we reject fear and shame***

Objectives

- Introduce the People Living with HIV Stigma Index Study and the Global Partnership to End Stigma and Discrimination;
- Introduce the Framework for Dialogue Process and Methodology and its impact;
- Discuss ways to better implement the FfD in the Faith Initiative focus countries;
- Discuss opportunities of collaboration among partners;
- Discuss evidence-base and data collection of stigma and discrimination reduction interventions.



Session 2

Facilitator: Pernessa C. Seele, CEO and founder of Balm in Gilead, Inc.- ***Stand Up to Stigma: How we reject fear and shame***

- Omar Syarif, Community Mobilization Manager, Global Network of People Living with HIV (GNP+): ***The People Living with HIV Stigma Index Study***
- Video: Stigma and Discrimination in Zimbabwe (GNP+)
- Alexandra Volgina, Programme Manager, Global Network of People Living with HIV (GNP+): ***The Global Partnership to End Stigma and Discrimination***
- Manoj Kurian, World Council of Churches – Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance (WCC-EAA); Francesca Merico, UNAIDS – PEPFAR Faith Initiative; and Jacek Tyszko, Senior Faith Adviser, UNAIDS: ***Introduction to the Framework for Dialogue: methodology, process, impact, limitations***
- Rev Jane Ng'ang'a, Coordinator, Interfaith Network of Religious Leaders Living with or Affected by HIV and AIDS (INERELA+, Kenya): ***Impact of the Framework for Dialogue in Kenya***

Discussion: Facilitator: Pernessa C. Seele, CEO and founder of Balm in Gilead, Inc: ***Way forward: in countries implementation; opportunities of collaboration; M&E discussion, challenges and opportunities***



Closing

- Sandy Thurman, Chief Strategy Officer, Office of the US Global AIDS Coordinator and Health Diplomacy, US Department of State (Washington, DC, USA)
- Jacek Tyszko, Senior Faith Adviser, UNAIDS

