

# SEX AND STIGMA



# GENDER GAPS

## Sex and Stigma

**Date** Sunday, 18 July 2010

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**Time** 09:00 – 11:00

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**Location** Mini Room 3

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**Type** Non-Commercial Satellite Session

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**Organisers** The German BACKUP Initiative and the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF)

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How does the experience of HIV-related stigma and discrimination vary by sex (male, female, transgender)? How is the 'double stigma' frequently experienced by people living with HIV from most at risk populations compounded by gender considerations? What are some of the opportunities to tackle the gender dimensions of stigma?

Understanding how gender affects HIV-related stigma will provide a unique opportunity for policy makers, programme managers, donors and people living with HIV to explore concrete avenues of addressing the key gender dimensions of the epidemic. Using a combination of data from a number of countries that have utilised innovative stigma tools including the People Living with HIV Stigma Index, some of these key questions will be highlighted in this interactive session.

Exciting, conversation style presentations from a number of partner countries will highlight the emerging stigma trends and some of the reported experiences of stigma and discrimination in specific areas.

### Presentations

- The Gender Dimensions of Stigma: an overview – Angelina Namiba, Positively Women & Liz Tremlett, IPPF
- Sex Works: Stigma faced by women and female sex workers living with HIV – Habiba Akter, Ashar Alo Society, Bangladesh

- Dreams and Desires: Reproductive choices for positive women – Leopoldina Cairo, Profamilia, Dominican Republic
- Unity in Action: Challenging gender inequality and stigma – Yikal Ademe, Ethiopian Network of People living with HIV
- A tale of two epidemics: The experience of stigma in the UK – Alastair Hudson, IPPF
- Crime and Punishment: Criminalization of HIV positive women – Susan Timberlake, UNAIDS
- Commentary – Lynn Collins, UNFPA

## MEET THE STIGMA INDEX TEAM

**Date** Wednesday, 21 July 2010

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**Time** 11:30 – 13:00

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**Location** German Pavilion (Booth D-421, Exhibition Hall)

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During the thematic day on human rights in the German Pavilion, meet Stigma Index representatives from Bangladesh, Dominican Republic, Ethiopia and United Kingdom who will share their ideas and experiences of conducting the Stigma Index in their respective countries.

## POSTER EXHIBITION

A number of stigma-related posters will be presented in the Poster Exhibition (Hall B). Authors have been invited to stand by their posters from 12:30 to 14:30 to answer questions and provide further information.

### Monday, 19 July 2010 (12:30 – 14:30)

**PE0634** Stigma and discriminatory attitudes and perceptions in Accra and Tema metropolis in Ghana: How does the general adult population see most at risk populations (MARPs) and how do MARPs see themselves in the context of HIV and AIDS?

R Amenya (Ghana AIDS Commission)

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## Tuesday, 20 July 2010 (12:30 – 14:30)

**PE0464** Rural-urban differences in rates of HIV-related stigma in Zambia  
**Siziya Seter (University of Zambia)**

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**PE0564** Enabling the Scale-up of Efforts to Reduce HIV Stigma and Discrimination: A New Framework to Inform Programme Implementation and Measurement **Anne Stangl (International Center for Research on Women)**

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**PE0574** Health and Humanity: Results from The People Living with HIV Stigma Index in 4 countries to overcome stigma and ensure universal access **Leopoldina Cairo (PROFAMILIA, Dominican Republic)**

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## Thursday, 22 July 2010 (12:30 – 14:30)

**PE0937** Implementation of the People Living With HIV/AIDS Stigma Index in Mexico: operationalizing the greater involvement of people living with HIV and increasing advocacy and building the evidence base **Anuar Luna (Stigma Index)**

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**PE0938** Give Stigma the Index Finger! Results from The People Living with HIV Stigma Index in the UK in 2009 **Alastair Hudson (IPPF)**

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**PE0958** The people living with HIV stigma index: an advocacy and peer education strategy, Colombian experience  
**J Vargas (RECOLVIH, Colombia)**

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**PE0969** Understanding the stigma and discrimination faced by young people living with HIV (PLHIV) in India **Kabir Singh (IPPF South Asia Region)**

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