

# Faith Building Bridges

Affiliated event

International AIDS Conference

21 and 22 July 2018

Planetarium Gaasperplas, Kromwijkdreef 11, 1108 JA  
Amsterdam, The Netherlands

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**AGENDA**



**World Council  
of Churches**

# Saturday 21 July

## Faith Building Bridges

**08:00-08:45** Welcome coffee, Registration and Networking

**08:45-9:25** Faith Building Bridges Opening Ceremony

### Welcome music

*Martha Teijema: "Bridge Over Troubled Water"*

### Welcome and opening remarks

Welcome and opening remarks:

- *Ulysses Burley III, chair of the Global Organizing Committee, Faith Building Bridges, UBtheCURE*
- *Francesca Merico, HIV Campaign Coordinator, World Council of Churches – Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance*
- *Rommie Nauta, Head Kerk in Actie & Head International Department ICCO Cooperation*
- *Willeke Kempkes, Local Committee, Kerk in Actie / ICCO Cooperation*

### Prayers symbolic and gesture of building bridges with background music

Some participants will share what building bridges mean for them in their personal journey.

Moderator, *Lyn Van Rooyen, WCC-Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance, South Africa,*

- *Ubongabasi Edidiong Obot, Amsterdam Youth Force*
- *Dr. Sonal Mehta, Alliance India, NGO Delegation to the Programme Coordinating Board of UNAIDS*
- *Edmund Owusu, Shiva*
- *Liako Lekhooa – Oude Lansink, Shiva*
- *Rowland Jide Macaulay, GIN-SSOGIE*
- *Tyler Fuller, Emory University*
- *Gabriel Undelikwo, UNAIDS Nigeria*
- *Rev. Sr. Crina Cardozo, Human Touch, India*

**09:25-11:00** Faith Building Bridges: Plenary Session

### Introduction to the session

Moderator, *Prof.dr. Ruard Ganzevoort, Dean of the Faculty of Religion and Theology, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam and Senator in the parliament of the Netherlands*

### Setting the scene

*John Blevins, Associate Research Professor from Emory University: The journey of faith engagement in HIV and AIDS*

### Q&A Faith Building Bridges Panel 1

Panelists will reflect, engage and share on what building bridges means for them and how faith communities and FBOs have built bridges for a better response to HIV.

- *Ms, Jacqueline Alesi, Young person from the Global Network of People Living with HIV (GNP+)*
- *Rev. Canon Gideon Byamugisha, Founding Member, International Network of Religious Leaders Living with or Personally Affected by HIV or AIDS (INERELA+)*
- *Marsha Martin, Global Network of Black People Working with HIV and NGO Delegation to the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board, North America*
- *Jacq Carver, Jewish GIN Board member for Europe, the US, Canada, Australia and New Zealand (GIN)*

### Setting the scene

*Tim Martineau, Acting Executive Director UNAIDS: Global overview on the status of the AIDS epidemic*

### Buzz groups

### Q&A Faith Building Bridges Panel 2

What should faith communities and FBOs be doing differently to build bridges – of dialogue, exchange, mutual understanding, respect and collaboration?

- *Najah Almugahed, Inclusion and protection Gender Advisor, Islamic Relief*
- *Rev. Edwin Sanders, Senior Servant, Founder of the Metropolitan Interdenominational Church*
- *Marc Saba, Country Director, UNAIDS DRC*
- *Gloria Ekpo, Senior Technical Advisor, HIV & AIDS, Health, International Programs Group, World Vision*

### Plenary discussion

### Conclusions and way forward

*Moderator, Prof.dr. Ruard Ganzevoort, Dean of the Faculty of Religion and Theology, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam and Senator in the parliament of the Netherlands: Summary of discussions and way forward*

### 11:00-11:30 Coffee and tea break

Coffee and tea are offered in the Planetarium lobby.

### 11:30-13:00 Workshops Stream A

Stream A workshops will take place for 90 minutes in various rooms of the Planetarium. Please attend one of the 6 workshops. Details can be found in the concept paper.

A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	A6
Positive Faith in Positive Churches	Towards a Common Voice - Interreligious Advocacy and Commitment to End AIDS	Curriculum for faith leaders and FBOs to work with key populations	Application of Social Inclusion approaches and tools for equitable HIV prevention services at inter-faith health networks	Faith Responses to HIV and AIDS: Learning from Queer Engagement with Faith	Setting the global research agenda on faith sector engagement for HIV service delivery

### 13:00-14:30 Lunch and Painting for an Education

Lunch is offered at the Planetarium Restaurant and is included in the conference registration package. Gelise McCullough, Painting for an Education, will present the exhibit “Building Bridges to support access to education for young girls living with HIV.”

### 14:30-15:25 Workshops Streams B

Stream B workshops will take place for 55 minutes in various rooms of the Planetarium. Please attend one of the 6 workshops. Details can be found in the concept paper.

B7	B8	B9	B10	B11	B12
Partnering with Communities of Faith in Malawi and Beyond to Reach Young Men for HIV Epidemic Control	Needs assessment of the clinical knowledge and skills of HIV service providers at CHAK health facilities	Bi-directional learning for African-American faith communities	Faith and Support: Religion as a Tool for Peer Counselling	Equipping people of faith to improve access to medicines	Repairing the Broken Bridge: Gender, Gender based Violence and HIV

### 15:35-16:30 Workshops Streams C

Stream C workshops will take place for 55 minutes in various rooms of the Planetarium. Please attend one of the 6 workshops. Details can be found in the concept paper.

C13	C14	C15	C16	C17
Pilgrimage through Dialogue	Using scripture vis-a-vis comprehensive sexuality & HIV education in Liberia and	Overcoming religious barriers to HIV testing and treatment; and stigma and discrimination	How FBOs and faith communities can help eliminating stigma and discrimination:	Innovative approaches to increase access to HIV testing services for hard-to-reach

	Tanzania	towards youth living with HIV	best practices from Nepal, DRC and Nigeria	population: how to build bridges to increase access and uptake of HIV services by men in Homabay and Siaya Counties
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### 16:30-17:00 Coffee and tea break

Coffee and tea are offered in the Planetarium lobby.

### 17:00-18:25 The role of faith groups in ending TB: a major killer in people living with HIV

#### Introduction to the session

Moderator, *Dr Satvinder (Vindi) Singh, Medical Officer, Treatment and Care Team, HIV Department, World Health Organization*: Welcome, introduction of speakers and objectives of the session

#### Panel

The panel has the aim to inform participants about HIV and TB co-infection; to mobilize faith leaders and faith communities on HIV and TB; and to engage them in advocacy actions on HIV and TB.

- *Dr Lucica Ditiu, Executive Director, Stop TB Partnership*: TB and HIV – the urgency to act – a call to action to faith leaders and faith communities
- *David Bryden, Stop TB Advocacy Officer, RESULTS*: TB and HIV – the role of faith groups in ending TB: advocacy opportunities to end TB
- *Maureen Murenga, Executive Director, The Lean on Me Foundation*: My personal journey – challenges and hopes when living with HIV and TB
- *Fr John Toai, Camillian, Mai Tam, Vietnam*: HIV and TB in Viet Nam; challenges and good practices from Mai Tam
- *Dr Peter Yeboah, Chair African Christian Health Associations Platform; Director, Christian Health Association of Ghana (CHAG)*: HIV and TB in Ghana and the work of CHAG to end TB

#### Way forward

*Dr Lucica Ditiu, Executive Director, Stop TB Partnership*: summary of the discussion and way forward

### 18:25-18:30 Announcements

*Francesca Merico, HIV Campaign Coordinator, World Council of Churches – Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance*: practical announcements

# Sunday 22 July

## Faith Building Bridges

### 09:00-09:30: Welcome coffee and prayer service

Participants are welcome to join a prayer service in the Planetarium plenary hall.

### 09:30-10:00: Highlights from the workshops

- *Ulysses Burley III, chair of the Global Organizing Committee, Faith Building Bridges, UBtheCURE*

### 10:00-12:45 Faith, People on the Move and HIV: The role of faith communities to increase access; eliminate stigma and discrimination; promote human rights; and build bridges

#### Setting the scene: Overview and the role of faith communities to increase access; eliminate stigma and discrimination; promote human rights; and build bridges

Moderator, *Katy Ajer, Program Director for Health and Sustainable Development, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)*: Welcome, introduction of speakers and objectives of the session

- *Monsignor Robert J Vitillo, General Secretary, International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC)*: General overview and the role of faith communities to support, integrate, protect migrants, and to eliminate stigma and discrimination

#### Plenary discussion

#### Panel - Religion, Migration and HIV: testimonies, good-practices and advocacy opportunities to build bridges among different religions and with other sectors to uphold the rights of migrants, refugees, IDPs and trafficked people

Moderator, *Dr. Azza Karam, Senior Advisor, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA); Chair, United Nations Interagency Task Force on Faith (IATF)*: Welcome, introduction of the speakers and objectives of the session

- *Rabbi Awraham Soetendorp, Jacob Soetendorp Institute for Human Values*: my personal journey: a call to interfaith partnerships to uphold the rights of people on the move
- *Everdien Hagen, Spiritual guide for people living with HIV and AIDS and their partners and family, Shiva*: Examples of FBOs good practices to promote the rights of migrants living with HIV
- *Laura Ngobadjeck, Positive Sister, Shiva*: examples of FBOs good practices to promote the rights of migrants living with HIV
- *Karlijn Bunnig, Mara*: examples of FBOs good practices to promote the rights of migrants living with HIV
- *Rev. Dr Nyambura Njoroge, Programme Executive, World Council of Churches - Ecumenical HIV and AIDS Initiative and Advocacy (WCC-EHAIA)*: the role of FBOs in addressing gender-based-violence in the context of migration and HIV - the Thursday in Black Campaign
- *Gary Jones, Senior AIDS Security and Humanitarian Advisor, UNAIDS*: migration and HIV in Africa - what migrants need from faith communities

## Plenary discussion

### Coffee Break

### Group discussions

Participants will gather in regional configuration to look at actions that can be taken by FBOs and faith leaders together with migrants and other sectors.

### Presentation

- *Mamadi Diakite, Special Adviser, Security, Humanitarian and Fragile Countries, UNAIDS: Overview of HIV among key populations and vulnerable groups in the migration context: people on the move and human rights*

### Way Forward, recommendations and symbolic action

Way forward and recommended action (building bridges):

- *Katy Ajer, Program Director for Health and Sustainable Development, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)*
- *Dr. Azza Karam, Senior Advisor, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA); Chair, United Nations Interagency Task Force on Faith (IATF)*

### 12:45-14:00 Lunch

Lunch is offered at the Planetarium Restaurant and is included in the conference registration package.

## 14:00-17:30 Children, Adolescents & HIV: Identification Strategies and Treatment Adherence Interventions in Faith Communities

### Welcome, Overview, Purpose of the Session

*Francesca Merico, HIV Campaign Coordinator, WCC-Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance, Switzerland*

### Faith Building Bridges - Fostering partnerships between faith and other stakeholders to reach the 2018 and 2020 targets for children and adolescents

*Moderator, Monsignor Robert J. Vitillo, General Secretary ICMC, and Health Attaché, Permanent Mission of the Holy See*

### Speakers

- *H. E. Deborah L. Birx, Ambassador at Large, U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator and U.S. Special Representative for Global Health Diplomacy (PEPFAR)*
- *Rev. Jane Ng'an'ga, Coordinator, Network of Religious Leaders Living with or Personally Affected by HIV, Kenya Chapter (INERELA+ Kenya)*
- *Deborah Von Zinkernagel, Coordinator, Policy and Programme, Office of the Deputy Executive Director/Programme; Director, Start Free Stay Free AIDS Free*
- *Mr. Chip Lyons, President and CEO, Elizabeth Glaser Paediatric HIV Foundation (EGPAF)*
- *Dr Gottfried Otto Hirnschall, Director of the HIV/AIDS Department and the Global Hepatitis Programme (GHP), World Health Organization (WHO)*

## Identification Strategies and Treatment Adherence Interventions in Faith Communities and by FBOs

Moderator, *Lyn Van Rooyen, WCC-Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance, South Africa*

### Panel: Case Finding

- *Dianne Jean François, CMMB Haiti: Case Finding Intervention Strategies by FBOs and in faith communities*
- *Carl Stecker, Catholic Relief Services: Identification Strategies in places of worship and linkage to service*
- *Rev. Jane Ng'an'ga, Coordinator, Network of Religious Leaders Living with or Personally Affected by HIV, Kenya Chapter (INERELA+ Kenya): Case finding interventions in places of worship*
- *Susan Hillis, CAPT, US Public Health Service, Senior Advisor, Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator, Senior Advisor, Division of Violence Prevention, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention / George K Siberry, MD, MPH, FAAP, FPIDS, Director for HIV Treatment, Care & TB, Senior Pediatric Technical Advisor, Office of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator (S/GAC): Case finding by faith communities in Zambia*
- *Lara Vojnov, Diagnostic Advisor World Health Organization (WHO): WHO Guidelines on HIV Testing*

### Break

### Panel: Treatment Adherence

- *Rick Bauer, EDARP, Kenya: Treatment Adherence by FBOs and faith communities*
- *Fr. John Toai, Camillian, Mai Tam Viet Nam: Stories from Mai Tam - the value of peer support groups*
- *Damilola Walker, UNICEF: Engaging adolescents and young people to enhance treatment adherence*

### Plenary discussion

#### World Café Group discussion

- a. HIVST for adolescents: group discussion led by *Cheryl Johnson (WHO), Carmen Figueroa (WHO), and Busisiwe Msimanga – Radebe (WHO)*
- b. Treatment adherence: group discussion led by *Janice Savina Rodrigues, Board Member, Human Touch, India; and Fr Rick Bauer, EDARP Kenya*
- c. Advocacy: group discussion led by *Maria Amparo Alonso Escobar, Head of Caritas Internationalis Permanent Office to United Nations, and Stefano Nobile, Advocacy Officer Focal Point for Health and HIV, Caritas Internationalis*

### Summary and Way forward

Moderator, *Monsignor Robert J. Vitillo, General Secretary ICMC, and Health Attaché, Permanent Mission of the Holy See*

### Symbolic Action of building bridges

*Lyn Van Rooyen, WCC-Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance, South Africa*



## **17:30-18:15 Closing Ceremony**

### **Report from the interfaith conference - highlights; recommendations and key actions for follow up**

- *Sally Smith, Senior Advisor Faith, UNAIDS: highlight, recommendations and key actions*

### **Towards a Common Voice Prayer**

- *David Barstow, President, Empact Africa*
- *Rev. Dr. Nyambura Njoroge, Programme Executive WCC-EHAIA*
- *Rev. Edwin Sanders, Senior Servant, Metropolitan Interdenominational Church*

### **Closing remarks:**

- *Fr Rick Bauer, Chair, Catholic HIV and AIDS Network (CHAN)*
- *Laurel Sprague, Director, Community Mobilization Team, UNAIDS*

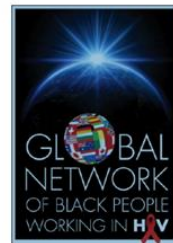
### **Symbolic gesture:**

- *Francesca Merico, HIV Campaign Coordinator, World Council of Churches – Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance (WCC-EAA)*
- *Ulysses Burley, Chair Global Organizing Committee, World Council of Churches – Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance (WCC-EAA)*

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