UNESCO Activities at the 20th International AIDS Conference

Melbourne, Australia, 20 - 25 July 2014

Getting to Zero
Starting with Education

Objectif Zéro
Commençons par l'éducation

Chegar ‘a Zero
Começando pela Educação

В направлении цели «Ноль»
Начиная с образования

الوصول إلى الصفر
انطلاقاً من التعليم

向‘零’艾滋迈进
从教育入手
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**Saturday 19 July**

Developing steps for action. Young key populations: at risk but not reached!

**YKP Youth Pre-Conference**

Interactive Group Discussion, 11:30 - 13:00
Venue: State Library of Victoria 328 Swanston St

UNESCO and Youth LEAD will co-facilitate this session on behalf of the Interagency Working Group on Young Key Populations. It considers barriers to SRH/HIV information and services and interventions that can help to remove these barriers through an interactive session, including action planning.

Click here for more information on the Youth Pre-Conference

**Monday 21 July**

HIV & Sexual Health Peer Education Hub Launch of the Peer Education Hub

Youth Empowerment Against HIV/AIDS (YEAH) & UNESCO

Launch, 18:00
Venue: Australian Centre for Moving Image (ACMI)

The session will include a presentation from UNESCO's work on Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) which is integral to UNESCO's strategy on HIV and AIDS, with a focus on HIV prevention, treatment, care and support for children and young people through in-school and out of school based responses.

**Tuesday 22 July**

Beyond 2014: Youth Leadership in the AIDS Response [TU5Y01]

Symposia Session, 11:00-12:30
Venue: Plenary 1

UNESCO will facilitate the session in a talk show style.

Sexier than you Think: HIV Policy, Regulation and Legislation [TUAD0101]

Oral Abstract Session, 11:00-12:30
Venue: Plenary 3

The session will include a presentation from UNESCO on Laws, laws and actions stalled: A review of laws & policies affecting young people’s access to HIV services in Asia-Pacific drawing on research published by UNESCO, UNFPA, UNDP, UNAIDS, and Youth LEAD.

Smooth Transitions: From Pediatric to Adolescent Care for Perinatally-infected Children [TU5S04]

Bridging Session, 16:30-18:00
Venue: Plenary 3

This session will include a speaker discussing research supported by UNICEF, UNESCO, APN+ and Treat Asia on adolescents living with HIV in the Asia-Pacific region: Lost in Transition: Current issues faced by adolescents living with HIV in Asia Pacific.

**Wednesday 23 July**

The Journey of a New Generation: From Inception to Community Impact [WES50303]

Workshop Leadership & Accountability Development, 11:00-12:30
Venue: Room 104

This session documents the process and outcomes of a training initiative, NewGen Asia, led by Youth LEAD and supported by UNAIDS, UNESCO, UNFPA, and UNICEF.

Addressing Gender Concerns: Violence and HIV [WEAD0504]

Oral Abstract Session, 14:30-16:00
Venue: Room 1

This session will include an oral presentation from Mahidol University on a UNESCO & Plan study on homophobic and transphobic bullying in Thailand: Social marginalization, bullying and HIV vulnerability:

A national qualitative study of Thai lesbian and bisexual female secondary school students.

Thinking through Risks in Everyday Lives: Framing the Future for Adolescents and Young People [WE5Y0703]

Symposia, 14:30-16:00
Venue: Clarendon Auditorium

This session will include a presentation on research undertaken by the HIV Young Leaders Fund and supported by the Children, UNAIDS, UNESCO, UNFPA, and UNICEF on: Overlapping risks, overwhelming barriers: addressing HIV risk among adolescents selling sex in Asia and the Pacific.

Effort Where it Counts: Key Populations [WEAE02]

Oral Abstract Session, 14:30-16:00
Venue: Plenary 2

This session will include a presentation by the HIV Young Leaders Fund (HYLF) on: Mitigating harm and ensuring service access: SRH and HIV protection for adolescents under 18 engaged in selling sex in Asia Pacific, supported by Save the Children, UNAIDS, UNESCO, UNFPA, and UNICEF.
UNESCO is a UNAIDS cosponsor and supports countries’ responses to HIV with advocacy, policy and programmatic guidance, technical and strategic support, and convening and coordination. This work is carried out in accordance with the bold strategic goals outlined in Getting to Zero, the UNAIDS roadmap to 2015.

UNESCO’s work on HIV and AIDS focuses on four key priorities:

- Building country capacity for effective and sustainable education responses to HIV;
- Strengthening comprehensive HIV and sexuality education;
- Integration of HIV into comprehensive school health programmes based on FRESH; and
- Advancing gender equality and protecting human rights.

UNESCO is committed to supporting the scale up of comprehensive sexuality education through the education sector as a platform for HIV prevention, treatment and care. CSE also provides entry points for improving linkages between HIV and SRH services for adolescents and young people. Efforts in this biennium will include support for curriculum development, teacher training and capacity building for Ministries of Education and Health.

The Organization supports responses to HIV and AIDS that are inclusive and sensitive to the needs of all people and, in particular, key populations especially vulnerable to HIV and young people in school settings. The goal of UNESCO’s programmes is to provide individuals with the requisite knowledge, attitudes and skills to adopt healthy behaviours, to make informed choices and access and use prevention and treatment methods and services across their lifespan. This in turn will impact on their educational outcomes and future prospects as healthy learners learn better and better educated learners have the skills to be healthy.

In order to achieve the Educational for All and Getting to Zero goals UNESCO recognises the importance of an integrated and comprehensive response. To that end it advocates for the integration of HIV into a comprehensive school health programme, based on FRESH, which includes the creation of healthy and inclusive learning environments for all members of the school community.

UNESCO also plays a leading role in EDUCAIDS and the UNAIDS Inter-Agency Task Team (IATT) on Education, which are part of the UN’s global effort to ensure all people have universal access to HIV and AIDS prevention programmes, treatment, care and support.

For more information on UNESCO’s response to HIV and AIDS, please visit our website at www.unesco.org/aids.