

# **XVIII International AIDS Conference, Vienna, Austria, July 2010**

**\*\*\*\*\* Announcement and Call for Proposals\*\*\*\*\***

## **WOMEN AND YOUNG WOMEN TO VIENNA AND BEYOND**

**“Women’s Rights Here, Right Now!”**

### **A Women’s Networking Zone at AIDS2010 with special emphasis on young women**

We look to the upcoming International AIDS Conference in Vienna as an opportunity to mobilize women regionally and globally, for innovative community-building and advocacy, in order to:

- 1) Advance an inclusive, diversity-rich, engendered, human rights and women’s rights response to HIV and AIDS;
- 2) Highlight emerging women’s and young women’s issues and our successful responses to them;
- 3) Ensure women’s active, meaningful participation, especially of positive women, young women, and women across Europe and Central Asia in the Conference;
- 4) Link positive, negative and untested women; and,
- 5) Hold European bilateral donors accountable, both for women’s rights and HIV funding domestically and globally.

Building directly upon a decade of collaborative organizing around women and HIV at International AIDS Conferences, the WNZ is a community built forum within the International AIDS Conference that is open to the public – and a place where community members, researchers, advocates, service providers, and decision-makers can meet, share, and learn together.

We view the WNZ as an inviting and inclusive forum for bringing together, local, regional, and global perspectives, as well as for bridging the gender, human rights, HIV, and sexual and reproductive health and rights communities.

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At the Women's Networking Zone at AIDS 2010, we include a special emphasis on the needs, concerns, experiences, and issues affecting young women aged 16 - 30, including young women living with HIV. We also anticipate special sessions led by, or of particular relevance to, young women at the WNZ AIDS 2010, and will incorporate a dedicated Young Women's resource corner to offer information from young women for young women.

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During a consultation in Vienna in late October 2009, the below issues were identified as central to our work leading up to, during and beyond AIDS2010 in Vienna as particularly affecting women across Europe and Central Asia. For more information on this meeting and other preparations for, please see [www.womeneurope.net](http://www.womeneurope.net). At AIDS2010, the WNZ aims to highlight these issues, and identify and build on existing partnerships, networks and advocacy efforts to address them in the region.

#### **Regional priorities for Europe and Central Asia:**

- 1) Stigma and discrimination
- 2) Motherhood, and particular the right to safe and healthy motherhood
- 3) Sex and sexuality, sexual and reproductive health and rights, including the rights of lesbian, bisexual and transgender women
- 4) Gender violence, including trafficking
- 5) A gendered approach and rights-based approach to harm reduction, with a focus on women who use drugs and/or alcohol
- 6) Legal and policy frameworks, including criminalization
- 7) Women in prisons and detention centers
- 8) Sex work and the criminalization of sex workers
- 9) Migration and asylum
- 10) Young women under 18
- 11) Issues affecting the aging population of women with HIV across the region
- 12) Decision-making, including GIPA
- 13) Lack of adequate funding for issues relating to women's rights and HIV
- 14) Health systems and services
- 15) Media attitudes towards positive women in Europe and Central Asia
- 16) Public perceptions of women and HIV

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17) Gaps and challenges in creating a formal “evidence base” related to these issues

## WNZ2010 Partnership

Aids Hilfe Wien, Austria  
AIDS Legal Network, South Africa  
All Around Women Special, Section of the German AIDS Society, Germany  
ATHENA Network  
Balance Promocion para el Desarrollo y Juventud, Mexico  
Blueprint Coalition on Women, Girls, and HIV, Canada  
European AIDS Treatment Group  
Global Coalition on Women and AIDS  
GSSG, Germany  
IAVI  
International AIDS Women’s Caucus  
ICW Global  
Netzwerk Frauen und Aids, Germany  
PULSHIV, Austria  
Salamander Trust, UK  
STOP AIDS NOW!  
UNDP  
UNIFEM  
Voices of Positive Women, Canada  
WECARe+ (Women in Europe and Central Asia Region Plus)  
Women ARISE  
Women of Color United, United States  
World AIDS Campaign  
World YWCA

Thank you all those who have supported our planning and preparation to date and/or who have already committed support for the WNZ in Vienna. **Thank you to our extraordinary donors the Global Coalition on**

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**Women and AIDS, UNIFEM, Stop AIDS Now!, United Nations Development Program (UNDP), the Ford Foundation, the European Commission, International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), Abbott, and the International Institute of Education (IIE).**

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#### **Programming Guidelines**

The Women’s Networking Zone will offer diverse activities, and will feature a cross-section of activity types on each day – including panel discussion/presentations; networking and/or informal dialogue sessions; demonstrations; and interactive workshops.

Please NOTE that while we are the Women’s Networking Zone, this is not a ‘women’s-only’ space. We encourage people of all genders, sexes and sexual orientations and identities to spend time in, and participate at the various activities at, the WNZ, as we seek this to be an inclusive and diverse space.

#### **Principles and Priorities**

The Women’s Networking Zone will prioritize activities led by or of particular relevance to women living with HIV, and/or young women aged 16 to 30. We will also give priority to showcasing activities generated by organizations based in the Europe and Central Asia region, and focusing on the regional priorities listed above. We will give precedence to activities that are not being shown elsewhere within the Global Village and that have the most relevance to the local community visitors to the WNZ.

#### **Women ARISE!**

As part of and in partnership with the **Women ARISE** coalition ([www.aidswomencaucus.org/womenarise](http://www.aidswomencaucus.org/womenarise)), we seek to promote 5 key areas around women’s and young women’s health. These are:

- **Access:** to information, services, prevention, care, treatment, support

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- **Rights:** sexual and reproductive health and rights, property, inheritance, non-discrimination, equality, justice
- **Investment:** budgets and funds for women and girls
- **Security:** mental, physical, psychological, financial
- **Equity:** education, empowerment, resources

## Presentation Formats

### ***Networking and Structured Dialogue Sessions***

**Networking sessions** are intended to provide a link to other events occurring, and emerging issues arising, during the conference. Proposals for networking sessions should include informal discussion and provide networking opportunities for participants interested in one or more related topics. **Structured Dialogue Sessions** should have a theme, a facilitator and be organized in an interactive format.

### ***Panel Discussions***

Prospective moderators for **panel discussions** should submit proposals to address any of the topics outlined above. Panel discussions should be designed to stimulate lively debate between panellists and audience. Examples include “meet the leaders” sessions, controversial issues etc.

### ***Workshops***

A limited number of **interactive capacity building workshops** will be scheduled in the WNZ. Workshops must provide a concrete exchange of skills and be highly interactive. Please note that the WNZ is an open and busy space so privacy or quiet cannot be guaranteed.

### ***Showcases and performance arts***

**Showcase** presentations offer an opportunity to show successful program development and implementation, these might include theatre and dance, arts and crafts and other creative intervention strategies. Proposals for showcase presentations should emphasize the problem and the solution being offered, in an interactive and/or graphical format including (but not limited to) verbal presentations, slideshows, and graphical displays and/or role-playing, films or audio documentaries.

### ***Demonstrations***

We also welcome proposals for **demonstrations** and **sexuality education**, (eg female condoms, sexual pleasure, etc). Please describe

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your demonstration installation in as much as it relates to the overall themes and priorities of the WNZ, and include a description of the space, time, and equipment needed for the activity.

### ***Art installations***

To increase the interactive and attractive feel of the Women's Networking Zone, we also welcome **art installations** that challenge gender norms, embrace diversity and human rights, provoke thought, and/or represent innovative and creative responses to HIV and AIDS. As with the other session types, we particularly welcome art installations from young women aged 16-30, and/or women living with HIV.

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE ZONE.

In order to assist you in crafting an appropriate proposal, the following information should be useful:

- **Structure of the Space.** The Women's Networking Zone is an open space that is approximately 60 square meters. The zone is open to all visitors including non-conference attending public and there is a general coming-and-going of the visitors in and out of the zone at all times. The WNZ cannot provide private, 'safe' or quiet spaces for meetings.
- **Interactive discussions and workshops** are held in an attractive and comfortable space, using sound systems as the Global Village can get noisy during busy times.
- **Display and information tables** are available including a Young Women's contact and resource corner, and an information booth representing *Mujeres Adelante* – a daily newsletter produced throughout the conference week from the WNZ documenting focusing on women's rights and HIV.
- **Art installations and film / audio documentaries booth** are also available (audio-visual equipment can also be used for presentations).
- **Translation** We are hoping to be able to provide translation within the WNZ to and from English, Russian and German. We welcome submissions for sessions to be run in any of these languages.
- **The WNZ cannot offer financial support for your activity, but human resources are available.** The WNZ has no funding to help you carry out your activity, but will have volunteers available to assist you in implementing your activity. Please indicate in the proposal submission form if and how many volunteers will be needed to 'woman' your session. All activities will be publicized in the WNZ program calendar, which will be distributed throughout the Conference.
- **Hours of operation.** The Global Village is open
  - Sunday July 18<sup>th</sup> Noon – 6pm
  - Monday July 19<sup>th</sup> -Thursday July 22<sup>nd</sup> 8:30am–8pm

To submit a proposal for a session in the WNZ, please use the submissions form on the following pages. **We regret that at this time we can only accept proposals in English.**

## Deadline for Submissions: 12<sup>th</sup> May 2010

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# Women's Networking Zone Programming Proposal

Deadline for submissions: 12<sup>th</sup> May 2010

Lead Organization					
Partner Organizations					
Lead Contact / Facilitator					
Telephone		Fax		Email	
Session Title	Subject Area (tick all relevant areas) <input type="checkbox"/> Access <input type="checkbox"/> Rights <input type="checkbox"/> Investment <input type="checkbox"/> Security <input type="checkbox"/> Equity				
Session Length <input type="checkbox"/> 1 hour <input type="checkbox"/> 1.5 hours					
Language (please tick) <input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> German <input type="checkbox"/> Russian	Target Audience				
Session is led by women/organizations from the <b>Europe and Central Asia region</b> YES / NO	Date and Time Restrictions				
Session is led by or of special relevance to <b>women living with HIV</b> YES / NO	Session is led by or of special relevance to <b>Young Women</b> aged between 16 and 30. YES / NO				
Session Type (please tick) <input type="checkbox"/> Networking/Structured Dialogue Session <input type="checkbox"/> Panel Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Workshop <input type="checkbox"/> Showcase / Performance arts <input type="checkbox"/> Demonstration <input type="checkbox"/> Art Installation					
Please give a brief rationale for addressing the topic as a WNZ session					

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Methodology (Please include a description of how the session will be structured with emphasis on how participation will be encouraged.)

Please list the names and affiliations for any panel members or co-facilitators (please indicate if any of the facilitators is a woman under 30 years old)

Proposed Material/Technical Requirements:

Need for Volunteers to carry out activity? Y / N If yes, how many?

Has the activity already been accepted for presentation elsewhere in the Conference or Global Village (if so please state where)?

**PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN COMPLETED PROPOSAL BY EMAIL TO:**  
[wnzproposals@gmail.com](mailto:wnzproposals@gmail.com)

Please include '**Women's Networking Zone Proposal**' in the subject line and ensure that the name of your organization is included in the attached file name.

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**Thank you for your interest in participation. A decision on your proposal will be made and notification sent by early June 2010.**

### **CONTACT DETAILS**

For more information on how you can get involved in the Women's Networking Zone, including volunteering to staff the zone during the

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