

From the Disability and HIV Task Team



Call for participation at the -Access, Inclusion, Disability, Sexuality- Networking Zone

At the Global Village in the 2012 International AIDS Conference

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An initiative of the International Disability and Development Consortium (IDDC), ,
Health Economics and HIV/AIDS Research Division (HEARD), Handicap
International, AIDS-Free World, Disability HIV and AIDS Trust (DHAT),
Quadpara-Association South Africa and Gallaudet University

Objective

The interrelation between disability and HIV has in recent years been recognized, yet people with disabilities still lack access to information, counseling and testing, treatment and care. On the other side of the coin with the arrival of ARVs in the South more and more people survive and develop episodic and permanent disabilities as a result of their illness, yet rehabilitative services are not prepared for this increased demand. The Disability and HIV networking zone at the 2010 International AIDS conference therefore aims at:

1. Raising awareness on the links between HIV and Disability
2. Providing evidence and Good Practice examples to build capacity of actors in the field of HIV and disability
3. Developing an informal focal area for disability issues at the conference, promoting networking amongst all stakeholders
4. Discussing innovative advocacy strategies in the field of disability and HIV

Who can apply?

We are calling for participation from grassroots DPOs, NGOs, faith-based organizations, networks, researchers, institutions and other organizations and leaders in the field of disability and HIV from around the world to join us in advancing these objectives.

In our networking zone people with disabilities, people living with HIV, researchers, donors and conference goers can come together to share experiences, learn from each other and raise awareness of the interrelations between disability and HIV. We invite you to apply to host an activity related to disability and HIV such as:

Activities:

1. Exhibition posters on examples of Good Practice
2. Presentations and Discussions on Good Practice or innovative advocacy ideas
3. Interactive skills building sessions of Good Practice
4. Film screenings can be included in the zone timetable
5. Testimonies of people with disabilities who are also infected or affected by HIV
6. Presentation of policy papers and information material

How to apply?

Complete and submit your application to Caitlin Hudson caithudson@yahoo.com, Muriel Mac-Seing mmacseing@handicap-international.or.ke or Jill Hanass-Hancock on hanasshj@ukzn.ac.za by May 15th 2012. Your application should include contact details, no more than one page description of your contribution, a description of the needed space or time. You will be notified if your session has been accepted by June 4th. 2012

Unfortunately, we are not able to provide financial support for any sessions. Organizers must find their own funding for travel to Washington and all costs associated with participation in the AIDS Conference.

For more information on disability and HIV visit:

www.iddconsortium.net
www.heard.org.za/african-leadership/disability