



WOMEN'S
NETWORKING
ZONE 2022

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#FeministFuturesHIV

DATES:
30th July to
1st August 2022

LOCATION:
Montreal, Canada

SAFEGUARDING OUR FEMINIST GAINS IN THE GLOBAL HIV RESPONSE AND CO-CREATING GENDER TRANSFORMATIVE COVID-19 RECOVERY STRATEGIES

The Women's Networking Zone (WNZ) is a space hosted and convened at the global AIDS Conferences and other global policy spaces in the Global HIV response. WNZ has been nurtured over time through cross movement collaboration between networks of women living with HIV and other women's rights groups. The WNZ is a vibrant, inclusive, and exciting space where community members, advocates, policy-analysts, decision-makers, service-providers, and researchers share and learn. WNZ also creates space for community building, safe space, and strategizing. The WNZ promotes dialogue, strengthens existing links and forges new networks, raises the visibility of HIV, champions the leadership of women living with HIV in all their diversity (with an emphasis on young women and women from the local community), and promotes the

global exchange of experiences, abilities, and knowledge. Now more than ever when rights are under attack and gains at risk, when adolescent women and girls continue to bear the burden of the HIV pandemic, and when HIV prevention tools for women and girls continue to be lacking adequate funding, these kinds of spaces, that nurture feminist movement building, thought leadership and create spaces of solidarity, are needed.

The WNZ2022 planning team aims to create a WNZ space that will be a community-focused forum with a full program of workshops and power hour forums, feminist o'clock, strategy sessions, and networking moments.

At AIDS2022, WNZ will be monumental, given that it will be the first hybrid AIDS Conference since the

beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. Additionally, the WNZ2022 was almost not hosted, but was reinstated after rigorous and concerted advocacy from feminist groups, networks of women living with HIV and allies to persuade the IAS leadership to reconsider their decision, having rejected two WNZ proposals.

Having been reinstated and confirmed as part of the Global Village at the AIDS 2022 conference, WNZ2022 is envisioned to be the core and heartbeat of feminist organizing and movement building at AIDS 2022. ATHENA Network and the International Community of Women living with HIV Eastern Africa (ICWEA) representing the ICW family will be co-convening the WNZ2022 alongside other partners guiding the process through a global WNZ Planning Committee.

OVERALL GOAL



To build strong partnerships with feminist groups, women's rights organizations, networks of women living with HIV, young women-led and young feminist networks and organizations that work on SRHR, stigma and discrimination, GBV, gender inequality and human rights at all levels to hold governments, donors, bi-lateral and multi-lateral agencies accountable on the commitments made to the six Generation Equality Forum Action Coalitions; Ending AIDS by 2030 and Achieving the goals and objectives of the UNAIDS Gender Action Plan 2018 – 2023; and SDGs 2030 and the AIDS Global Strategy.

**#FeministFuturesHIV #WhatGirlsWant #WhatWomenWant #Solidarity #WomenSpeak #SheReady
#GenerationEquality #EndGBV #WomensVoicesMatter #FundHer #GenderEquality #FeministMovements
#FundHerChoice #GiveHerOptions #AllOurLivesMatter #PreventionMatters#StopCriminalizingHIV**

OBJECTIVES



→ To analyze the challenges, opportunities and trends within the HIV and women's rights movements due to COVID-19 pandemic and opportunities for women and girls in their diversity to play a key role in COVID-19 recovery efforts



→ To create a vibrant cross-movement, cross- and inter-generational safe space where girls and women in all their diversity dialogue, share information, exchange knowledge, skills and experiences, strategize, and network to accelerate advocacy of universal access to HIV-, SRHR- and other services among women in diversity



→ To link evidence to policy and legal standards, practice, funding, and advocacy on SRHR, gender and human rights to catalyze and accelerate implementation of commitments made to end HIV-related stigma and discrimination



→ To articulate the strategies needed to safeguard feminist gains in the Global HIV response and during COVID-19 pandemic

EXPECTED OUTCOME(S)



→ A manifesto reflecting the analysis and thought leadership from deliberations during various sessions at the WNZ and the entire AIDS2022 conference and to serve as a collective advocacy roadmap for feminist demands in the HIV response & COVID-19 recovery path.



→ Partnerships and solidarity among women-led networks and organisations strengthened for movement building in the HIV response



→ Improved knowledge and capacity among women and girls to hold duty bearers accountable for commitments towards ending the HIV epidemic and related stigma, discrimination and GBV among women and girls in their diversity



→ Feminist organizing and movement building within the AIDS Conference safeguarded



TARGET AUDIENCE

Women and girls in all their diversity, feminist allies, policy makers, donors, and researchers.

ANNEX 1

Organizations working with the co-conveners ATHENA Network and ICWEA as part of the steering committee to co-create WNZ2022 include:



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Local Partners and feminist networks in Canada
WomenSpeak Canada, Women's Health in Womens Hands

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PROGRAM

Below is the draft program for sessions to be presented at the 2022 Women's Networking Zone to submitted to the IAS and the Global Village team by 30th June to send to IAS

N.B: All times may be subject to change. Please check in at www.networkathena.org at the start of the WNZ to ensure session times and dates."

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Day 1: Saturday 30th July 2022

TIME	TITLE	FORMAT	LEAD ORG
12.00 - 13.30	Opening Session: Sustaining our feminist gains in the Global HIV response through cross generational solidarity support and movement building	Intergenerational approach	ATHENA Network & all WNZ Planning committees
13.30-14.30	Young women leadership: Is it all it's made to be?	Panel	PYWV & Making Waves
14.30-15.30	Sharing experiences of women living with HIV: barriers to Viral Load Testing and other health related services for women living with HIV in Zimbabwe	In-person at WNZ	PAPWC-ZIM
15.30-16.30	EMPOWERing: HIV Prevention by Choice: Dapivirine Vaginal Ring closer to the communities	In-person at WNZ	ICWEA
16.30-17.30	ATHENA Network Membership Strategy Launch	In-person at WNZ	ATHENA network
17.30-18.30	Our Impact, Our Futures: What is next for networks of women living with HIV?	Dialogue	ICW Global, ICW Asia Pacific, MENA Rosa & ICW Caribbean

Day 2: Sunday 31st July 2022

TIME	TITLE	FORMAT	LEAD ORG
10.30-11.30	Still talking about us, still not listening to us. Women and trans people living with HIV at AIDS2020.	In-person	Salamander Trust , Making Waves & Cecilia Chung, Trans Law Center
11.30-12.30	<p>Cross movement conversations to challenge criminalization of HIV, gender, sexuality, identity, sex work, and drug use.</p> <p>→ The session will bring together activists working on various aspects of criminalization (LGBTIQ, HIV, sex work, drug use, abortion and pregnancy, sexuality, etc.) to build greater cross-movement understanding and collaboration in our collective challenging criminalization efforts.</p>	Panel	ATHENA Network & CREA
12.30-13.30	<p>Addressing the neglected issue of Female Genital Schistosomiasis - what does integration mean for women?</p> <p>→ What is FGS and why does it matter for HIV?</p>	Interactive dialogue	FGS Integration Group (FIG), Frontline AIDS, LVCT Health, Avert
13.30-15.00	Brown Bag Lunch: "grappling with the local and global challenges that surround us"		
15.00-16.00	What U=U means for women, especially women from the global south.	Community conversation	Jacquelyne Szosi Foundation, Making Waves
16.00-17.00	<p>Guidelines and Recommendations for Women Living with HIV and Breast/Chest feeding:</p> <p>→ The panelists will discuss the research, data and existing guidelines which have prohibited women in Western countries to breastfeed whilst their counterparts have been allowed to exclusively breast-feed for the past twenty years. A panel of mentor mothers will then "debate" the issue to present and share different thoughts and experiences.</p>	Panel Discussion and Debate	ICW North America
17.00-18.00	Recreating spaces for women living with HIV in Canada	A community space for women living with HIV in Montreal and other parts of Canada to meet and network	WomenSpeakCanada

Day 3: Monday 1st August

TIME	TITLE	FORMAT	LEAD ORG
10.30-11.30	<p>Resisting the War on Drugs is a Feminist Issue</p> <p>→ to talk about building on donor dialogues held earlier this year; agree next steps, and reiterate in the HIV movement as well that this is a feminist issue.</p>	A community-led, feminist discussion	INPUD, WHRIN & AWID
11.30-12.30	<p>The 40 Billion Dollar Question - where is HIV in the Generation Equality Forum?</p> <p>→ Session examines the process and outcome of the Generation Equality Forum and asks, where is HIV 25 years on from Beijing? How can we make the links between HIV and gender inequality, gender based violence, and bodily autonomy and SRHR clearer, and the feminist leadership from women and HIV activists more visible in the GEF Acceleration Agenda?</p>	Interactive dialogue	Frontline AIDS, Bonela, Making Waves & PYWV
12.30-13.30	<p>Women's Movement Building - Appreciation of Diversity in Collaboration and Partnership</p> <p>→ Dialogue with diverse civil society groups to deliver evidence and actions from communities for changes in policy and improved HIV/TB service delivery in Uganda. In particular we will share a Case of Community Led Monitoring in Uganda</p>	Interactive dialogue	ICWEA
13.30-15.00	Brown Bag Lunch session: Funding for women and girls in all our diversity in the context of the Global Strategy		
15.00-16.30	Reproductive justice for women living with and affected by HIV	Fireside Chat	CREA, ATHENA Network, GNP+
16.30-18.00	Closing Session/ Feminist O'Clock	In-person networking, connecting and chilling at the WNZ	ICW Global + WNZ Planning committee

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