Pre-Conference Sessions

Friday, June 26

**COMMUNITY RENDEZ-VOUS**

The Community Rendez-Vous will be a forum for community exchange and skills development. The focus will be on discussing mechanisms for improving networking on five themes (human rights, migration, community-based research, sex work, and living with AIDS). Small rooms are available for breakouts and other networks. Limited registration will be available on-site on Friday. There will be a Treatment and Science Workshop all day on Saturday and Sunday in the Swissair Centre.

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**Opening Plenary**

**Venue:** Session Hall I  
**Time:** 16.30-18.30

This will comprise a Vancouver conference retrospective and overview of community perspectives of developments on HIV/AIDS

**Speakers:**
Andrew Johnson, Vice-chair, Community Planning Committee, 12th World AIDS Conference, and Community Coordinator at Vancouver 1996, Canada  
Kamanee Hapugalle, Director, Alliance Sri Lanka, Sri Lanka  
Aaron Meeks, Australia

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**Community Reception/Dinner**

**Venue:** Palais Eynard, Geneva  
**Time:** 19.30-21.30
Saturday, June 27

**COMMUNITY RENDEZ-VOUS**

**Regional Meetings**
**Venue:** Session Halls I and II, and Rooms D, E and F
**Time:** 09.00–12.00

Delegates will meet with others from their region - Africa; Asia/Pacific; Europe; Latin America; and North America.

**Network Meetings**
**Venue:** Session Halls I and II, and Rooms D, E, F, and I
**Time:** 13.00–17.00

Five networks have indicated they wish to meet to improve their communications and to build up their networks: human rights, community-based research, sex work, migration, and GNP/ICW. E-mail listserves for each of these networks have been established (plus an additional list for treatment and care), and can be accessed through aids.community@hivnet.ch

Other small rooms are available.

**SKILLS BUILDING WORKSHOPS**

Participants in the CRV can choose to attend Skills Building workshops on the use of drama and theatre; newsletter development; or use of computers.

**SB 1 Using Drama and Other Performing Arts in AIDS Prevention Activities**
**Venue:** Room H
**Time:** 13.00–17.00

Since early in the AIDS pandemic, street performances and drama has been used successfully in AIDS prevention programmes. They have been particularly relevant for marginalised communities and those with low literacy levels. This workshop will look at effectively integrating drama and other performing arts in education and prevention programmes. It will specifically address involving representatives of target audiences in the activities.

Facilitated by: Lynn Dalrymple, Sipho Dludla, Lungile Zulu, Mkhonzeni Gumede, Paul Botha, and Nonhlanhla Xaba, DramAide, South Africa; Godfrey Sealy, Alliance for Prevention, Trinidad and Tobago, Trinidad; Gordon Bilbrough, AREPP, South Africa

**SB 2 Producing a Newsletter**
**Venue:** Room G
**Time:** 13.00–17.00

Many organisations produce newsletters for their members or to provide public education on HIV. This workshop will build on the experiences of producing HIV information newsletters by and for people living with HIV and for carers and prevention workers. It will cover practical aspects of low-cost newsletter development, production and distribution. Facilitators will provide examples of community-level, low-cost newsletter production from the Asia-Pacific region and Africa. This workshop is for members of HIV organisations who wish to use newsletters as a means of information sharing and dissemination. Participants are asked to bring samples of their own publications.

Facilitated by: Sian Long, AHRTAG, UK; Mercedes Apilado, Health Action Information Network, Philippines; Anthony Kariuki, Kenya AIDS NGOs Consortium, Kenya; Jill Sergeant, PLWHA (NSW) Inc., Australia

**NOTE**
Sunday, June 28

### ORIENTATION SESSIONS

**Orientation Sessions - English**

Venue: Session Hall I

Times: 10.00–11.00, 11.30–12.30, 13.00–14.00, 14.30–15.30

These sessions are designed to help delegates, especially newcomers to large world AIDS conferences. They will cover three aspects: making sense of the Conference programme; making sense of the Conference Centre; and making sense of Conference language.

**Séances d’orientation – en français**

Venue: Session Hall II

Times: 10.00–11.00, 13.00–14.00

Les séances servent à faciliter l’accès du Congrès aux délégues, en particulier ceux qui assistent pour la première fois à un congrès mondial de grande envergure sur le sida. Elles viseront trois objectifs: s’orienter au travers du programme du Congrès, s’orienter dans Palexpo et s’orienter dans le langage du Congrès.

**Sesiones de orientación – en español**

Venue: Session Hall II


Estas sesiones están destinadas a facilitar la participación de los conferencistas, principalmente la de aquellos que asisten por primera vez a una conferencia internacional sobre SIDA de este tamaño. El objetivo será de orientar a los conferencistas en tres aspectos de la Conferencia: el programa; la sede (Palexpo); y la terminología.

### OPENING CEREMONY

**Opening Ceremony**

Venue: Arena

Time: 17.30–19.00