

**International Women's Summit**  
**4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> July 2007, Nairobi, Kenya**  
**Kenyatta International Conference Centre (KICC)**

As part of its larger World Council Meeting (July 1-11), the World YWCA will host The International Women's Summit on Women's Leadership and HIV and AIDS (IWS). This summit brings together over 1,500 women and men from July 4-7, 2007 to develop strategies, skills and partnerships in response to the impact of AIDS on women and girls.

During the Summit, there will be several sessions of interest to advocates on new HIV prevention technologies (NPTs) including microbicides.

**Sunday and Monday, July 1 and 2**

**KICC**

***Workshop: Male and Female Condoms for HIV Prevention for Dual Protection***

The World YWCA, in partnership with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the Female Health Company/Foundation and the Population Council, will host a workshop on male and female condoms for HIV prevention on July 1-2, 2007. Since 2005, the World YWCA has been actively promoting widespread distribution and awareness of the female condom as a central part of its response to HIV and AIDS. "When women can protect themselves from HIV infection, they have an increased sense of self worth and control," says Dr. Musimbi Kanyoro, General Secretary of the World YWCA. "The female condom is an effective and safe prevention method, and it offers an additional option that enables women to protect themselves from HIV."

This two-day workshop aims to:

- increase the knowledge available to participants for capacity building in their existing HIV prevention programs;
- help participants in their development of training components for new programs or for integration into existing programs; and
- provide useful information to help participants to increase advocacy efforts for greater availability of female condoms in their own countries.

The practical, hands-on training includes demonstrations on male and female condoms, opportunities for sharing information on distribution and promotion of male and female condoms, and sessions on community involvement in male and female condom use and on the elements of an effective condom program.

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2.30 pm-3.30 pm**

**Women's Networking Zone in Sokoni, KICC**

**Session: *Female Condoms and More: Expanding Female-Initiated HIV Prevention Methods***

The Center for Health and Gender Equity (CHANGE) and Ibis Reproductive Health will host a conversation about challenges that advocates face promoting female condoms, cervical barriers, and participation in microbicides and vaccines research. During the session, participants will share thoughts and ideas about:

- the need for female-controlled and initiated prevention methods
- shared issues such as partial efficacy, acceptability and uncertain timeframes for new prevention tools
- joint advocacy around technologies that respond to women's and girls' vulnerabilities
- tailoring messages to reach specific audiences

This session will offer participants an opportunity to learn from the experiences of a wide range of women advocating for access to more HIV prevention tools for women in different regions.

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July, 4.30 pm-6.00 pm**

**Amphitheater, KICC**

**Panel Session: *Microbicides: An HIV Prevention Option for Women***

The feminization of HIV/AIDS calls for new prevention technologies that women can initiate. Microbicides are vaginal products under development to reduce the transmission of HIV during sexual intercourse. The International Partnership for Microbicides (IPM) will host a panel comprised of researchers and advocates who will provide an update the state of microbicide development. Panel members will discuss ongoing large-scale clinical trials, the next generation of candidates and new microbicide formulations. The panel will also discuss microbicide advocacy efforts taking place throughout Africa. The presentations will be followed by a question and answer session for audience members.

IPM is a non-profit product development partnership (PDP) established in 2002 to prevent HIV transmission by accelerating the development and availability of a safe and effective microbicides for use by women in developing countries. By screening compounds, designing optimal formulations, establishing manufacturing capacity, developing trial sites and conducting clinical trials, the organization works to improve the efficiency of all efforts to develop and deliver safe and effective microbicides as soon as possible.

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July, 12.30 pm-2.30 pm**

**Nairobi City Hall**

**Town Hall Meeting: *Female-Initiated HIV Prevention Options***

Globally, women are affected by HIV accounting for nearly half of HIV infections worldwide and almost two-thirds of those among young people, with female infections rising in almost every region. Yet twenty-five years into the global AIDS epidemic, there is still no widely available technology that women can both initiate and control to protect themselves from HIV. Given the AIDS' epidemics disproportionate impact on women, there is a critical need to develop prevention options that women can use with, or when necessary without, their partner's active cooperation.

This Town Hall meeting will introduce participants to the spectrum of female-initiated HIV-prevention options for women, status of the latest clinical research, emphasize the importance of working with the community of women living with HIV/AIDS, and equip participants to return to their communities with action agendas.

*The forum is open to both the conference delegates and members of the public at no cost.*

Sponsors: African Microbicides Advocacy Group (AMAG), AIDS Vaccine Advocacy Coalition (AVAC); Global Campaign for Microbicides (GCM); Ibis Reproductive Health; International Aids Vaccine Initiative (IAVI); International Partnership for Microbicides (IPM); Population Council; United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA); Nairobi Pentecostal Church; Kenya YWCA; World YWCA.

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July, from 2.30 pm-5.30 pm**

**Hilton Hotel, Taifa Room**

**Workshop: *ListenLearnLead on HIV Prevention Options for Women and Girls***

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This workshop is co-sponsored by a working group of organisations dedicated to research on new HIV prevention strategies that can be initiated by women and girls such as microbicides, vaccines, and the female diaphragm. This group is also committed to supporting female-initiated HIV prevention strategies such as the female condom.

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