

# M2008 Pre-Conference Workshop

Sunday, 24 February 2008  
India Habitat Centre (IHC)

## Date & Time:

**Sunday, 24 February 2008, 09:00 – 15:00**

*Please arrive early to register (see "How to get to the IHC!" below)*

## Location:

**India Habitat Centre (IHC)**

*Jacaranda Hall*

*Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003*

*(Entry from gate number 3 from Vardhman Marg)*

## M2008 Pre-Conference Workshop Schedule

9:00 to 11:10

Opening Session

11:10 to 11:30

Morning Coffee/Tea Break

11:30 to 13:15

Break-out Sessions

13:15 to 14:00

Lunch

14:00 to 15:00

Closing Session

## *How to get to the IHC!*

To reach the India Habitat Centre (IHC) please take a taxi from your hotel. The IHC is very well known in Delhi and taxi drivers should be familiar with its location. GCM will provide transportation reimbursements of up to 300 INR to cover the cost. Reimbursements will be given when you check-in at the registration table.

Morning traffic in New Delhi can be very unpredictable. Because of this we ask that you please leave your hotel by 8:00am to give yourself plenty of time to reach the IHC, check-in and collect your reimbursement.



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# Pre-Conference Workshop Program Description

## Morning Session (9:00 to 11:10 am)

The M2008 Pre-Conference will begin with a set of plenary talks designed to provide a status report on the microbicide science and advocacy, including an introduction to the history of the field, a snapshot of where we are now, and an introduction to the debates and issues that participants are likely to encounter in the M2008 Conference.

- **Introduction**  
*Speaker: Dazon Dixon-Diallo, SisterLove, Inc.*
- **State of the Field: Microbicide Science and Trials**  
*Speaker: Dr. Sharon Hillier, Microbicide Trials Network (MTN)*
- **State of the Field: Advocacy, Ethics and Access**  
*Speaker: Manju Chatani (AMAG) & Anna Forbes (GCM)*
- **Our Host Country: Microbicide and Female Condom Advocacy in India**  
*Speaker: Paramita Kundu (GCM)*
- **Microbicide Resources: An Introduction to Tools, Actors and Where to Go for Information**  
*Speaker: Arwa Meijer (GCM) & Bindiya Patel (GCM)*
- **Closing Remarks & Description of the Break-out Sessions**  
*Speaker: Lori Heise (GCM)*

## Morning Coffee/Tea Break (11:10 to 11:30)

## Break-Out Sessions (11:30 to 13:15)

### Knowledge Session: Microbicides Basics

This session will cover the basics of microbicides: products, mechanisms of action, the clinical research process and an introduction to ethical issues in HIV prevention trials. *Facilitators: Bindiya Patel (GCM) & Dr. Kamini Walia, Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)*

## Break-Out Sessions (cont')

### **Knowledge Session: An Introduction to ARV-based Microbicides & Resistance**

This session will cover the new line of ARV-based microbicide candidates entering the research pipeline and the rationale of exploring such candidates. The session will also include an overview of the issues unique to ARV-based products, including resistance, and a discussion of questions the field has yet to answer. **Facilitators: John Mellors (MTN), Jeanne Marrasso (MTN) & Lori Heise (GCM)**

### **Skills-building Session: Starting to do Advocacy**

*This session will present a structured view of advocacy, the need for advocacy campaigns and will introduce participants to various strategies and tools for building advocacy campaigns at local, regional and national levels. This session is designed primarily for those new to advocacy but, all experience levels are welcome to come and share their learning. This session will also focus on why it is important to do advocacy – beyond awareness raising. Facilitators: Brigit Haire, Australian Federation of AIDS Organizations (AFAO), Manju Chatani (AMAG) & Katie West (GCM)*

### **Skills-building Session: When Trials End – the Role of Advocacy**

What makes a successful trial? What are some of the reasons a trial might be stopped? What can we learn from recent trial results and closures? We will discuss recent trial closures and what role advocates can have in helping communities and the public interpreting the results. **Facilitators: Mitzy Gafos, Microbicide Development Programme (MDP), Anna Forbes (GCM) & Morenike Ukpong, Nigerian HIVVaccine and Microbicides Advocacy Group (NHVMAG)**

### **Lunch (13:15 to 14:00)**

*Lunch will be provided.*

### **Closing Session: Getting the Most Out of the M2008 Conference (14:00 to 15:00), Facilitated by Bindiya Patel (GCM)**

- How to Maximize your Conference Experience
- Networking Free-for-All
- Burning Questions & Answers

**IMPORTANT: After the conclusion of the Pre-Conference, buses will be provided to transport participants from the IHC to the Ashok Hotel for the opening ceremony of the M2008 Conference.**