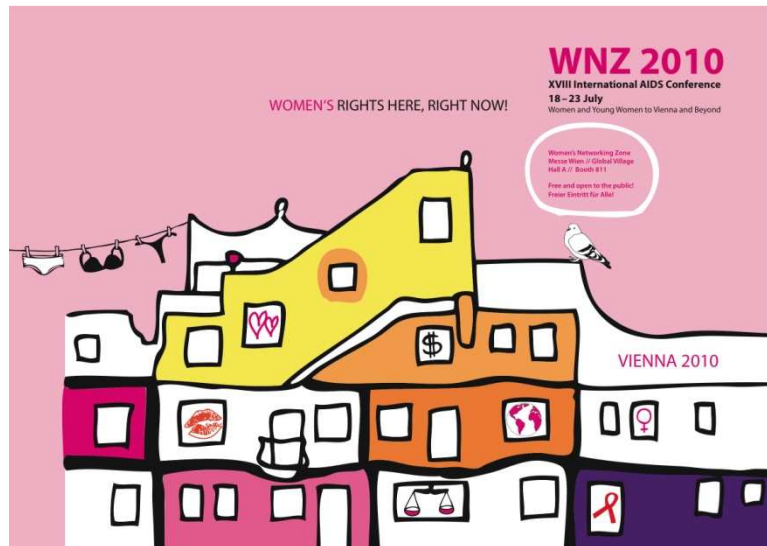


Women's Networking Zone 2010, Vienna

Monitoring Report

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Women and Young Women to Vienna and Beyond!

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Background:

Since Durban, in the year 2000, there have been parallel fora with a Community focus at each International AIDS Conference (IAC). ATHENA Network has led parallel women's organising since that time, and from 2006, starting at the Toronto IAC, has convened the Women's Networking Zone (WNZ), at successive Conferences. This year marks 10 years of women's parallel organising at International AIDS Conferences, and the WNZ2010 was coordinated jointly by ATHENA and the Salamander Trust, in collaboration with local organisations.

The WNZ is a dedicated area within the Global Village to share issues and experiences that affect women in relation to HIV. The Global Village is a conference area adjacent to the IAC that is open to the public.

The WNZ2010 was built on a consultative process from 2009 to 2010 to identify key issues affecting women and young women in relation to HIV and AIDS in the Europe and Central Asia regions especially, including stigma and discrimination, motherhood, sex and sexuality, harm reduction and sex workers' rights. The process was led by and inclusive of women and young women living with HIV, whose leadership the WNZ seeks to promote, while encouraging linkages between positive, negative and untested women locally, regionally and globally.

This report documents all the activities and initiatives that took place prior to and in the Zone. It is also meant to serve as a source document for the organisation of future WNZs.

The focus of this year's Conference was Human Rights. The WNZ motto was: "Women's rights here, right now!" and the WNZ ensured that women's rights in relation to HIV issues were promoted wherever possible.

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I - TIMELINE

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Aug 2010	Evaluation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Monitoring and evaluation plans ▪ M&E tools ▪ Data collection ▪ Reporting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ M&E tools for WNZ (4) ▪ M&E plan for Twinning Project ▪ Evaluation Report ▪ Executive Summary
Conference 18 - 23 July 2010	Actual Conference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Setting up the Zone ▪ WNZ opening ▪ Daily themes and highlights ▪ Human Rights March ▪ Launch of WECARe+ ▪ WNZ Party ▪ Twinning Project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Email publicity ▪ WECARe+ article and survey ▪ Photos of march ▪ Advocacy messages for march ▪ Twinning project background and press release ▪ Photos of Zone
July 2010	Towards the Conference: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Liaison with other projects eg Women Arise ▪ Finalising activities & meetings ▪ Site preparation: printing, housing, etc 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Final printing designs (number) ▪ Floor plans (2) ▪ Furniture samples ▪ Suppliers' quotes (2)
June 2010	Branding the Zone: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Designs - house, woman, shell ▪ Print-outs + delegates' guide + translations ▪ Media: more articles ▪ Confirmation of participants + call for vols Fundraising HR march: speakers & key messages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Artwork (3) ▪ Collateral designs ▪ Call for hosts and volunteers (2) ▪ Volunteer and host timetable ▪ Funding applications ▪ Key messages
May 2010	Materials for the Zone: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Identify printers for T-shirts, banners, etc ▪ Creation of WNZ and WECARe+ logos ▪ Programme + delegate guide drafted ▪ Furniture, layout and colours of the Zone 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ WNZ logo ▪ Survey results
April 2010	Group activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Formal announcement of the WNZ ▪ Call for proposals ▪ Fundraising ▪ Logistics: floor mapping ▪ Media road map and first articles ▪ Related: Twinning project, WECARe+, survey ▪ 2nd 0.5 time joint-coordinator starts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Proposals ▪ Floor map ▪ Media plan ▪ WECARe+ article

Mar 2010	Group formation and first meetings	
February 2010	Setting up of human resources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1st 0.5 time joint-coordinator starts ▪ 7 working groups + Steering Committee ▪ Identification of local partners (AIDS Hilfe) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Job description ▪ List of groups
January 2010	WNZ proposal submitted to the IAC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Purpose & plan of the Zone ▪ Consultative group created Support for abstract submissions to the IAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Networking Zone proposals to Global Village (3) ▪ Global Village acceptance letter
November 2009	Meeting in Vienna with partners from Europe & Central Asia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Planning a network of HIV+ Women ▪ Preparation for Vienna 2010 ▪ Set up of a Website 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Report of the meeting
August- October 2009	Fund-raising and logistical preparations for Vienna meeting, Oct/Nov 2009. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Volunteer support from logistics/funding officer. 	
May 2009	Initial meeting in Cologne to discuss Vienna 2010 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Wezi Thamm of ICW, Alice Welbourn of Salamander Trust and Harriet Langanke of GS-SG meet with German positive women and supporters 	
Jan-April 2009	Fund-raising and logistical preparations for May 2009 meeting, Cologne	

II - Details of the preparation prior to the Conference:

- 1) Fund-raising for a meeting in May 2009 with Germany Foundation for Sexuality and Health, Gemeinnützige Stiftung Sexualität und Gesundheit (GS-SG), in Cologne, Germany: January-April 2009.

Logistical preparations to bring together 15 women from across Germany to this meeting.

- 2) Meeting in Cologne: May 2009.

Hosted and organised by Harriet Langanke of GS-SG, with Wezi Thamm of the International Community of Women Living with HIV and AIDS (ICW) and Alice Welbourn of Salamander Trust, both from the UK. 15 women from across Germany participated in the meeting, the aim of which was to introduce the Vienna Conference and the WNZ.

- 3) Meeting in Vienna: November 2009

With support from the Ford Foundation – through the Institute of International Education – and through IPPF also, we held a 3-day landmark meeting of 30 women activists from across the region. We were able to support the involvement of up to 15 positive women from across Europe. These positive women from across Europe reflect different issues, such as women who are asylum seekers, women who are economic migrants, women who are current or former injecting drug users and so on. The meeting also included the (self-funded) involvement of World YWCA and World Girl Guides Europe, the STOP AIDS Campaign, the Athena Network, the AIDS Legal Network, GS-SG from Germany, the Sophia sex-workers project from Austria and the IAS Women’s Caucus.

This meeting set in place the collaboration required to prepare for the International AIDS Conference in July 2010 to ensure that women’s issues would gain visibility. With subsequent funding from Abbott, a website in 7 European languages (www.womeneurope.net) was created, using a team of volunteer translators, providing information on preparing for the Conference and a wide range of useful resources in relation to women and HIV. The website has now been handed over to the first network of HIV-positive women across Europe, WECARE+, which was launched in Vienna during the Conference. (See the article by Alice Welbourn, “WECARE+... Moving Forward the Positive Women’s Agenda, Linking Across Europe and Central Asia”

[http://www.salamandertrust.net/resources/Mujeres%20Adelante WECARE article.pdf](http://www.salamandertrust.net/resources/Mujeres%20Adelante%20WECARE%20article.pdf))

- 4) WNZ proposal

The proposal for the creation of a Women’s Networking Zone in the Global Village of the 2010 International AIDS Conference was developed by Tyler Crone (Athena Network), Alice Welbourn (Salamander Trust) and Shari Margolese (Voices of Positive Women). It was then submitted to all the networks involved in the consultation process for women and HIV (Athena Network, Women Arise, Yahoo list-serv of HIV-positive women in Europe) which all emphasised the need to use an inclusive language and highlight gender and sexuality diversity. The proposal was then sent to the IAS Global Village for approval.

Definition of the purpose of the WNZ: Mobilize and unite women, especially from across Europe and Central Asia, in a sustained network for innovative community building and advocacy; meeting four objectives:

- Bring a women's rights perspective, framework and advocacy throughout the Conference;
- Raise the visibility of emerging issues affecting women and their rights, and how women have successfully organised to address them;
- Ensure the active and meaningful participation of women, especially positive women, from across Europe and Central Asia, and make global linkages; and
- Hold European donors accountable for the situation of women and HIV nationally, and their support of women's rights and HIV funding globally

The proposal was accepted by the IAC on 31st March 2010. The Global Village required that the WNZ should be merged with the Young Women's Networking Zone which was led by Bernadette Fischler, WAGGS UK; and with World Pulse, represented by Leah Okeyo.

Annex 1: Proposal to the Global Village

Annex 2: Acceptance email

Annex 3: Young Women's Networking Zone proposal to the Global Village

Annex 4: World Pulse proposal

5) Appointment of two joint-coordinators:

In February, two joint-coordinators were appointed to facilitate the organisation of the WNZ:

- Luisa Orza, former M&E Officer for ICW who also used to be the liaison person between ICW and previous WNZ (half-time from 1 April 2010 – 31 August 2010).
- Amandine Bollinger, Salamander Research Officer, (with a background in events management), who had been involved since the first November meeting, (half-time from 1 February to 31 August 2010)

The joint coordinators were supposed to be part-time but in practice the process took up much more of their time: there were various meetings organised worldwide at all times of the day and evening, which then needed recording and follow-up. During the Conference itself, both coordinators were full-time.

Annex 5: Job description for coordinators

6) Working groups:

A call for involvement was sent in February via various email distribution lists. Several people came forward spontaneously and selected their areas of interest. Eight groups were established:

1. Steering Committee, led by Tyler Crone
2. Logistics, led by Sabine Lex (AIDS Hilfe - Local partner)
3. Programming, led by Luisa Orza
4. Fundraising, led by Alice Welbourn

5. Media/Communication, led by Harriet Langanke (GSSG)
6. Visibility, led by Amandine Bollinger
7. M&E, led by Luisa Orza
8. Young Women, led by Bernadette Fischler (WAGGS)

Group discussions were conducted either by email or by Skype calls. The inclusion of women living with HIV was ensured in each group.

The following people obtained media registration to access the Conference, which then allowed them to report on issues brought up in the Conference in relation to women and HIV: Alice Welbourn (sponsored by on-line journal *OpenDemocracy*), Harriet Langanke (a former journalist, sponsored through German *DHIVA* Magazine, which she edits) and Anca Nitulescu (sponsored by the WNZ through the WNZ daily newsletter *Mujeres Adelante*).

Annex 6: list of all the working groups

7) Programme of the Zone:

In early April a call for proposals was created by the programming group and then circulated through several international distribution lists. The deadline for submission of applications was 12th May. We received 53 proposals. These were then reviewed by a small committee of volunteers who used simple pre-agreed criteria to quickly score them:

0 = session not suitable for WNZ	
1 = passable	
2 = good	
3 = must have	

We were approached by numerous organisations including UNIFEM, the Global Coalition on Women and AIDS, many networks of HIV-positive women across Europe and worldwide, an association of medical students in Russia, a Ukrainian NGO working on maternity and women's issues, etc.

Alice, Luisa and Amandine spent a day together going through all the scores and details of the proposals (such as availability, compatibility, etc) to draft the timetable of the programme, which was then finalised with the Programming Group. All the proposals were accepted, and some sessions were merged to allow space and strengthen the content.

Confirmation emails were then sent to the successful applicants and we followed up with them individually to address queries and requirements for their sessions.

The final programme included activities from Europe and Central Asia, North America, Asia-Pacific, Latin America and Sub-Saharan Africa. The programme was particularly vibrant, comprising workshops and demonstrations, installations, performance pieces and showcases, films, participatory dialogues, facilitated networking events, and presentations, and touching on a wide variety of themes. Presentations were made mainly in English, but there were also sessions in Russian, Spanish and German.

Annex 7: Call for proposals – short (advertised through the WYCA newsletter and various websites)

Annex 8: Call for proposals (long) & announcement of the WNZ

Annex 9: Acceptance letters (3 different types: General, young women’s hour and joint sessions)

8) Branding the Zone:

The WNZ commissioned a logo from Jane Shepherd, a woman heavily involved in advocacy for HIV-positive women. The logo was designed such that it could easily be adapted for future Conferences by changing the date and the city. Jane also designed the WECARe+ logo.

Three artwork designs for the WNZ items (see below) were conceptualised, with input from the Steering Committee, by a talented Vienna-based artist, Mirjam Schweigkofler, who did the work on an entirely voluntary basis. Two of her three original designs were selected: the house which represents the Viennese landmark building of the artist and architect Friedensreich Hundertwasserhaus, and the silhouette of a naked woman which loosely referred to the Viennese artist Gustav Klimt’s ‘Tree of Life’ motif. (This design was somewhat problematic at times and required that we consulted our donors to ensure they agreed to have their logos next to it).

As well as the artwork, Mirjam also produced most of the graphic designs for our printed items (see below). Whilst Mirjam did terrific work for us, it felt problematic that she was doing it all on a voluntary basis. We were able to offer Mirjam a small honorarium for her work, but in future we would recommend that an artist’s time be included in budgeting. In the last days before printing, Mirjam ran out of time and we had to pay another – equally talented – artist (Ann Sappenfield) to finish off the work we had commissioned, working with Mirjam’s designs. We were very fortunate that Ann was available and able to work to a very tight printing deadline. For future WNZs, however, we would recommend trying to get all the basic design work finalised at an earlier date, in order to reduce pressure around printing deadlines.

The following items were made with Mirjam’s two designs:

1. Black T-Shirts (S, M, L) – woman print
2. White T-Shirts (M, L, XL) – house print
3. Stickers – woman print
4. Stickers – house print
5. Postcards – house and woman print
6. Pins – house print (funded and printed by Women ARISE)
7. Banner – house print
8. Delegate guides for sessions on Women (drafted by Lauren Suchman, Athena Network)– house print
9. WNZ flyers – house print
10. WNZ programme flyer – house print
11. WNZ postcards – house print
12. WNZ postcards – woman print

13. Invitation to the WNZ party – house print (graphic arranged by Ann Sappenfield)

Three additional banners were printed which didn't include Mirjam's designs, and which were designed by American artist Ann Sappenfield.

14. Banner – with all the sponsors
15. Banner – with the translation of “women together, uphold our rights” in 7 languages (Swahili, French, Spanish, Portuguese, German, Russian, Hindi)
16. Banner – with Women ARISE logo, WNZ logo and “All Women, All Rights” in English, Russian and German (funded and printed by Women ARISE)

All items were distributed for free in the Zone except for the T-shirts, for which we recommended a donation of between €10 and €15. Donations were then forwarded to the Twinning Project, which was underfunded. These amounted to about \$600 altogether.

Annex 10: WNZ logo

Annex 11: Mirjam's artwork (shell, naked woman and house; the 'shell' design was not chosen to be used for WNZ2010.)

Annex 12: list and details of all printed items

Annex 13: Designed banners

Annex 14: List of partners

Annex 15: WNZ flyer – “Women to Vienna and beyond, a WNZ at AIDS 2010”

Annex 16: WNZ programme

Annex 17: WNZ flyer in German

Annex 18: WNZ party invitation

The conference delegates' guide for women's issues, compiled by the Athena Network is available online at <http://womeneurope.net/index.php/page/Home/en>

9) Furniture and Supplies:

Our local contact (Sabine Lex from AIDS Hilfe) dealt with all local suppliers and organised all the local logistics. The success and the final design of the Zone relied greatly on her great input. We ended up with a Zone much bigger than initially forecast due in part to our lobbying for greater space, given that we were in fact three zones in one, and in part to a late cancellation of another area. We had therefore to adapt our logistics and budget accordingly. The WNZ was originally allocated a space of 84 m² (7m x 12 m); an additional 60 m² was allocated at the last minute, making the zone 142 m² in total, which made it one of the biggest areas in the Global Village. The interior design of the Zone was created by the same artist who designed our printed material, Mirjam Schweigkofler. Mirjam created a Zone which was both classy with a range of white sofas, shelving units and tables, and was extremely warm and welcoming. Two colours (pink and orange) were picked out of the logo to identify the WNZ and were added to the white neutral background through the use of throws, coloured chairs, lamps, bowls etc. Furniture was acquired from several local sources:

- White sofas, couches, a bar table with two high stools, and 15 chairs were hired from furniture rental company Fairleih;

- White couches, square and round stools, and bookshelves were loaned free of charge by furniture store Kika;
- 'Couch tables', orange and pink throws, table lamps, vases, cushions, 15 folding chairs, storage boxes and other decorative pieces were bought from Ikea;
- A designer reception table was lent by friends of Sabine Lex who run their own furniture design company, WG3.



Kika and Ikea furniture was collected from the respective stores by Sabine with help from Daniela, a friend who volunteered during the Zone set-up. Fairleih delivered the rental furniture themselves, as did the designers of the reception table.

A team of volunteers (between 5 and 10 people at all times) worked tirelessly for 3 days (Friday 16th, Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th July, until the zone opened at 6.30 pm) to set up the zone. The furniture delivery was heavy work, loading and unloading a van that Sabine had borrowed from furniture store Kika. Some of the furniture from Kika (10 bookshelves) also needed to be mounted. This was tiring manual work which also required tools which we had to borrow. Some Ikea furniture (8 small tables and 25 storage boxes) also needed to be assembled, but did not require tools. The Kika furniture did not need to be dismantled before being returned to the store.

A removal company was hired at the end of the week to return the Kika furniture to the store, and other items (materials and Ikea furniture) to the AIDS Hilfe office building from where it was decided that it would be distributed to clients of AIDS Hilfe who needed it. The rental company collected their furniture.

Sabine liaised with the IAS for all on-site logistics such as electricity, insurance, number of visitors expected, deliveries of furniture, printed materials and audio-visual equipment, and to hire a fridge, and 2 lockable cupboards.

- ✓ Basic equipment: Each networking Zone came equipped with two tables, four chairs, a stage, a spotlight, and a waste-paper basket. As the WNZ comprised two conjoined zones, we had double the amount of these items. We decided to ask for the stage platforms to be removed, as we felt they weren't conducive to more informal, participatory discussion-based sessions.

- ✓ Insurance: We ended up applying for the IAS insurance - while their package was more expensive (€576) than other local quotes we found, we agreed to it as it fitted all the Global Village requirements, including coverage for the walls, the booth and AV equipment. We were glad to have this insurance, since the unsecured laptop of one of our volunteers was stolen from the Zone, whilst she turned away from it for a minute.
- ✓ A fridge and two lockable cupboards were hired from the Global Village exhibition supplier (GV-ISET). A small storage area was erected around these using bookshelves. The fridge enabled us to keep cold drinks and snacks for volunteers working in the Zone. Tap water in Vienna is safe to drink, but the IAC and Global Village did not supply bottled water, or cups for drinking tap water. Fruit, bread and sandwich fillings were bought at a local supermarket so that volunteers in the zone could help themselves from the fridge. Volunteers were able to leave bags and valuables in the locked cupboards, but these were not kept locked at all times, and we emphasised that the space was not entirely secure, especially after a laptop was stolen from the Zone.
- ✓ AV equipment (laptop, TV screen, speakers and microphones, all secured to table tops with cables), which allowed us to screen PowerPoint presentations and play music. We also hired a small flat-screen TV with DVD player for the AV booth to show audio documentaries. These were delivered, set up, dismantled and removed by the company that provided them.
- ✓ Translation: we were donated the use of a set of headsets for simultaneous translation, by audio equipment company Quiet Vox. These were used in some of the sessions in Spanish and in Russian. The advantage of this option is that it did not require a separate translation booth. Four professional translators working in Vienna volunteered their services, but pulled out at the last minute, leaving us short of translation support. Two students from the university of Exeter were brought in to help with German and Russian translations. While their travel expenses and accommodation were paid for by the WNZ, they worked on a voluntary basis. Our staff and partners also offered spontaneous translations where necessary. We found the following UNAIDS guidelines for translation very useful and shared it widely: http://www.unaids.org/en/KnowledgeCentre/Resources/FeatureStories/archive/2007/20070103_featurestory_Words.asp

10) Hosts and volunteers:

About 27 volunteers and 15 hosts were recruited before the Conference through a call for volunteers circulated to our various email distribution lists and locally by Sabine. We tried to promote women living with HIV and key WNZ partners as hosts of the Zone. Once onsite, many people spontaneously came to help out as needed. Jacqui Stevenson, a former intern of the Sophia Forum, was recruited to help coordinate the volunteers during the Conference. Anca Nitulescu, former media volunteer at Positively Women, was recruited to coordinate on-site press and media-related queries. Maria Jonas, a regular volunteer for AIDSHilfe and former Secretary General of Socialist Women International, also provided sterling support in the Zone by organising the resources table and asking neighbouring zones to lower their volume at times when our speakers could not be heard! Both Jacqui and Anca and the two Exeter graduates had their travel expenses from UK and accommodation in Vienna

funded by the WNZ, but also worked on a voluntary basis. Their presence in the Zone was a great help and made a huge difference to the smooth running of the Zone. Nonetheless, more support would also have been welcome, since there was always so very much to attend to. The following volunteer support would ideally be covered at all times. As it was, we often lacked the 'extra' help, and these tasks were filled in as and when possible:

Minimum:

- 1 x coordinator to oversee the Zone
- 1 x host stationed at reception desk to welcome visitors and speakers, and to introduce sessions, etc.
- 1 x volunteer to 'person' the technical a-v desk during sessions and record summary of sessions
- 1 x volunteer to 'person' the materials table

Extra:

- 1-2 x volunteer(s) to carry out mini interviews and/or encourage visitors and speakers to fill complete M&E questionnaires
- 2-3 x volunteers to distribute WNZ materials, *Mujeres Adelante* newsletters and Women and AIDS Delegate Guide around the global village, in particular during registration times.
- 1 x volunteer to distribute t-shirts and collect donations
- 1 x volunteer to keep materials tidy and to keep an eye on general tidiness of the zone during the day
- 2-4 translators. (Ideally translators would be available at all times at least to translate between the official conference languages. In this case we felt that translation to and from German was also a must as the conference venue was a German-speaking country, and local community visitors to the Zone would be German speakers. In the event we were only able to provide translation on an ad-hoc basis, using recruited and spontaneous voluntary translation support).

Special help needed:

- to set up and dismantle the zone at the beginning and end of the week
- to open the zone in the morning, including writing the day's session timetable

Annex 19: Costings for furniture and audio-visual equipment (not final)

Annex 20: Design of WNZ furniture

Annex 21: Floor plan as provided by the Global Village

Annex 22: Floor plan designed by Mirjam Schweigkofler

Annex 23: Copy of insurance letter

Annex 24: Quotes for translation (not ultimately used)

Annex 25: Call for hosts

Annex 26: Call for volunteers

Annex 27: Timetable of hosts and volunteers

11) Media and information sharing:

A group in charge of press releases and communication with the press was created in March and was led by Harriet Langanke. A roadmap of press releases over the 3 months prior to the Conference was compiled and followed through. The roadmap was as follows:

- ✓ Press release on new prevention technologies (end of April)
 - ✓ Mothers' Day (May) - Press release on women, HIV and families (babies, support etc) - Lifeboat project
 - ✓ Criminalisation (June) - press release with ALN
 - ✓ Young Women and HIV
 - ✓ Sex work
 - ✓ Human Rights violations in Europe & Central Asia (with Athena & Salamander)
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- WECARe+ press release, prepared separately.

All press releases are available on the following website (in German and in English): <http://www.stiftung-gssg.de/presse-mediencenter/pressemitteilungen/index.html?a=33&level=1>

These articles were sent to daily newspaper, press agencies and radio stations in Germany. Young People's Magazines like "Bravo" and women's magazines were also approached to target women under 30. Articles from the Sophia Forum Newsletters were also translated into German and disseminated by GSSG.

In addition, GSSG (Harriet Langanke) talked to key policy makers to raise awareness of women issues in relation to HIV: particularly on the theme of why holding the IAC in Vienna (i.e. in Europe) is important. A hearing at the German parliament was set up on this issue.

The first 6 of the above-listed press releases were adapted for on-site distribution press-packs by adding the WNZ motif and logo, and adapting the text somewhat to highlight the key issues. On the back of each press release, a short introduction to the WNZ was provided, with a list of WNZ sessions relevant to the theme of the press release. Approximately 100 press packs were distributed in the Conference Media Centre; as well as the 6 press releases, these also included additional papers on Criminalisation and Motherhood, the WNZ programme, the Young Women's Networking Zone flyer, WNZ postcards and a party invitation.

Our onsite WNZ press person was Anca Nitulescu. Anca created a Facebook page for the WNZ with regular updates - the page reached circa 150 friends. Anca also contacted Robert Fieldhouse, the editor of BASELINE magazine, who offered to advertise for the Women's Networking Zone. Anca posted regular articles on her personal blog - ancablogging.wordpress.com - and on Twitter.

23 articles and blogs were written and published on Open Democracy, an online journal focusing on human rights issues (<http://www.opendemocracy.net/5050/aids-2010-rights-here-right-now>). Alice Welbourn coordinated all the articles and subsequent blog articles. On 5-6 August the 23 articles and blogs commissioned and edited about the women's issues of the Vienna Conference were highlighted as the top story across the whole Open Democracy network. Open Democracy has a global generalised readership of around 200,000.

In addition, Johanna Kehler of AIDS Legal Network (ALN) and Tyler Crone of ATHENA Network produced the daily newsletter *Mujeres Adelante* as they had done at previous conferences. *Mujeres Adelante* dates from the 2002 IAC in Barcelona and covers issues brought up at the Conference in relation to women and HIV. Several WNZ partners and volunteers contributed articles and announcements to the newsletter, which contained a strong emphasis on WNZ content. All six editions of *Mujeres Adelante* from the Vienna conference can be accessed on-line at:

<http://www.womeneurope.net/resources/MujeresAdelanteAIDS201018July.pdf>

<http://www.womeneurope.net/resources/MujeresAdelanteAIDS201019July.pdf>

<http://www.womeneurope.net/resources/MujeresAdelanteAIDS201020July.pdf>

<http://www.womeneurope.net/resources/MujeresAdelanteAIDS201021July.pdf>

<http://www.womeneurope.net/resources/MujeresAdelanteAIDS201022July.pdf>

<http://www.womeneurope.net/resources/MujeresAdelanteAIDS201023July.pdf>

Finally, various resources and information were uploaded onto the resources page of the WNZ website (<http://www.womeneurope.net/index.php/page/Resources/en>), both before and after the Conference, and shared through the many Google group email addresses and distribution lists. This has served to create a permanent archive of the many rich discussions which took place in the WNZ.

Annex 28: Press Roadmap

Annex 29: WNZ letter for Anca's media registration

12) Budget:

ATHENA Network and Salamander Trust undertook most of the fundraising for the WNZ. Funding was received from the following donors (alphabetical order)

- Abbott
- European Commission
- Ford Foundation
- Global Coalition on Women and AIDS
- IPPF
- Stop AIDS Now!
- United Nations Development Fund for Women
- United Nations Development Programme

The Fundraising Working Group prepared a proposal for the WNZ Party, and Shari Margoese approached **Women for Positive Action**, who supported the proposal and fully funded the event. WNZ partners were also approached to donate additional funds to support the Zone, and **World AIDS Campaign** made a donation. Local organisations in Vienna were approached for further support, but no monetary donations were received. Donations in kind were received as described above (furniture, volunteer support, translation equipment, etc).

The Steering Committee also received \$2,000 from the AIDS2010 Conference Coordinating Committee to develop the networking zone.

Annex 30: Fundraising letters in German and English

Annex 31: 'Party' Proposal to Women for Positive Action

III - The Conference: 18th – 23rd July 2010

The WNZ Coordination Committee arrived a week before the Conference. That week was used to consolidate last minute preparation and coordination meetings, which were mainly held at AIDS Hilfe. There were also several pre-Conference events going on where the WNZ was advertised – particularly at the Youth Pre-Conference and the Symposium on Children and Families.

Friday 17th: Registration of the WNZ with the Global Village and set up of the Zone (from 12pm). A small team of volunteers assembled shelves and tables, and put the banners up on the walls. Various items were delivered to the Zone (sofas, tables, AV equipment, etc) with technical support. A bigger team of volunteers was needed to assemble flat-pack bookshelves. We were also under-equipped in terms of screwdrivers and other tools.

Saturday 18th: interior design of the Zone and setting up of a line with female underwear and condoms throughout the Zone. This 'panty line', consisting of bras and panties which had been brought by WNZ partners from around the world, attracted many visitors and created various reactions. It became our 'stamp' in the Global Village and stated clearly that this was a Women's area. This panty line is also illustrated on the House design, which represents the WNZ. Initially, the underlying idea to set up a line of female panties was more to create a fun atmosphere around women's presence. We realised that not only did it raise a fun spirit but it also spoke to some serious feminist concepts and principles such as challenging the personal/political and public/private dichotomies, and elicited various reactions: a female visitor to the Zone from Russia said "let's go back to burning our bras like in the 70s", a young man from S Africa explained that it was awkward for him to walk under women's underwear as this was forbidden in his culture and he thought it was good to counter traditional practices through provocative statements like this one. We were surprised by many requests from people to buy them and by the many photos taken by visitors under the panty line. As the week progressed, we started to use the panty line for political statements such as 'women living with HIV also have a right to enjoy a pleasurable sexuality', 'we are all women and all together in the fight for our rights including our sexual and reproductive rights', 'this is a Zone where we reveal the inner nature of women's issues...'

Sunday 19th: Finalising the design of the Zone and holding the first onsite coordinating meetings with volunteers and support staff. The WNZ was divided into five areas:

- ✓ The aromatherapy corner on the far left end of the Zone - led by Anna Demetrakopoulos: this corner was very popular throughout the Conference. People, particularly women, would drop by for a quick relaxation session. Members of our team spontaneously offered other self-care services, such as reiki and massages. This corner was isolated behind a range of shelves and screens, and was also set up to be used for female condom demonstrations and counselling by SUPPORT Worldwide.
- ✓ The main stage area with full AV equipment to show PowerPoint presentations, films, etc, and provide microphone support to our presenters. Most sessions were summarised and appraised by our team of volunteers. We also asked our presenters to provide some feedback on their sessions.

- ✓ A networking area with sofas and tables where people were able to hold various meetings. In that area, we also had a desk for World Pulse, led by Leah Auma Okeyo. World Pulse is worldwide communication network connecting women around the world and calling collectively for change. Leah was a principal figure in the Zone and was there every day to answer questions and take questions. The title of World Pulse activity at the WNZ was: "Global issues through the eyes of women – unleashing women's voices in the fight against HIV and AIDS". Behind the World Pulse desk was an art installation on the wall called "Photovoice: Exploring gender and power through the lens". This exhibition was created by the Reproductive Health & HIV Research Unit of the University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa, and was a project through which young people used photography to examine their world with a gender perspective, and to explore power exerted both by women and over women.
- ✓ The audio-visual area where the following films and audio project were showcased. Participants could drop in, pick up a headset and listen to any programme they liked:
 - 'Her Decision' - a day in the life of an HIV positive woman
 - "The Young Women's Point of View" (Lifeboat)
 - "HIV and Motherhood" (Lifeboat)
 - HIV and Motherhood audio documentary (Salamander Trust)
 - 'Diamonds - Stories of Women from the Asia-Pacific Network of People Living with HIV' (UNIFEM)
 - 'Friendship across Borders' – a primary school twinning project between Sweden and Zimbabwe (Swedish)
 - 'Returning Home' - A Woman's Journey Through Drug Addiction (Russian with English subtitles);
 - 'Zindalash' - Depictions of Sex Workers in Bollywood Films
 - 'Ahora me toca a mi' / 'Now it's my turn' - Transgender Testimonies (Spanish with English Subtitles)
- ✓ The Young Women's Corner, led by World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) and coordinated by WAGGGS Advocacy Officer Bernadette Fischler, where various parallel activities and meetings in relation to young women and HIV were held.

We also ran the AIDS Legal Network (ALN) and Athena campaign on '10 reasons why criminalisation harms women' and collected daily signatures in support. ALN and Athena published the *Mujeres Adelante* newsletter daily, which was distributed in the Zone and around the Conference.

The formal opening of the Zone was coordinated by Tyler Crone (ATHENA) and Alice Welbourn (Salamander Trust). Wiltrut Stefanek from PulSHIV gave a welcome to everyone in Vienna and cut the Zone ribbon. Various partners from around the world took part in the ceremony. Short speeches were given by: Shari Margolese, local coordinator of the WNZ in Toronto, 2006; Eugenia Lopez, local coordinator of the WNZ in Mexico, 2008; Sabine Lex, local coordinator of the Zone in Vienna; and Naina Khanna (Women Organized to Respond to Life-threatening Disease - WORLD), who will be local coordinator of the Zone in Washington. All the donors were acknowledged and some of them, including Jantine Jacobi from the GCWA, who also said a few words, attended the Opening Ceremony. Unfortunately, the opening of the

Zone coincided with the opening of the General Ceremony. However, programme clashes are a constant challenge of these conferences.

The WNZ opening ceremony was followed by the introduction of the German and Austrian Networks of Women and AIDS, and a Young Women's Hour on the subject of Growing Up with HIV.

Annex 32: Email publicity flyer for the WNZ

It turned out that each day in the Zone had a dominant theme, although this was not initially intended. Also, in order to allow all the sessions to take place we had to schedule some sessions in a day that was not relevant to their theme.

Monday 20th:

The activities of the Zone were dominated by community-based work in relation to women and HIV. The highlight of Monday was the 'Town Hall session' organised by the Zone itself, the theme of which was to question the dependency placed by donors and policy-makers on the evidence base, in the context of women's rights. More details of this and other sessions can be found on the Resources page of the www.womeneurope.net site. In parallel, the opening ceremony of the Global Village was a great successful event in which the WNZ took part. Another key session of the day regarding donor accountability to women and women's rights was "We Hear the Thunder but We See No Rain." Funding for Women: Rhetoric or Reality? For a related Open Democracy blog piece by Alice Welbourn see:

<http://www.opendemocracy.net/5050/alice-welbourn/we-hear-thunder-but-we-see-no-rain>

Sessions later in the day explored on-the-ground realities, participation and voice.

Tuesday 21st:

The programme emphasised advocacy and accountability issues toward women. We also hosted two powerful sessions on harm reduction for female injecting drug use, and on gender equality in sexual relationships in Latin America. The highlight of the day was the launch of WECARe+, the first network of women living with HIV across Europe and Central Asia. The results of an important survey of 165 women living with HIV in Europe were released, revealing some figures which did not shock the women involved, but did shock others. (See www.womeneurope.net WECARe+ page,

- [http://www.womeneurope.net/resources/Issues%20faced by women living with HIV in Europe and Central Asia 16 July 2010.pdf](http://www.womeneurope.net/resources/Issues%20faced%20by%20women%20living%20with%20HIV%20in%20Europe%20and%20Central%20Asia%2016%20July%202010.pdf) for survey results;
- [http://www.salamandertrust.net/resources/Mujeres%20Adelante WECARe a rticle.pdf](http://www.salamandertrust.net/resources/Mujeres%20Adelante%20WECARe%20article.pdf) for an overview of the inception of WECARe+ at the Vienna consultation meeting Oct/Nov 2009 (article by Alice Welbourn and published in *Mujeres Adelante/ALQ*, March 2010); and,
- <http://www.womeneurope.net/resources/WECARe+launchbyLuisaOrza.pdf>, for a description of the launch event, published in *Mujeres Adelante*, Wednesday 20th July, 2010

Another key moment of the day was the participation of the WNZ in the Human Rights March: we gathered in the Zone to create placards and collect our banners. We were about 50 women from various advocacy groups, walking together to the start of the

March. More women joined us for the demonstration. Pictures of the March are temporarily available here:

<http://www.facebook.com/?tid=1203282114819&sk=messages#!/pages/The-Womens-Networking-Zone-AIDS2010-Vienna/137429116285552?v=photos>;

more photos can be viewed on:

<http://www.womeneurope.net/index.php/page/Resources/en>,

and a video clip uploaded on 'You Tube' can be viewed here:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XO93VjJwtuo>.

The Human Rights March was organised with close involvement by the WNZ, whose role was to insure that women's rights were included in the speeches and the speaker representation. We submitted an exhaustive list of key issues that we wanted to see addressed in relation to women and HIV in Europe. We were also able to provide a short list of key points that were be passed to Annie Lennox for the speech and concert she gave after the march. Two of the people we put forward to speak at the rally that followed the March were accepted: Silvia Petretti, from Positively Women (now Positively UK) gave a powerful speech while Rolake Odetoyinbo, Executive Director of Positive Action for Treatment Access in Nigeria, acted as both a speaker and a moderator of the evening. Other speakers included Michel Kazatchkine, Executive Director of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria; UNAIDS Executive Director Michel Sidibé; International AIDS Society President Julio Montaner; Austrian Health Minister Alois Stöger; and Mark Heywood, director of SECTION27 in South Africa.

Annex 33: Photo of the march

Annex 34: WNZ key messages sent to Annie Lennox

Annex 35: WNZ background information

Wednesday 22nd:

The programme was dominated by sexual and reproductive health issues such as accessing safe abortion, forced or coerced sterilisations of HIV-positive women that occur in Southern Africa, and provider-initiated testing among pregnant women. An excellent panel session on "overcoming the barriers and needs of women who inject drugs in Eastern Europe and Central Asia" organised by the European AIDS Treatment Group (EATG) took place in the afternoon.

In the evening the WNZ held a party on a boat (the Badeschiff) with the support of WFPA (Women For Positive Action). About 150 people attended this successful event – including some of our donors such as UNAIDS. Harriet Langanke (GSSG) gave a speech and also moderated the evening – 8 women were invited to say a few words on the WNZ, including Angelina Namiba of Positively UK and Dr Ulrike Sonnenberg-Schwan of the 'All Around Women Special' section of the German AIDS Society – both members of Women for Positive Action who funded the reception.

Thursday 23rd:

The dominant theme for the day was Violence Against Women. The opening session of the day looked at domestic violence in general as an indicator of gender inequality and then focused in on the prevalent issue of violence against women living with HIV as a particular concern of women's rights activists in St Petersburg, Russia. Another

session looked at school-related violence and intersections with HIV infection and responses. Two performance-based sessions took place in the afternoon: 'Read My Story' involved personal stories and poems by HIV-positive women about their experiences of injection drug use; finally 'Vagina Monologues,' organised in the WNZ for the second time running, included readings and narratives by women living with HIV and others, to explore the intersections between violence and HIV.

However, another sub-theme of the programme that came up throughout the week in the WNZ was the importance of working in partnership and networks in order for priority issues around women and HIV to be made prominent and for advocacy goals to be reached. On Thursday afternoon, we were particularly pleased to be able to 'showcase' the Twinning Project, which was an initiative created by Harriet Langanke of German Foundation GS-SG, to link up women living with HIV from around the world at the Conference so that they would feel less isolated and be able to use the experience to full effectiveness. There was also a session on developing principles of partnership between organisations working with women and with men for gender equality, which sought to explore ideas for the development a feminist framework for male engagement in actions towards gender equality.

Annex 36: statistics of the Twinning Project

Annex 37: press release about Twinning Project

Friday 24th morning:

Due to the closure of the Zone at lunchtime, there were only three sessions scheduled to take place in the morning: a training on the implementation of GIPA by the Ontario AIDS Bereavement and Resiliency Program of Ontario, and two evaluative sessions of the WNZ and Young Women's Networking Zones respectively. The latter included a session on effective messaging for young women's advocacy in the AIDS response.

The afternoon was used to dismantle the Zone and check off rented items with various suppliers. All furniture purchased for the Zone (tables, screens, bookshelves) were given afterwards to our local partner AIDS Hilfe, for further distribution to their service users.

On Friday evening, Alice and Tyler organised a dinner to thank all the staff who were involved in the organisation of the Zone.

Annex 38: Photos of the Zone

Please note: the WNZ2010 programme and many of the materials and presentations used in sessions can be found on the WECARE+ pages and the Resources pages of the Women in Europe website: www.womeneurope.net

IV - Monitoring and Evaluation

The Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group identified three areas of purpose for the M&E of the Zone: Learning, accountability and advocacy. Accountability should be to all our stakeholders, which include partners, donors, visitors, and presenters, in particular women living with HIV, young women, and women living in Europe and Central Asia, and participants of the Twinning Project. The group felt that it was as important to measure processes (the implementation of principles and philosophy of the WNZ) as outputs and outcomes. A large part of the former was conducted through constant monitoring of our work, through documentation, close on-going review and a method of work that involves careful consultation throughout, including mindfulness of the inclusion of women living with HIV, young women, women from Europe and Central Asia, broader regional diversity, and representation of other affected groups. Much of this monitoring was an integral part of the process, and did not require an additional process (other than documentation) to evaluate it.

For example, the consultation that was held in Vienna in October 2009 provided a framework of priority issues identified by and affecting women in the region. Having drafted a programme on the basis of the proposals we received, we were satisfied that the vast majority of the issues raised at the Vienna consultation had been covered (15 out of 18). However, we also noticed that there was significant under-representation of the Latin America and Caribbean region, and actively sought to fill this gap with a session, film and poster presentation addressing the issue of women's sexuality in the context of HIV and AIDS in the region. The overlapping and mutually reinforcing areas of the eight working groups ensure that the principles of the WNZ were kept alive throughout a thoroughly consultative process. This report, therefore, serves as the main output of our monitoring.

Monitoring tools:

- Consultative meeting report
- Budgets
- Minutes of working group meetings
- Process outputs (eg programme drafts, printed materials, press releases, articles, blogs, etc)
- Session summary forms (29 compiled)
- Photographs
- Anecdotal feedback on being involved in the coordination process

Evaluating networking and advocacy efforts are recognised as challenging areas of analysis, as the outcomes of these areas are long-term, subject to numerous external conditions, and influenced by a large number of factors and players. For this reason, our evaluation questions focused on the *experience* participants had of the WNZ, to try to measure the effectiveness of our activities in terms of networking and advocacy, and a more in-depth exploration of WNZ principles, again for advocacy purposes. For accountability to our stakeholders, we also attempted to gauge, through our M&E data collection, the value-added that the WNZ brings to the International AIDS Conference, to determine whether there is a perceived need for the WNZ at these events, what, more concretely, that role is, and whether we fulfil that role effectively.

Data collection for the Evaluation of the WNZ was carried out in the WNZ; quick feedback forms were left on chairs for audience participants to carry out at the end of sessions. Presenter feedback forms were handed out before or after the session by the host. Most people did not spontaneously fill in forms, even though these were quick to fill in. Hosts and other volunteers were engaged to encourage people to fill out forms. The guest book was left on the reception table for any visitors to sign or comment in. Attempts were made to keep the reception table clear of a lot of other materials so as to make it approachable and visible, but invariably materials gathered on the table and the guest book was often lost under them.

In-depth questionnaires were also available on the reception table. Few were filled in during the conference week, but these were also circulated by email to WNZ participants (Presenters, volunteers and hosts) and via the ATHENA network after the conference was over. Most of the written questionnaires were received by email. The in-depth questionnaires were also used as question guides for short interviews that took place in the WNZ and were recorded. Most of the interviews were carried out by the young women who came from Exeter University to provide translation support. Interviews were all conducted in English and were mainly between 4 and 8 minutes long.

In addition, an evaluation and messaging session was held to review and take forward the activities of the Young Women's Networking Zone, and a separate evaluation was carried out for the Twinning Project. With their emphasis on networking, and their integral relationship with the WNZ, both of these can be considered to contain findings pertinent to the WNZ.

All the data was transcribed verbatim, summarised, and used to provide in-depth, qualitative evidence in both the monitoring and the evaluation reports of the WNZ2010, and a combined Executive Summary.

Evaluation tools:

- Quick feedback visitor form (45 completed)
 - Quick feedback presenter form (11 completed)
 - In-depth feedback form / interview guide (14 written, 11 recorded interviews)
 - Guest book for comments
 - Anecdotal feedback on experience of participating in the WNZ / in activities held in or by the WNZ
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- Young Women's Evaluation session
 - Twinning project evaluation
 - Pre-conference questionnaire
 - Twinning Project session held in the WNZ
 - Post-conference questionnaire (after 1 month – all twins)
 - In-depth follow-up interviews (after 3 months – 3 Twins)

Evaluation outputs:

- ✓ Evaluation report
(<http://www.womeneurope.net/resources/WNZ2010EvaluationReportFinal.pdf>)
- ✓ WNZ Executive Summary
(<http://www.womeneurope.net/resources/WNZ2010executivesummaryfinalreport.pdf>)

Limitations of the Evaluation

The data used in the evaluation of the WNZ was collected inside the WNZ and respondents were invariably people who had chosen to spend time there. Some of these were visitors who had dropped by spontaneously and had relatively little to say, their experience of the Zone having been quite limited. (However, they were still able to answer some of the principle and value questions in more depth.) Others were people who were participating in the WNZ in the capacity of member of the coordinating team, steering committee or one of the working groups; speaker/presenter, volunteer/host, or visitor who has been a long-term friend/supporter of the WNZ. We recognise the subjectivity and positive bias in these responses. We don't believe that this invalidates them. To counter this bias, the M&E team had intended to carry out mini interviews around a similar question guide to that used in the WNZ in other parts of the global village and conference precinct, in order to gauge general awareness and perceptions of both the WNZ and the WNZ principles and values (without emphasis on the experience of the WNZ). Unfortunately, the capacity of the WNZ was too limited in terms of human resources to allow this additional piece of data collection to take place.

Annex 39: quick visitor feedback form

Annex 40: quick presenter feedback form

Annex 41: in depth feedback form / interview guide

Annex 42: session summary appraisal forms

Annex 43: guest book comments

V – Recommendations:

In general the organisation of the whole Women's Networking Zone was extraordinarily smooth and well coordinated. The following recommendations are made in the spirit of sharing in order to suggest possible reduction in additional unexpected stress points along the way.

While preparing for the Conference:

Flat packs – additional construction support needed if flat pack furniture is part of the material Zone.

Onsite, during the Conference:

It was suggested that it could be clearer who is volunteer where and when and that it might be a good idea to have a picture to know who to look for. (NB many people who had registered as volunteers were unable to carry out their commitments as unexpected demands were made on their time. It is essential to have a small team of volunteers/coordinators in the Zone each day who know the ropes, and they should be visible, have clear roles and be able to direct others.)

Have a message board in the Zone.

Have a better and more transparent system for displaying (printed) material - including information regarding language availability.

More self-care activities (massage, etc) and better promotion of it.

Word Pulse: better and clearer promotion of what it is - maybe a session on the main stage?

The audio booth was not clearly advertised and as a result was under utilised.

Better transition between the sessions to retain the audience – perhaps playing music, organising other activities and announcing clearly/regularly what follows.

WNZ programmes and leaflets should be distributed throughout the main Conference, eg in women's bathroom facilities, on pillars/walls of main walkways, in the positive people's lounge, and displayed/topped up on the relevant tables in the media and speakers' centres and at registration desks.

WNZ programmes and leaflets could also be distributed in selected cafés and restaurants in town – e.g. those close to the Conference or to the hotels where participants usually stay.

Encourage participants and presenters to publicize their own sessions and activities through their networks, not just to reply on WNZ promotion.

Be careful not to print too many materials - maybe by running a first print and printing more on demand during the conference week, if necessary.

Clear instructions on terms and conditions behind hiring furniture and equipment – eg there was a red mark on one of the white sofas we rented.

More consistent monitoring of the sessions and collection of material used.

Organise a face-to-face briefing session with potential women speakers at the Human Rights March and request for feedback.

Include design work costs in budgets. Try to finalise design work earlier on, in order to reduce last-minute pre-printing deadline stress.

Sessions were often too short to be able to include much audience discussion.

Early morning and late afternoon/evening sessions tended to be less well-attended than daytime sessions. This is partly due to timetabling clashes with other events such as plenary sessions in the morning, and the length of the day.

Un-programmed times such as 'conference update' sessions and review meetings need to be better organised; for example, these may need a dedicated host and focus to mobilize attendance.

VI - Conclusion:

This report is fairly exhaustive of all the activities, although not all the small details will have been covered. Informal feedback from many women was that the Zone was comfortable, with a classy, well-coordinated design and better organised than previous years. As organisers, we were particularly pleased with the way the team came together to create the Zone and the broad participation by many groups. With all the activities going on and the way the Zone was designed, we felt that we were able to draw attention to women's issues successfully. We felt the content was strong - many participants told us that our sessions were more interesting and informative than many of those in the Conference.

VII - Annexes

Annex 1: WNZ Proposal to the Global Village

1) Title, 50 words max

Women to Vienna and Beyond: A Women's Networking Zone at AIDS2010

2) Proposal, 300 words max (motivation, methodology, outcomes)

Motivation

Building on the Women's Networking Zones' (WNZs') from Toronto and Mexico, AIDS 2010 offers an opportunity to mobilize women regionally and globally, for innovative community-building and advocacy, meeting five objectives:

- Ensure an inclusive, diversity-rich, engendered, human rights and women's rights framework;
- Highlight emerging women's issues and women's successful response to them;
- Ensure women's active, meaningful participation, especially of positive women and women across Europe and Central Asia;
- Link positive, negative and untested women;
- Hold European bilateral donors accountable, both regarding women and HIV regionally, and for women's rights and HIV funding globally.

Issues include:

- Gender dimensions to injection drug use, harm reduction
- Involuntary sterilization
- Sexual and reproductive health and rights and orientation
- Sex worker rights
- HIV criminalization
- GIPA
- High stigma levels
- Young women
- Ageing

Methodology

- Consult globally and regionally
- Open call for peer-reviewed proposals
- Develop geographically and socially diverse program

- Present creative and interactive sessions, including debates, panels, workshops, performances
- Focus on challenges and best practices in successful responses to HIV regarding women
- Identify emerging issues
- Promote information, debate and exchange of experiences, skills and knowledge amongst various stakeholders on priority gender-based and rights-based issues
- Link with other NZs on overlapping issues

The program is based on a commitment to diversity, showcasing work spearheaded by positive women, and supporting the effective engagement of women in the IAC, including those from the local community.

Outcomes

Anticipated achievements include:

- Launch a strong network for women's rights and HIV across Europe and Central Asia
- Raise capacity and awareness around issues facing women regionally, especially around injection drug use and migration
- Raise capacity and awareness around issues facing women globally, especially around SRHR and criminalization
- Challenge, catalyze and transform our global response to gender equality, women, girls and HIV

Intended audiences, 3 max

- 1) Women and women's rights advocates participating in the formal and informal proceedings of the IAC. This includes younger women.
- 2) Local community members, particularly HIV positive women
- 3) Decision makers including: governments, policy makers, funders, leaders and community leaders

Regional focus/reach, 3 max

- 1) Our network has already begun to reach out to regional women and has convened a meeting of local and regional partners.
- 2) The WNZ has global approach, but in keeping with AIDS 2010 it will have a strong focus on women from across Europe and Central Asia with issues around stigma and discrimination, injection drug use, getting a voice, legislation, and access to treatment.

Languages

English will be the main language and will include sessions in German and Russian. The WNZ will provide whisper translation for those who need it, in particular for German and Russian speakers

Collaborators/Co-Conveners

Organizations who have been working/will work actively on the development of the WNZ to date and have expressed interest in being named as a partner will be listed in alphabetical order.

Tyler Crone of ATHENA will submit the application and be named as the key contact for tracking and coordination purposes.

ATHENA and the Salamander Trust in collaboration with:

AIDS Hilfe Wien, Austria

AIDS Legal Network, South Africa

All Around Women Special, Section of the German AIDS Society, Germany

Balance Promocion para el Desarrollo y Juventud, Mexico

Blueprint Coalition on Women, Girls, and HIV, Canada

European AIDS Treatment Group

Global Coalition on Women and AIDS

GSSG, Germany

IAVI

ICW Global

International AIDS Women Caucus

Netzwerk Frauen und Aids, Germany

PULSHIV, Austria

STOP AIDS NOW!

UNIFEM

Voices of Positive Women, Canada

WECARe+ (Women in Europe and Central Asia Region Plus)

Women ARISE

Women of Color United

World AIDS Campaign

World YWCA

Annex 2: Acceptance email from the Global Village

On Wed, Mar 31, 2010 at 7:44 AM, AIDS 2010 GV Networking Zones <gvnetworking@aids2010.org> wrote:

Global Village
XVIII International AIDS Conference
Vienna, Austria 18-23 July, 2010

Activity Notification

Dear Elizabeth Tyler Crone,

We are pleased to inform you that your Global Village application (Women to Vienna and Beyond: A Women's Networking Zone at AIDS2010; 1372) has been selected for a Networking Zone at the XVIII International AIDS Conference.

During the Programme Activities Planning Meeting it was decided that your application should be merged with another application focusing on women. A focal point will be appointed to help coordinate the zone. More details will be available once all participants have confirmed.

Should you wish to accept or decline this offer, please respond to gvnetworking@aids2010.org.

The deadline for confirming or declining your participation is Monday 12 April, 2010. If we do not hear from you by this date another activity will be selected.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you confirm your participation in the Global Village programme a follow up email regarding the placement of your activity will be sent to you by mid April.

If you have applied for a scholarship you will receive notification of your application status in the next few days. Please direct any scholarship related questions to internationalscholarship@aids2010.org

Thank you once again for your application. We look forward to your valuable contribution to the conference programme.

With best wishes,

Programme Activities Team
Conference Secretariat
E-mail: gvnetworking@aids2010.org
Web: www.aids2010.org

Annex 3: Young Women's Networking Zone proposal to the Global Village

Type: Networking Zone (60 square meters)

Title (max 50 words): Young Women's Networking Zone – voice of girls and young women

Description (max 300 words)

Motivation:

Girls and young women are most vulnerable to abuse not only, but particularly in the health sector and are often denied their basic Human Rights, including access to education and health care. However, empowered girls and young women are impressive agents of change, especially in the field of adolescent health and sexual and reproductive rights.

It is important to provide girls and young women with their own space, in addition to a NWZ for women and for youth because constituting their intersection they are not automatically included in either.

Methodology:

A certain amount of time will be reserved for sessions and the rest of the time we will offer a lounge-style meeting space which can be booked by young women for closed or open meetings, safe space encounters, media events, awareness raising activities, etc.

We will organize several series of session, including networking for young advocates, best practice bazaars to share grass-roots activities, quick intergenerational dialogues, in-depth presentations on rights based approach, sexual and reproductive rights and scientific background, introductions to advocacy, fundraising, building strategic alliances, talking to the media, etc. We will reach out to our partners and conference delegates to ensure a broad representation of speakers and facilitators.

The NWZ will be set up with multifunctional furniture and equipment to allow private and public meetings in different setups. We will include a small reference library and computers for on-line networking (example iAIDS social networking platform).

Expected Outcomes:

The Young Women's Networking Zone will provide a safe space for ALL girls and young women to share experiences, grow confidence and give each other support, learn new skills and expand their knowledge. We expect that girls and young women will profit from this experience to discover and grow their potential as responsible citizens of the world.

Annex 4: World Pulse Proposal to the Global Village

Programme Activity Type: Networking Zone

Related to youth? No

Title: GLOBAL ISSUES THROUGH THE EYES OF WOMEN-UNLEASHING WOMENS' VOICES IN THE FIGHT AGAINST HIV AND AIIDS.

Organizer(s):L. Auma Okeyo

Organization(s):World Pulse, Portland, United States

Proposal: Motivation: World Pulse www.worldpulse.com looks at global issues through the eyes of women. This online forum that has a community of over 3 000 women and men encourages women to share voices and problems in a solution oriented manner. It creates opportunities for collaboration and networking and this has had a good impact and successful outcomes. There are several forums that address HIV and issues that affect women at the grassroots and globally.

Methodology: Our booth will introduce women to the site, and those who would love to have an immediate registration will be able to do so since we will have laptops available. We will have volunteers to explain all about the forum. Jlyers, magnates and brochures will also be available in case one wants to have more grasp and contacts.

Expected Outcomes: This was successful in the Mexico conference.. The is a group of global networks on this forum that addresses AIDS and share ideas and solutions. We expect to make stronger forums and networks after this event

Intended audience: General public, People living with HIV/AIDS, Women

Region trying to reach: Not applicable

Language(s): English

Requested a scholarship?: Yes

Annex 5: Job description of the WNZ joint-coordinators

SALAMANDER TRUST and ATHENA NETWORK

WOMEN'S NETWORKING ZONE Terms of Reference for Amandine Bollinger and Luisa Orza

Amandine Bollinger of Salamander Trust and Luisa Orza of Salamander Trust Associates will work as part of a team with project directors Alice Welbourn of Salamander Trust and Tyler Crone of the ATHENA Network to coordinate the development and implementation of the Women's Networking Zone at AIDS2010 in Vienna. As "WNZ Coordinators," Amandine and Luisa will:

1. Planning Stage

- Coordinate the WNZ Working Groups
- Act as focal points to the steering group, working groups and wider network members
- Stimulate / initiate dialogue and action among the Working Groups
- Support Working Group leaders where needed (eg with organising group calls, taking minutes, other linkages)
- Consult regularly with and participate in WNZ Steering Group meetings
- Keep track of developments towards Vienna 2010 (eg through taking and sharing minutes, keeping records of flights, accommodation, and etc,)
- Develop a model of 'how to organise for a conference WNZ' that can be replicated or referred to in future WNZ efforts
- Develop and update action plans for the WNZ working groups
- Draft and edit communications regarding the WNZ as needed
- Disseminate information about the WNZ, including through updating the Women in Europe website
- Coordinate translation of website text and articles into 7 languages

Side issues

- Link / liaise with Liz Tremlett re reporting and inclusion of the pre-conference survey
- Support Harriet in carrying out and integrating the Twinning Project into WNZ activities, and with evaluation of the Twinning Project

2. Conference Week

- Act as Anchor / Focal Point within the WNZ

- Oversee and support the Head Volunteer and assist in volunteer coordination as needed
- Oversee the implementation and ensure the smooth-running of the WNZ Programme
- Welcome presenters and guests to the Zone
- Respond to media enquiries and requests
- Implement M&E and advocacy programmes
- Ensure maximum advertising of WNZ programme activities (eg through distribution of WNZ programme and other literature, and keeping daily 'menu' of WNZ activities on display)
- Create linkages with other Networking Zones

Side issues

- Contribute to or support in the soliciting of articles for Mujeres Adelante as requested

3. After the Conference

- Finalise and disseminate evaluation findings
- Follow up on specific requests arising during the conference week
- Coordinate de-brief among WNZ2010 participants
- Collate preparatory documents into usable model / guideline for future WNZ organising
- Build on WNZ experience to the benefit and strengthening of WECARE+

Side issues

- Assist Harriet with evaluation of Twinning Project
- Contribute to Positively Women Vienna issue as needed

Annex 6: Working groups

Steering Group	Logistics	Programming	Fundraising	Media/Communication	Visibility/Marketing/March	M&E	Young Women
Wezi	Sabine	Andrea	Harriet Jacqui Patterson	Harriet	Claudia Ahumada	Luisa	Bernadette F
Alice W. Wiltrut/Sabine	Amandine Luisa	Luisa Amandine	Alice W. Luisa	Wiltrut (AIDS H.) Alice W. Eva van Rahden Roli Mahajan Jacqui Patterson	Wezi Johanna (ALN) Andrea Mariño, FEIM Wiltrut (AIDS Hilfe) Alexandra Garita Tyler (Athena) Andrea Von Lieven	Harriet Amandine	Christin Seifert (GSSG) Amandine/Luisa Anca Elisabeth V Roli Mahajan Lauren (Athena) Katy (WAGGGS)
Tyler (Athena) Amandine/Luisa Bernadette F Andrea/Harriet	Wezi Bernadette F	Jennifer Bushee Eugenia Anna Zakowicz Maeve McKean Johanna Bernadette F Mabel Anca Elisabeth Leah Okeyo	Shari Bernadette F Sabine		Amandine		

Annex 7: Call for proposals

CALL FOR PROPOSALS:

Women and Young Women to Vienna and Beyond: A Women's Networking Zone at AIDS2010.

Building on a decade of women's organising at and around the International AIDS Conference, the Women's Networking Zone (WNZ) AIDS2010 will take place in the Global Village of the International AIDS Conference in Vienna from the 18th to the 23rd of July 2010. The WNZAIDS2010 builds on a consultative process from 2008 to 2010 to identify key issues affecting women and young women in relation to HIV and AIDS in the Europe and Central Asia region, including stigma and discrimination, motherhood, sex and sexuality, harm reduction and sex workers' rights. The process has been led by and inclusive of women and young women living with HIV, whose leadership the WNZ seeks to promote while encouraging linkages between positive, negative and untested women locally, regionally and globally. Our message for AIDS2010:

"WOMEN'S RIGHTS HERE, RIGHT NOW!"

To find the call for proposals click here www.womeneurope.net or email us at womentovienna@gmail.com

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Annex 8: Call for proposals & Official announcement of the WNZ

XVIII International AIDS Conference, Vienna, Austria, July 2010

*******Announcement and Call for Proposals*******

WOMEN AND YOUNG WOMEN TO VIENNA AND BEYOND

“Women’s Rights Here, Right Now!”

A Women’s Networking Zone at AIDS2010 with special emphasis on young women

We look to the upcoming International AIDS Conference in Vienna as an opportunity to mobilize women regionally and globally, for innovative community-building and advocacy, in order to:

- 1) Advance an inclusive, diversity-rich, engendered, human rights and women’s rights response to HIV and AIDS;
- 2) Highlight emerging women’s and young women’s issues and our successful responses to them;
- 3) Ensure women’s active, meaningful participation, especially of positive women, young women, and women across Europe and Central Asia in the Conference;
- 4) Link positive, negative and untested women; and,
- 5) Hold European bilateral donors accountable, both for women’s rights and HIV funding domestically and globally.

Building directly upon a decade of collaborative organizing around women and HIV at International AIDS Conferences, the WNZ is a community built forum within the International AIDS Conference that is open to the public – and a place where community members, researchers, advocates, service providers, and decision-makers can meet, share, and learn together.

We view the WNZ as an inviting and inclusive forum for bringing together, local, regional, and global perspectives, as well as for bridging the gender, human rights, HIV, and sexual and reproductive health and rights communities.

At the Women’s Networking Zone at AIDS 2010, we include a special emphasis on the needs, concerns, experiences, and issues affecting young women aged 16 - 30, including young women living with HIV. We also anticipate special sessions led by, or of particular relevance to, young women at the WNZ AIDS 2010, and will incorporate a dedicated Young Women’s resource corner to offer information from young women for young women.

WOMEN AND YOUNG WOMEN TO VIENNA AND BEYOND

During a consultation in Vienna in late October 2009, the below issues were identified as central to our work leading up to, during and beyond AIDS2010 in Vienna as particularly affecting women across Europe and Central Asia. For more information on this meeting and other preparations for, please see www.womeneurope.net. At AIDS2010, the WNZ aims to highlight these issues, and identify and build on existing partnerships, networks and advocacy efforts to address them in the region.

Regional priorities for Europe and Central Asia:

- 1) Stigma and discrimination
- 2) Motherhood, and particular the right to safe and healthy motherhood
- 3) Sex and sexuality, sexual and reproductive health and rights, including the rights of lesbian, bisexual and transgender women
- 4) Gender violence, including trafficking
- 5) A gendered approach and rights-based approach to harm reduction, with a focus on women who use drugs and/or alcohol
- 6) Legal and policy frameworks, including criminalization
- 7) Women in prisons and detention centers
- 8) Sex work and the criminalization of sex workers
- 9) Migration and asylum
- 10) Young women under 18
- 11) Issues affecting the aging population of women with HIV across the region
- 12) Decision-making, including GIPA
- 13) Lack of adequate funding for issues relating to women's rights and HIV
- 14) Health systems and services
- 15) Media attitudes towards positive women in Europe and Central Asia
- 16) Public perceptions of women and HIV
- 17) Gaps and challenges in creating a formal "evidence base" related to these issues

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WNZ2010 Partnership

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ATHENA Network
Balance Promocion para el Desarrollo y Juventud, Mexico
Blueprint Coalition on Women, Girls, and HIV, Canada
European AIDS Treatment Group
Global Coalition on Women and AIDS
GSSG, Germany
IAVI
International AIDS Women's Caucus
ICW Global
Netzwerk Frauen und Aids, Germany
PULSHIV, Austria
Salamander Trust, UK
STOP AIDS NOW!
UNDP
UNIFEM
Voices of Positive Women, Canada
WE CARE+ (Women in Europe and Central Asia Region Plus)
Women ARISE
Women of Color United, United States
World AIDS Campaign
World YWCA

Thank you all those who have supported our planning and preparation to date and/or who have already committed support for the WNZ in Vienna. **Thank you to our extraordinary donors the Global Coalition on Women and AIDS, UNIFEM, Stop AIDS Now!, United Nations Development Program (UNDP), the Ford Foundation, the European Commission, International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), Abbott, and the International Institute of Education (IIE).**

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*****Call for Proposals*****

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Programming Guidelines

The Women’s Networking Zone will offer diverse activities, and will feature a cross-section of activity types on each day – including panel discussion/presentations; networking and/or informal dialogue sessions; demonstrations; and interactive workshops.

Please NOTE that while we are the Women’s Networking Zone, this is not a ‘women’s-only’ space. We encourage people of all genders, sexes and sexual orientations and identities to spend time in, and participate at the various activities at, the WNZ, as we seek this to be an inclusive and diverse space.

Principles and Priorities

The Women’s Networking Zone will prioritize activities led by or of particular relevance to women living with HIV, and/or young women aged 16 to 30. We will also give priority to showcasing activities generated by organizations based in the Europe and Central Asia region, and focusing on the regional priorities listed above. We will give precedence to activities that are not being shown elsewhere within the Global Village and that have the most relevance to the local community visitors to the WNZ.

Women ARISE!

As part of and in partnership with the **Women ARISE** coalition (www.aidswomencaucus.org/womenarise), we seek to promote 5 key areas around women’s and young women’s health. These are:

- **Access:** to information, services, prevention, care, treatment, support
- **Rights:** sexual and reproductive health and rights, property, inheritance, non-discrimination, equality, justice
- **Investment:** budgets and funds for women and girls
- **Security:** mental, physical, psychological, financial
- **Equity:** education, empowerment, resources

Presentation Formats

Networking and Structured Dialogue Sessions

Networking sessions are intended to provide a link to other events occurring, and emerging issues arising, during the conference. Proposals for networking sessions should include informal discussion and provide networking opportunities for participants interested in one or more related topics. **Structured Dialogue Sessions** should have a theme, a facilitator and be organized in an interactive format.

Panel Discussions

Prospective moderators for **panel discussions** should submit proposals to address any of the topics outlined above. Panel discussions should be designed to stimulate lively debate between panellists and audience. Examples include “meet the leaders” sessions, controversial issues etc.

Workshops

A limited number of **interactive capacity building workshops** will be scheduled in the WNZ. Workshops must provide a concrete exchange of skills and be highly interactive. Please note that the WNZ is an open and busy space so privacy or quiet cannot be guaranteed.

Showcases and performance arts

Showcase presentations offer an opportunity to show successful program development and implementation, these might include theatre and dance, arts and crafts and other creative intervention strategies. Proposals for showcase presentations should emphasize the problem and the solution being offered, in an interactive and/or graphical format including (but not limited to) verbal presentations, slideshows, and graphical displays and/or role-playing, films or audio documentaries.

Demonstrations

We also welcome proposals for **demonstrations** and **sexuality education**, (eg female condoms, sexual pleasure, etc). Please describe your demonstration installation in as much as it relates to the overall themes and priorities of the WNZ, and include a description of the space, time, and equipment needed for the activity.

Art installations

To increase the interactive and attractive feel of the Women’s Networking Zone, we also welcome **art installations** that challenge gender norms, embrace diversity and human rights, provoke thought, and/or represent innovative and creative responses to HIV and AIDS. As with the other session types, we particularly welcome art installations from young women aged 16-30, and/or women living with HIV.T

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE ZONE.

In order to assist you in crafting an appropriate proposal, the following information should be useful:

- **Structure of the Space.** The Women's Networking Zone is an open space that is approximately 60 square meters. The zone is open to all visitors including non-conference attending public and there is a general coming-and-going of the visitors in and out of the zone at all times. The WNZ cannot provide private, 'safe' or quiet spaces for meetings.
- **Interactive discussions and workshops** are held in an attractive and comfortable space, using sound systems as the Global Village can get noisy during busy times.
- **Display and information tables** are available including a Young Women's contact and resource corner, and an information booth representing *Mujeres Adelante* – a daily newsletter produced throughout the conference week from the WNZ documenting focusing on women's rights and HIV.
- **Art installations and film / audio documentaries booth** are also available (audio-visual equipment can also be used for presentations).
- **Translation** We are hoping to be able to provide translation within the WNZ to and from English, Russian and German. We welcome submissions for sessions to be run in any of these languages.

- **The WNZ cannot offer financial support for your activity, but human resources are available.** The WNZ has no funding to help you carry out your activity, but will have volunteers available to assist you in implementing your activity. Please indicate in the proposal submission form if and how many volunteers will be needed to 'woman' your session. All activities will be publicized in the WNZ program calendar, which will be distributed throughout the Conference.

- **Hours of operation.** The Global Village is open
 - Sunday July 18th Noon – 6pm
 - Monday July 19th -Thursday July 22nd 8:30am–8pm

To submit a proposal for a session in the WNZ, please use the submissions form on the following pages. **We regret that at this time we can only accept proposals in English.**

Deadline for Submissions: 12th May 2010

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Women's Networking Zone Programming Proposal

Deadline for submissions: 12th May 2010

Lead Organization					
Partner Organizations					
Lead Contact / Facilitator					
Telephone		Fax		Email	
Session Title	Subject Area (tick all relevant areas) <input type="checkbox"/> Access <input type="checkbox"/> Rights <input type="checkbox"/> Investment <input type="checkbox"/> Security <input type="checkbox"/> Equity				
Session Length <input type="checkbox"/> 1 hour <input type="checkbox"/> 1.5 hours					
Language (please tick) <input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> German <input type="checkbox"/> Russian	Target Audience				
Session is led by women/organizations from the Europe and Central Asia region YES / NO	Date and Time Restrictions				
Session is led by or of special relevance to women living with HIV YES / NO	Session is led by or of special relevance to Young Women aged between 16 and 30. YES / NO				
Session Type (please tick) <input type="checkbox"/> Networking/Structured Dialogue Session <input type="checkbox"/> Panel Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Workshop <input type="checkbox"/> Showcase / Performance arts <input type="checkbox"/> Demonstration <input type="checkbox"/> Art Installation					

Please give a brief rationale for addressing the topic as a WNZ session

Methodology (Please include a description of how the session will be structured with emphasis on how participation will be encouraged.)

Please list the names and affiliations for any panel members or co-facilitators (please indicate if any of the facilitators is a woman under 30 years old)

Proposed Material/Technical Requirements:

Need for Volunteers to carry out activity? Y / N If yes, how many?

Has the activity already been accepted for presentation elsewhere in the Conference or Global Village (if so please state where)?

PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN COMPLETED PROPOSAL BY EMAIL TO:

wnzproposals@gmail.com

Please include 'Women's Networking Zone Proposal' in the subject line and ensure that the name of your organization is included in the attached file name.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: 12TH MAY 2010

Thank you for your interest in participation. A decision on your proposal will be made and notification sent by early June 2010.

CONTACT DETAILS

For more information on how you can get involved in the Women's Networking Zone, including volunteering to staff the zone during the conference, please visit our website <http://www.womeneurope.net> or email us at womentovienna@gmail.com.

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Annex 9: Acceptance letters: 3 types (general, young women's hour and joint sessions)

General:

Dear **NAME**

We are pleased to inform you that your proposal has been accepted for the Women's Networking Zone (WNZ) during the upcoming International AIDS Conference in Vienna at the following time:

Day / time (put length of time of session in brackets)

Lead Partner

Title of Proposal

We had a fantastic response to our call for proposals and have done our best to accommodate all the received proposals. We are looking forward to a really vibrant, innovative and exciting women and young women's program, and really hope that you will be part of it.

Please confirm your availability and participation in the WNZ2010 program by Monday 7th June, in order to be included in our printed program. We have taken into account any stated availability restrictions in planning the program, and regret that significant rescheduling is unlikely to be possible at this stage. If however, you are unavailable to deliver your session at the above time, please let us know **as soon as possible**.

Here are additional logistics for your planning purposes:

- **Attached to this email is the floor plan for the WNZ in order to give you a better sense of the space in which your session will be held.**
- AV equipment will be available for your use during the session, including projector and screen, CD Player, DVD Player, wireless microphone, basic audio system
- **We hope to be able to provide simultaneous translation into Russian and German during English language sessions, but are still seeking funding for translation costs. For sessions delivered in Russian or German, we will definitely be able to provide at least whispered translation into English**
- No materials will be provided beyond the AV equipment noted above.
- **There is no space in the WNZ for storage prior to or following your session.**

- WNZ volunteers will be available to assist with set-up for your session.
- **Please plan to arrive at the WNZ twenty minutes prior to your session.** There will be a fifteen-minute set-up time between each session. (Exceptions will be the first session of the morning. Please check in at the WNZ the evening before your session.)
- **Sessions will begin and end on schedule.**

Global Village opening times:

- Sunday July 18th 6:00 – 9.30pm
- Monday July 19th to Thursday July 22nd 8:30am–8:30pm
- Friday July 23rd 8:30 am – 12:00 noon.

Joint sessions:

Dear **NAME**

We are pleased to inform you that your proposal has been accepted for the Women's Networking Zone (WNZ) during the upcoming International AIDS Conference in Vienna.

We had a fantastic response to our call for proposals and have done our best to accommodate all the received proposals. However, due to the number of proposals we have received and several areas of duplication, we have had to join some of the proposals and kindly ask you to work with **Lead person and Name of Second Org** to present a joint session. We will be happy to work with you to help coordinate the session if needed.

Day / time (put length of time of session in brackets)

Lead Partner

Title of Proposal

With

Lead partner of second Org

Title of Proposal

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Young women's hour:

Dear NAME

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Day / time (put length of time of session in brackets)

Lead Partner

Title of Proposal

Your program will be part of the **Young Women's Networking Zone** program within the WNZ, and will take place during the daily **Young Women's Hour**. The theme of the Hour for (**day**) is (**theme**) and the Young Women's working group will contact you as soon as we have received your confirmation email to explain more about this space. Your session has been scheduled as part of an interactive discussion space which also includes the following sessions:

- ✓ X
- ✓ Y
- ✓ X

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Annex 10: WNZ Logo, by Jane Shepherd



Annex 11: Art work by Mirjam Schweigkofler



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Annex 12: List and details of all printed items

Printing

1. T-shirts (700)

Front:

- ✓ 200 Small Black – Woman
- ✓ 200 Medium Black – Woman
- ✓ 100 Large Black – Woman

- ✓ 100 Large White – House
- ✓ 100 Extra large White – House

Back:

“Women’s Rights Here Right Now!”
WNZ Logo

2. Posters: (100)

House image

Text:

Women and Young Women to Vienna and Beyond
Women’s Rights Here Right Now!
WNZ2010 18th – 23rd July, 2010

Logos across the bottom (in a line, in this order): WNZ, UNDP, UNIFEM, GCWA, Ford, Stop AIDS Now!

‘With thanks to all our other donors’

3. Programme: (5000)

Front: House image

Back: Programme timetable (map with parallel activities)

WNZ partners with Logos (in alphabetical order) – above map

Donor logos (in alphabetical order) – below map:

Abbott, EC, Ford Foundation, GCWA, IAS, IPPF, Stop AIDS Now!, UNIFEM, UNDP, WAC, Women for Positive Action

Note on translation

4. Flyer (5000)

Image - House

Description of WNZ in German and English

Location, dates, and times

Language: whispered translation German-English available

5. Banners

1) 1 x House Image (big!)

Text: Women's Rights Here, Right Now!

2) 1 x WNZ logo and Women Arise logo (big logos at each end, text in the middle in English, Spanish, Russian and German)

All Women, All Rights!

TODAS LAS MUJERES, TODOS LOS DERECHOS

Все женщины, Все Права

3) 1 x WNZ logo

Text: Women Together – Uphold Our Rights Now! (in many different languages and colours, fonts, etc, like graffiti)

4) WNZ2010 + Logo

Women and Young Women to Vienna and Beyond

ALL WNZ Partner Logos

'With Special thanks to our Donors'

ALL Donor Logos in alphabetical order:

Abbott, EC, Ford Foundation, GCWA, IAS, IPPF, Stop AIDS Now!, UNIFEM, UNDP, WAC, Women for Positive Action

6. Stickers (4000 – subject to quote)

2,000 x house

2,000 x woman

(No text)

7. Postcards (4000 subject to quote)

Front

2000 x house

2000 x Woman

Text: Women's Rights Here Right Now (under image)

Back

WNZ Logo

Donor logos: GCWA, UNIFEM, UNDP, Ford, Stop AIDS Now!

Annex 13: designed banners

House banner:



Banner for the Human Rights march:



Inclusive banner:



Banner with all the donors and partners:



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Annex 14: List of partners and donors

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United Nations Development Programme
Women for Positive Action
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For further details, see www.womeneurope.net and www.athenanetwork.org

The Young Women's Networking Zone is convened by the World Association of Girl Guides and Girls Scouts (WAGGGS) www.wagggsworld.org.

Introduction to the Women's Networking Zone

Building directly upon a decade of collaborative organizing around women and HIV at International AIDS Conferences, the Women's Networking Zone (WNZ) is a community built forum within the International AIDS Conference that is open to the public – and a place where community members, advocates, researchers, service providers, and decision-makers can meet, share, and learn together.

We view the WNZ as an inviting and inclusive forum for bringing together local, regional, and global perspectives, as well as for bridging the gender, human rights, HIV, and sexual and reproductive health and rights communities. Our experience in convening Women's Networking Zones, as well as similar initiatives at prior International AIDS Conferences, has taught us how valuable a space for dialogue, skills exchange, strategizing, and networking the WNZ can be.

We are developing the WNZ at AIDS 2010 through global and regional consultations and an open call for peer-reviewed proposals in order to develop a geographically and socially diverse program with creative and interactive sessions, including debates, panels, workshops, and performances that focus on realities, challenges and best practices in effective responses to HIV and women. We hope to identify emerging issues at the intersection of women's rights and HIV and promote information sharing, dialogue, and exchange of experiences, skills and knowledge amongst various stakeholders, focusing primarily on gender-based and human rights-based issues.

The WNZ program and approach are based on a commitment to diversity, showcasing work spearheaded by positive women, and supporting the effective engagement of women, particularly those from the local community, in the International AIDS Conference.

Through this process, we hope to launch a strong network for women's rights and HIV across Europe and Central Asia, raise capacity and awareness on issues affecting women regionally, such as injection drug use and migration, and women globally, such as sexual and reproductive health and rights and criminalization; and challenge, catalyze, and transform our global response to gender equality, women, girls, and HIV.

Collaborating entities (to date, February 2010):

- AIDS Hilfe Wien, Austria
- AIDS Legal Network, South Africa
- All Around Women Special, Section of the German AIDS Society, Germany
- ATHENA Network
- Balance Promocion para el Desarrollo y Juventud, Mexico
- Blueprint Coalition on Women, Girls, and HIV, Canada
- European AIDS Treatment Group
- Global Coalition on Women and AIDS
- GS.SG, Germany
- IAW
- International AIDS Women's Caucus
- ICW Global
- Netzwerk Frauen und Aids, Germany
- PULSHIV, Austria
- Salamander Trust, UK
- STOP AIDS NOW!
- UNDP
- UNIFEM
- Voices of Positive Women, Canada
- WECARe+ Women in Europe and Central Asia Region Plus!
- Women ARISE
- Women of Color United
- World AIDS Campaign
- World YWCA

Learn more and join us

We invite you to join our efforts and share your ideas. We will launch an open call for proposals in April 2010 and will look to your experience and expertise to shape the WNZ program. Please send emails to womentovienna@gmail.com or admin@athenanetwork.org to find out more and to keep in touch. Or join our discussion and planning listserv by sending an email to aids2010-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

Additional information about related efforts to organize a march around women and HIV at AIDS2010 can be sought by contacting womenvienna2010@aidswomencaucus.org.

Please also visit our multi-lingual website <http://www.womeneurope.net/> which will be updated regularly with the latest news.

Please note that the WNZ does not have any funds to financially support participation!

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Women to Vienna & Beyond

A Women's Networking Zone at AIDS 2010

We look to the upcoming **International AIDS Conference in Vienna** as an opportunity to mobilize women regionally and globally, for innovative community-building and advocacy, in order to:

- 1 Advance an inclusive, diversity-rich, engendered, human rights, and women's rights response to HIV and AIDS.
- 2 Highlight emerging issues on women and HIV, as well as women's successful responses to these issues.
- 3 Ensure women's active and meaningful participation, especially positive women and women from across Europe and Central Asia, in the Conference.
- 4 Link positive, negative, and untested women regionally and globally.
- 5 Hold European bilateral donors accountable, both regarding women and HIV regionally, and for women's rights and HIV funding globally.

A shared history of organizing at International AIDS Conferences

The Women's Caucus of the International AIDS Society (IASC) and the International Community of Women Living with HIV/AIDS (ICW) built the foundation for the work we will carry forward to the 2010 International AIDS Conference in Vienna. At the XIII International AIDS Conference in Durban, South Africa, in 2000, HIV-positive women leaders, advocates, and public health researchers identified the need for an independent forum where women from the local Durban community could engage with delegates attending the conference and where issues that were not part of the official conference proceedings could be raised. This need drove the creation of **Women at Durban**, a community satellite conference in which 300 South African women from Kwa-Zulu Natal and other provinces participated in workshops, panel discussions, and strategizing sessions. As a joint initiative of the IASC and ICW with local partners, **Women at Durban** was highly successful in enabling greater communication between community actors and conference participants and in generally opening up a space for information exchange, knowledge transfer, and skills-building, in addition to critical dialogue on politically challenging topics at the time, such as access to treatment.

Women at Barcelona/Mujeres Adelante was designed to build from and expand the model of **Women at Durban** – to bring the voices of those most affected by the HIV and AIDS epidemics into the spheres where critical information is exchanged, networks are established, and policy and research agendas are formulated. Many of the primary organizers from **Women at Durban** came together to work toward the XIV International AIDS Conference in Barcelona, Spain. This group, led by the IASC and ICW, fostered the creation of **Women at Barcelona** as an organizing umbrella within the conference and **Mujeres Adelante** as an independent, parallel forum for local community members. Both initiatives were undertaken in partnership with Creación Positiva, a local HIV-positive women's support organization in Barcelona.

The Thai grassroots woman leader sponsored by and participating in **Women at Barcelona**, Rung, went on to co-found the Thai Women and AIDS Task Force (TWATF) and to lead the formation of global-local partnerships under the auspices of **Women at Bangkok** in the inaugural Global Village of the XV International AIDS Conference in Bangkok, Thailand.

For the XVI International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2006) in Toronto, ATHENA worked in partnership with ICW and the Canadian groups Voices of Positive Women and the Coalition for a Blueprint for Action on Women and Girls and HIV. In an effort to continue the tradition and replicate the models of **Women at Durban**, **Mujeres Adelante/Women at Barcelona**, and **Women at Bangkok**, we convened the inaugural **Women's Networking Zone** in the Global Village. The strong community-driven program provided six days of skills-building workshops, strategy sessions, and presentations. The venue provided a space for Canadian priorities to be shared and solutions to be debated, and for community-based women leaders to bring their knowledge, questions, and success stories to the discussion.

ICW and ATHENA carried forward this model of global-local partnerships to contribute to the historic July 2007 International Women's Summit, "Women's Leadership Making a Difference on HIV and AIDS," in Nairobi, Kenya. We co-convened a **Women's Networking Zone** in the Sokoni, parallel to the Summit.

For Mexico City in 2008, Mexicanas Positivas, ICW Latina, ICW Global, ATHENA, Colectivo Sol, and Balance Promoción para el Desarrollo y Juventud partnered to form "The Alliance for Gender Justice at AIDS 2008." The Alliance successfully convened another **Women's Networking Zone** and a large women's march through the streets of Mexico City to strengthen national, regional, and global understandings and alliances around women's rights, gender, and HIV and to heighten the visibility and leadership of women living with, and affected by, HIV and AIDS, particularly in Latin America.

Moving towards Vienna 2010, AIDS Hilfe Wien, PULSHIV, GSSG, Salamander Trust, ICW, and ATHENA brought together a group of women's rights advocates from across Europe and Central Asia in Vienna in late October 2009 for a three-day consultation, hosted by AIDS Hilfe Wien, to map priorities, define a shared agenda, and establish the framework for the Women's Networking Zone at AIDS2010. This landmark meeting of 30 women activists from across the region also built the foundation for a sustained network for positive women in the region – and these positive women from across Europe and Central Asia will continue to be our key language links to reflect different issues, such as women who are asylum seekers, women who are economic migrants, and women who currently or formerly use injecting drugs.

We look forward to carrying on this tradition and building upon the momentum of the past decade to continue to encourage collaboration amongst the global community of advocates for women's rights and gender equality in the response to HIV and AIDS.

Selected priorities for AIDS 2010 and beyond

During a three day consultation in Vienna in late October 2009, the following thematic/substantive issues were identified as central to our work leading up to, during and beyond AIDS2010 in Vienna as particularly affecting women across Europe and Central Asia:

- **Stigma and discrimination**
- **Motherhood, and particularly the right to safe and healthy motherhood**
- **Sex and sexuality, sexual and reproductive health and rights, including the rights of lesbian, bisexual and transgender women**
- **Gender violence, including trafficking**
- **A gendered and rights-based approach to harm reduction, with a focus on women who use drugs and/or alcohol**
- **Legal and policy frameworks, including criminalization**
- **Women in prisons and detention centers**
- **Sex work and the criminalization of sex workers**
- **Migration and asylum**
- **Young women under the age of 18 years**
- **Issues affecting the aging population of women with HIV across the region**
- **Decision-making, including GIPA**
- **Lack of adequate funding for issues relating to women's rights and HIV**
- **Health systems and services**
- **Media attitudes towards positive women in Europe and Central Asia**
- **Public perceptions of women and HIV**
- **Gaps and challenges in creating a formal "evidence base" related to these issues**

Globally, women from across the AIDS response, identified key areas of work for highlighting women at the next International AIDS Conference. We hope that these will be taken into account in future planning processes, from Vienna and beyond. Women.... **ARISE!**

Access to information, services, prevention, care, treatment, support **Rights** sexual and reproductive health and rights, property, inheritance, non-discrimination, equality, justice **Investment** budgets and funds for women and girls **Security** mental, physical, psychological, financial **Equity** education, empowerment, resources



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PROGRAM

//WNZ 2010
PARTNERSHIP



9:00 – 10:15
A Garden Full of Life: Poetry, stories and performance narratives from women around the world

9:00 – 10:15
Preparation for the march parallel

10:30 – 12:15
Beyond the Evidence Base: Rights and Justice for Women – will the Vienna AIDS Conference make a difference?

12:30 – 13:45
'We Hear the Thunder but We See No Rain': Funding for Women: Rhetoric or Reality?

14:00 – 15:15
Women's Power on the Panel: a Regional Approach to Universal Access and Human Rights

15:30 – 16:30
All women, one agenda? Exploring diversities to create a unified women's movement in the response to AIDS - A grassroots-feminist dialogue session

17:00 – 18:00
'Before we were sleeping but now we are awake' – how Stepping Stones makes a difference to young women's lives

17:00 – 18:00
Contraception drop - in parallel

18:15 – 19:15
Diamonds - Stories of Women from the Asia-Pacific Network of People Living with HIV

18:00 – 19:30
Education to fit lifestyles: what works for young women? parallel

19:30 – 20:30
Young Women's Hour - safer sex

19:45 – 20:30
Conference-up round meeting parallel

20:00 – 21:30
Young Women's Hour

8:30 – 9:30
Gender, Sexualities and HIV-AIDS in Latin America

8:30 – 9:30
Young Women's Hour parallel

9:30 – 10:45
HIV and Injection Drug Use: Making Harm Reduction Work for Women

11:00 – 12:00
Discrimination and Criminalisation – a multidisciplinary view

12:15 – 13:30
Blueprint for Action on Women and Girls and HIV/AIDS: tools for assessment, accountability and advocacy

13:45 – 15:00
WECAre+ launch Women Living with HIV in Europe and Central Asia – launching a new network

15:15 – 16:45
Media involvement for women living with HIV

17:15 – 18:30
Get ahead of the game: Your future HIV prevention choices

17:00 – 18:00
Contraception drop-in parallel

18:30
Gathering for March and Rally

MARCH

8:30 – 9:30
Respect Yourself Exploring Activities that Inform and Inspire Girls and Young Women to Respect Themselves

9:30 – 11:00
Sharing Lessons: HIV positive women's networks as a civil society organizing, advocacy and mobilizing tool.

11:15 – 12:45
My Body, My Womb, My Rights: a forced sterilizations of HIV-Positive women

13:00 – 14:15
Provider Initiated HIV Testing in Pregnancy: are her Rights Respected?

14:30 – 15:30
Planning action around the neglected sexual and reproductive rights of women living with HIV

15:45 – 17:00
Gender Sensitive Approaches: Overcoming Barriers and Answering the Needs of Women who Inject Drugs in Eastern Europe and Central Asia

17:15 – 18:15
Outlawing Women-Effects of Laws Criminalizing Women's Sexuality

17:00 – 18:00
Contraception drop-in parallel

18:30 – 19:30
Securing Rights for Women Living with HIV: successes and challenges

19:30 – 20:30
Young Women's Hour - violence against women

19:45 – 20:30
Conference-up round meeting parallel

8:30 – 9:30
Combating Discrimination and Violence against HIV Positive Women

9:45 – 10:45
Young Women's Perspectives: Abortion and Sexual Orientation in the African Context

11:00 – 12:00
Linking HIV and reproductive health: messaging on sensitive issues for young women's campaigns

12:15 – 13:30
Implications of Medical Male Circumcision for HIV Prevention

13:45 – 14:45
Developing principles of partnership and accountability between organisations working with women and with men for gender equality

14:45 – 16:00
Safe Schools: the Cross-Cutting Challenge of School-related Violence

15:00 – 18:00
Read my Story – Women IDUs

16:00 – 17:15
Twinning Project: From the East and from the West: Women to Vienna parallel

17:00 – 18:00
Contraception drop-in parallel

18:00 – 19:30
Vagina monologue: Women speaking out to address the intersection of violence and HIV

19:45 – 20:30
Young Women's Hour

19:45 – 20:30
Conference-up round meeting parallel

8:30 – 9:45
Young Women's Hour Evaluation: 'Making my Voice Heard' parallel

9:45 – 10:45
Models of Capacity Building Innovations in the Community of People Living with HIV and AIDS

11:00 – 12:15
Women to Washington: reflection and evaluation of WNZ2010 and moving toward Washington 2012

Installations
PhotoVoice: Exploring Gender and Power through the Lens

Poster presentation:
Challenges to achieve universal access to reproductive health in women with HIV in 8 countries of the Latin America.

Films/Audio:
// Her Decision – a day in the life of an HIV positive woman
// Lifeboat – The Young Women's Point of View
// Lifeboat – HIV and Motherhood
// HIV and Motherhood audio documentary
// Diamonds - Stories of Women from the Asia-Pacific Network of People Living with HIV
// Friendship across Borders - primary school twinning project between Sweden and Zimbabwe (Swedish)
// Returning Home - A Woman's Journey Through Drug Addiction (Russian with English subtitles)
// Zindalash - Depictions of Sex Workers in Bollywood Films
// Ahora me toca a mí/Now it's my turn - Transgender Testimonies (Spanish with English Subtitles)

Demos/Drops - in:
// Prevention Now! Learn how to use and negotiate FCJ female condom for HIV prevention, AV Booth daily, 17:00 – 20:30
// Love, Lies and Contraception – daily contraception drop-in, Young Women's Corner, 17:00 – 18:00

Other:
Self Care: relaxation sessions with aromatherapy, AV Booth, daily 16:00 – 17:00

World Pulse Desk:
Global Issues through the Eyes of Women – Unleash – Inspire Women's Voices in the Fight against HIV and AIDS

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Sophia Forum, UK
SOPHE
STOP AIDS NOW!
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*colour legend: // Young Women //German language // Russian language // German and Russian translation will be available.

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Women and Young Women to Vienna and Beyond

// Wir sehen AIDS 2010 als Gelegenheit, Frauen und junge Frauen zu mobilisieren und möchten zur innovativen Förderung der Gemeinschaft und Fürsprache beitragen, um folgende Ziele zu erreichen:

- Förderung einer einschließenden, diversen, produktiven, menschen- und frauenrechtsbezogenen Stellungnahme zu HIV und AIDS
- Hervorheben von für Frauen relevanten Themen und ihren erfolgreichen Reaktionen darauf
- Sicherstellung der aktiven und bedeutsamen Teilnahme von Frauen an der Konferenz; insbesondere jener von HIV-positiven Frauen in Europa und Zentralasien
- Einbindung von HIV-positiven, HIV-negativen und ungetesteten Frauen
- Europäische bilaterale Geber reichenschaftspflichtig halten, einerseits bezüglich Frauen in der Region und andererseits für Frauenrechte und Finanzierung auf globaler Ebene

Die Women's Networking Zone baut auf einer Dekade der Zusammenarbeit von Frauen weltweit auf und die WNZ 2010 ist das Ergebnis eines zweijährigen beratenden Prozesses, um die wichtigsten Themen für Frauen global mit speziellem Fokus auf die Region Europa und Zentralasien zu identifizieren.

Wir sehen die Women's Networking Zone als ein Forum, das dazu einlädt, lokale, regionale und globale Perspektiven zu schwierigen und kontroversen Themen wie Kriminalisierung, Rechte von Sexarbeiterinnen und intravenösen Drogengebraucherinnen, sichere, legale Abtreibung, sexuelle Lust, Zwangssterilisation und das Recht auf gesunde Mutterschaft für HIV-positive Frauen zu adressieren.

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- Advance an inclusive, diversity-rich, engendered, human rights and women's rights response to HIV;
- Highlight emerging women's and young women's issues and our successful responses to them;
- Ensure women's active, meaningful participation and leadership, especially of positive women, young women, and women across Europe and Central Asia in the Conference;
- Link positive, negative, and untested women; and
- Hold European bilateral donors accountable, both for women's rights and HIV funding domestically and globally.

Building on a decade of women's organizing at and around the International AIDS Conference, the Women's Networking Zone (WNZ) evolves from a two-year consultative process to identify key issues affecting women and young women in relation to HIV globally and with particular attention to Europe and Central Asia.

The WNZ is an inviting forum for bringing together local, regional, and global perspectives, able to address challenging and controversial topics such as criminalization, sex workers' rights, injection drug users' rights, safe, legal abortion, sexual pleasure, coerced sterilization, and the right to healthy motherhood for HIV positive women.





Join us to celebrate 10 years of parallel women's fora!

Wednesday, 21 July 2010
7pm until 11pm

Appetizers and wine will be served.



WOMEN FOR POSITIVE ACTION

Thank you to Women for Positive Action for their generosity and sponsorship.

Badeschiff Wien
Obere Donaustrasse 97-99
1020

The Badeschiff Wien is in the Second District between Schwedenplatz and Urania. The location is a 36 minute walk from the Conference venue or less than 10 minutes by public transportation. Take the U-Bahn to Schwedenplatz and walk from there across the Donaukanal (Danube Canal). Schwedenplatz is on the Metro line 1, which can be taken from Praterstern (a short walk from the Conference centre). Otherwise, take the Metro line 2 from Messe Prater and change at Praterstern onto line 1. From Praterstern, it is two stops to Schwedenplatz.

Annex 19: Costings for furniture and audio-visual equipment

Technical equipment	6 days	Total	
sound system for 100 persons (mixing desk, equalizer, amplifier, 2 boxes, 2 microphones), 60" Plasma TV (with floor stand, 2m, 152cm diagonal), headphones for translators		2976	
Optionally:			
sound system for 100 persons (mixing desk, equalizer, amplifier, 2 boxes, 2 microphones), 60" Plasma TV (with floor stand, 2m; 126cm diagonal), headphones for translators		2276	
Laptop		200	
Furnishing	Pieces	Price per piece	Total
Rented furniture			
Sofas	4	55	220
Cube sofas	4	29	116
Chairs	15	3.5	52.5
Bar table	1	16	16
Bar chairs	4	4.5	18
Total for 6 days (2.8 days)			1183
Total with discount (20 percent)			946.40
delivery and pickup			118
			1064.4
Bought furniture			
Low Sofa table small	5	7.99	39.95
Low Sofa table big	3	19.99	59.97
Bookshelves Expedit white big	2	129	258
Bookshelves Expedit white small	3	59.9	179.7
Stuffing boxes for Expedit bookshelf	20	9.99	199.8
Console/Desk for staff	1	0	0
Cushions	25	1.99	49.75
Plaids	12	15	180
Dividing Screen	2	79.99	159.98
Desk	1	0	0
Mattresses	5	19.95	99.75
delivery and pickup	2	78	156
			1382.9
Office supplies, power distributors	estimated		100
Total			

Annex 20: Furniture design (all in white)

Preisliste 01:
Produkte von ikea



Klubo
2er Sofa

Preis: 89,90 €

Farbe: weiss mit pinker Decke

Produktmaße
Breite: 146 cm
Tiefe: 78 cm
Höhe: 72 cm
Sitzbreite: 118 cm
Sitztiefe: 55 cm
Sitzhöhe: 41 cm



Arbeitstisch

Preise: ausleihen

Farben: Standardausführung in weiss

Produktmaße:
Höhe: 110 cm
Breite: 46 cm
Länge: 154 cm



Expedit Regal

Preis: 59,90 €

Farbe: schwarz/weiss

Produktmaße:
Breite: 79 cm
Tiefe: 39 cm
Höhe: 149 cm
max. Belastung/Regalboden: 13 kg

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Preisliste 02:
Produkte von ikea



Risör
Raumteiler

Preis: 79,99 €

Farbe: schwarz, weiss

Produktmaße:
Breite: 216 cm
Höhe: 185 cm



Granat Kissen

Preis: 1,99 €

Farbe: schwarz, orange

Produktmaße:
Länge: 50 cm
Breite: 50 cm
Füllgewicht: 350 g
Gesamtgewicht: 430 g



Lack Couchtisch

Preis: 19,95 €

Farbe: schwarz/weiss

Produktmaße:
Länge: 90 cm
Breite: 55 cm
Höhe: 45 cm

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Annex 21: Floor plan as provided by the Global Village



NETWORKING ZONES

- 820 Accessibility, Inclusion, Disability and Sexuality
813 Asia and the Pacific: Making Connections. Feminist and Youth Voices
804 Be Heard! A Space for MSM to Network and Connect
805 Caribbean Liming Zone
801 Children Affected by AIDS – Raising Awareness, Finding Solutions
815 Community Caregiver Action Network: Advocacy, Learning, Healing
818 Community-Café
822 Francophone: Community Involvement at Every Level. From Action to Research
806 Global Network of Sex Work Projects: Only Rights Can Stop the Wrongs
908 Human Rights and HIV/AIDS: Now More than Ever
812 Latin America: Global Networks of Communication and Diversity
807 LGBT Networking Zone
823 Middle East and North Africa: United to Focus and Act Against HIV+ Phobia
819 Multi-Faith Networking Zone
808 Partnerships for Workplace Action
814 Positive Community in Action!
821 Push for Access! Médecins Sans Frontières/Ärzte ohne Grenzen
803 Sub-Saharan Region: Engaging Youth through Mobilization and Life Skills Based Education
817 Tea Zone
810 The CONDOMIZE Zone
908 THE DRUGS ZONE: Human Rights, Harm Reduction and Drug Law Reform
809 The Power of Practice: Meet, Share, Learn, Interact and Get Inspired!

- 802 Under the Baobab Tree-African and Caribbean Black Diaspora
824 USA and Canada: Claiming Our Space. Marginalized Populations Coming Together
811 WNZ2010: Women and Young Women to Vienna and Beyond
800 Youth Generation... Act Now!

NGO BOOTHS

- 663 Act Up-Paris
671 ACTION (Advocacy to Control TB Internationally)
676 Aeras Global TB Vaccine Foundation
655 AID for AIDS International
665 AIDS Action Europe
684 AIDS Care Trust of Namibia
690 AIDS Community Research Initiative of America (ACRIA)
616 AIDS Foundation East West
675 Aidsfocus.ch / Medicus Mundi Switzerland
645 AIDSPortal – United Kingdom Consortium on AIDS and International Development
642 All-Ukrainian Network of PLWH
687 American Bar Association AIDS Coordinating Committee
673 Arcigay - Associazione Lesbica e Gay Italiana
626 Argentinean Network of Women Living with HIV/AIDS
607 Armenian Red Cross Society
649 Asia Catalyst
650 Asia Pacific Network of Sex Workers Multi-Media Art Booth
669 Association Bethesaida
691 Association de Lutte Contre le Sida (ALCS)
637 AVAC: Global Advocacy for HIV Prevention
620 BBC World Service Trust

635	The Bengal Network For People Living With HIV/AIDS (BNP+)	638	Institute of Studies in Health, Sexuality and Human Development
603	Buddu Social Development Association (BUSODA)	647	Interagency Coalition on AIDS and Development
674	Canadian AIDS Treatment Information Exchange (CATIE)	618	International Centre for Science in Drug Policy
627	Center for Health and Gender Equity	653	International Committee on the Rights of Sex Workers in Europe (ICRSE)
652	China HIV/AIDS Information Network	610	International Federation of Medical Students' Associations
600	China Youth Network	634	International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
662	Chinese Association for STD/AIDS Prevention & Control	639	International HIV/AIDS Alliance
651	Connect Plus e.V.	617	JES Network
648	Correlation Network	672	Labrys
654	Danaya So	656	LEFOE Information, Education and Support for Migrant Women
609	Dance4life International Foundation	613	LetsStopAIDS
668	Department of Development at the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate	689	Médecins Sans Frontières/Ärzte ohne Grenzen
640	Deutsche AIDS-Hilfe e.V. (DAH)	606	MTV Networks International
623	DIH - Association for Integration of Homosexuality	658	National AIDS Housing Coalition
628	Doctors to Children	666	Netzwerk Plus
679	European HIV Nursing Network (EHNN)	685	Olive Leaf Foundation
682	FANNY Mujeres Transgenero de Ciudad Juarez	643	Oxfam Australia
686	Fight AIDS Monaco	644	PAMOJA - Together - Association for International Cooperation
624	Fundacion para Estudio e Investigacion de la Mujer (FEIM)	681	People Like Us (PLUS)
636	Good Samaritan Women's Project	611	Pfadfinder und Pfadfinderinnen Österreichs
605	Good Samaritan Women's Project	667	Positive Living Association
664	Harmony Home Association	621	Positive Wave Foundation
632	Health Through Walls	615	RAVANE+
670	Helping Hands for Women and Youth Support	608	SAVE Foundation
641	HIV-Nordic	622	Scientific Association of Medical Students of Armenia (SAMSA)
661	Housing Works	680	Society for People's Awareness, Care & Empowerment (SPACE)
646	Human Development Foundation - Mercy Centre	677	Stop AIDS Campaign
688	Indian Network for People Living with HIV/AIDS (INP+)		

- 659 SWOP USA
- 660 TAMPEP International Foundation
- 678 The AIDS Support Organisation (TASO)
- 612 UNFPA Youth Advisory Panel
- 692 UNICEF Pakistan
- 619 Vancouver Area Network of Drug Users (VANDU)
- 625 Women and AIDS Support Network
- 633 Wood Buffalo HIV & AIDS Society
- 683 World Vision International
- 614 Youth of JAZAS
- 604 Youth, the Arts, HIV and AIDS Network (YAHAnet)

MARKETPLACE BOOTHS

- 709 Aids and Children/ Swiss Youth Group
- 728 Ark Foundation for Bright African Future (AFABAF)
- 702 Ashar Alo Society
- 704 Association for Promotion of Youth (APY)
- 715 Bapuji Center for AIDS Research and Education, (B'Care)
- 705 BeadforLife
- 713 Center for Commuity Development Initiative
- 724 Dream Out Loud
- 708 Ecumenical Day Care and Support Women Project
- 717 Global Network of Sex Work Projects
- 714 Healthlink Worldwide
- 727 Ineza Cooperative
- 707 Informational-Educational Center Za Ravnje Prava
- 706 Kabataang Gabay sa Positibong Pamumuhay
- 729 Kwazinto Crafts
- 700 Kyetume Community Based Health Care Programme
- 720 Light of Africa NRW e.V.
- 719 Mpilonhle Project
- 721 Msamaria Community Health Youth Group (IPEFAM)
- 710 MTAAG PLUS BHD
- 723 Neumbe Afrocraft

- 718 Nharo!
- 716 Nigerian AIDS Group
- 726 SAVE Foundation
- 712 Solidaritu PLHIV
- 703 Support for International Change
- 711 SWAN Booth, TASZ/HCLU
- 725 Thai National AIDS Foundation
- 701 Thai Positive Women Network
- 722 Yabonga - Children & HIV Aids in South Africa

CULTURAL EXHIBITIONS

- 967 1960s Pop Art Re-Invigorates 2009 Condom Reinforcement Campaign
- 968 1st International HIV/Aids Cartoon Exhibition
- 974 Austrian Red Ribbon Award 2010: Youth Against Discrimination
- 973 BOCHINCHE - Using Arts and Cultural Activism to Confront Violence Against Women and Transgender Sex Workers
- 960 Body Maps - Our Positive Bodies: An Exhibition of Life-Size Self Portraits of People Living with HIV and AIDS.
- 962 Exhibition-Installation of T-shirts and Posters Made by PLHIV "City Where People Live"
- 965 Globally Aware Arts "Right Here Right Now" - HIV, Harm Reduction, Human Rights and Community Insights
- 971 Images of Our Young HIV-Positive Clients Speak About the Pain and Joy of Hidden Fears and Hopes, About their True Love for Life...
- 964 International AIDS Memorial Quilt Exhibition and Factory
- 970 Looking at AIDS 2010 – POSITIVE
- 963 ME By ME: A Photography Project by and for Young Transgender Sex Workers from India

- 975 Photo Exhibition: Young People Exploring HIV and Sexual & Reproductive Rights Links Through a Lens
- 966 Rent-a-PWHA
- 972 The Vienna Express 2010: Towards Universal Access
- 961 Who Killed Veneranda? - The Impact of Corruption on the Quality of Antiretroviral Treatment
- 969 Youth as Agents for Change - Direct Voices Exhibition
- 602 Youth as Agents for Change - Direct Voices Truck

PARTNERS

- 904 AIDS-Hilfen Österreichs
- 905 Global Network of People Living with HIV (GNP+)
- 906 International Community of Women Living with HIV/AIDS (ICW)
- 901 International Council of AIDS Service Organizations (ICASO)
- 903 UNODC
- 902 World YWCA

SPONSORS & SUPPORTERS

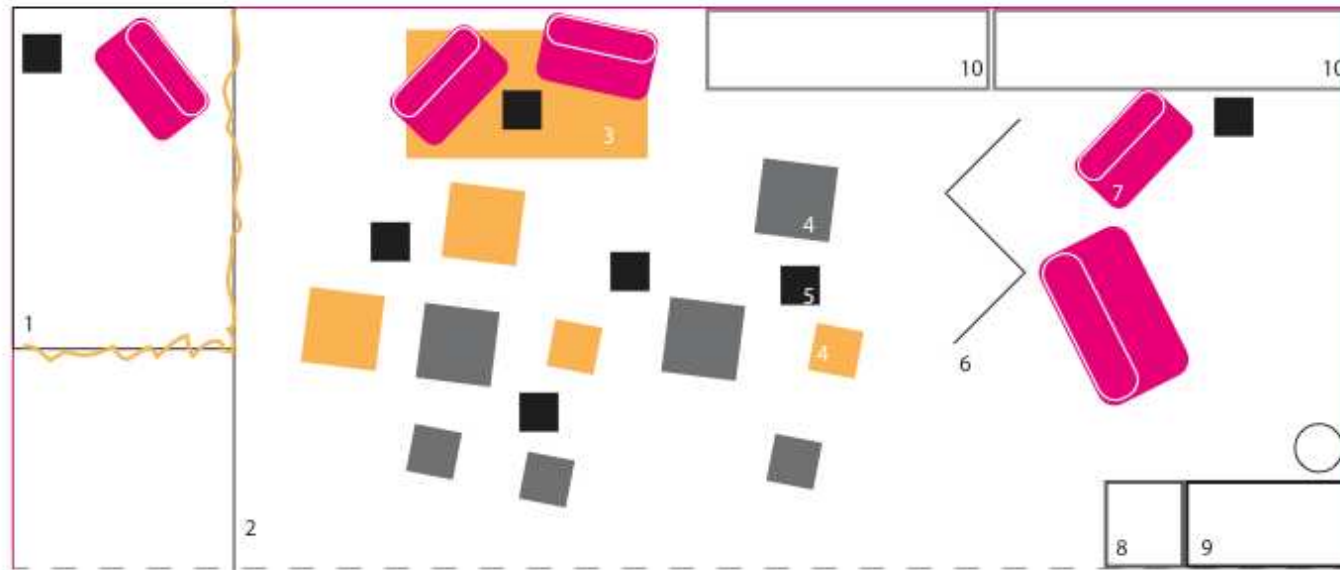
- 909 City of Vienna
- 900 Positive Action

MULTIMEDIA INSTALLATION

- 907 Global Fund - Access to Life and Born HIV Free - Photography and Multimedia

Annex 22: Floor plan designed by Mirjam Schweigkofler

Messestand:
Draufsicht



1 translation booth (2x3m) divided through a curtain

2 end-to-end curtain-rail to put on additional posters

3 stage (1x2m) marked with a carpet, sofas and chairs and table.

4 & 5 cushions and low tables

6 young women place separated by a partition screen

7 moveable sofa with pink plaid

8 possibility to distribute information material

9 working space with console and chair

10 bookshelf as storage for diverse materials

Mirjam a. Schweigkofler_grafic design_mirjam.schweigkofler@rolmail.net

Annex 23: WNZ Insurance letter



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Exhibitors Liability Insurance Contract
 XVIII International AIDS Conference 2010 in Vienna
 Valid from date of signature to 23 July 2010

Organization Name: AIDS HILFE WIEN

Contact Person: SABINE LEX

Street: MARIATHILFER GÜRTEL 4

Postal Code / City: 1060 WIEN

Country: AUSTRIA

Mail Contact: lex@aidswien.at

Hall: A Booth Number: 811

Size in m²: 144

Single premium:

Up to 10m ²	EUR 50	up to 25m ²	EUR 100
Over 25m ²	(number of m ² - 25) * 4 + 100 € ...596...		

Date: 12.07.10

AIDS HILFE WIEN
 MARIATHILFER GÜRTEL
 TEL: 595 37 11
 FAX: 595 37 11-17

Contact Person/Signature: *Sabine Lex*

Completion of an insurance contract is compulsory for Hall B. Application and payment must be made by cash or credit card to the IAS through ISET before access will be granted to the exhibition space. Terms and conditions apply. See attached page

**Exhibitor Liability Insurance Terms & Conditions
XVIII International AIDS Conference 2010 in Vienna
Valid from date of signature to 23 July 2010**

Insured risk:

Legal liability for damages because of building up, use and dismantling of the booth of the insured exhibitors

Included in the insurance is an amount insured up to EUR 20.000,- per booth legal liability for damages caused on the inventory made available and building components to the insured. Damages caused by erosion or abrasion is excluded from the insurance cover by all means.

Per claim a fixed cost sharing of EUR 300,- is considered agreed.

Insurance cover only exists if the damage isn't covered by another casualty insurance (subsidiary cover)

Agreement basics:

General and additional conditions for the casualty insurance

Insurance sum:

EUR 1,000,000,- per claim and maximum of EUR 3,000,000,- for the entire conference.

Insurance cover:

Subject-matter insured are the personal legal liability for damages of the insured risk of the insured.

Insurance cover only exists if the damage isn't covered by another casualty insurance (subsidiary cover)

In case of a claim the insurer assumes

- the settlement of a claim because of legal liability for damages in case of damage to persons, damage to property or financial damage connected to insured damage to persons or property

and

- the cost of the ascertainment and the defence of legal liability for damages affirmed by another party in the dimension of the agreed insurance cover.

Annex 24: Translation quotes

On 26/04/2010 11:12, "Mag. (FH) Sabine Lex" <lex@aids.at> wrote:
dear all,

i just talked to Ursula Lehner-Mayrhofer. She made an offer for translation in English, German and Russian at the WNZ. She said it would be €500 per day per person and suggested 4 persons per day. So it would be €8000 for 4 days.

I asked her if it would be okay for her - since we have to save money - to work also with students and in principle she is ok with that. so i would contact the university of vienna.

regarding funding i would suggest to send a letter to different political institutions/parties for translations costs (at least into german - and maybe there is enough for russian). i will talk to magdalena and maria about this today.

best wishes,
sabine

Mag.a (FH) Sabine Lex

On 20/04/2010 20:52, "Mag.a (FH) Sabine Lex" <lex@aids.at> wrote:

dear all,

i asked marlene about the fees for translation and interpreters.

translation: approximately ?1.50-1.85 per row (55 per character including spare characters)
for services like lectorate ?80 to ?90 per hour

interpreters:

1 hour: ?210 to ?250

half day: ?420 to ?450

daily: ?550 to ?680

i would really consider universities since student might be able to do it for free or for a lower fee.

best wishes,
sabine

Annex 25: Call for hosts

Dear Friends

We are looking for women from the WNZ coordination team and partners to act as hosts or co-hosts in the WNZ during the week of the conference. The role will be to:

- act as a focal point for general enquiries in relation to the zone including the history of the WNZ and the partnership
- respond to media enquiries or direct them to our media people
- give information on issue-based or thematic questions around women and HIV - particularly on key themes and messages
- meet and greet presenters
- thank presenters and give them a t-shirt
- introduce sessions
- make announcements about other key or related events happening that day
- promote the WNZ as an entity and the WNZ partnership
- encourage / facilitate linking and networking where possible
- emphasise the consultative and participatory basis of the WNZ in general and the leadership of women living with HIV in particular.
- take ownership of the zone (all suggestions welcome!)
- for positive women hosts, to act as a focal point to other positive women

(NB there will other volunteers available to manage logistical tasks - you will not need to worry about these)

We would like to invite all the women involved in the WNZ2010 to take on this role when you are able to, and we would especially like to feel that there is a strong presence and sense of ownership in the Zone of women living with HIV.

If you feel able to commit to (co-)hosting the WNZ at any time during the conference week, please indicate when on the form below (also attached). We will try to schedule 2 hosts at all times, but if not possible, Amandine or Luisa should be available at all times for back-up.

Many thanks
Alice Welbourn

Annex 26: Call for volunteers

Dear Friends

We need your help as volunteers in the Women's Networking Zone at AIDS2010 for:

Setting up the Zone: to help set up the zone, move furniture, decorate, create a welcoming environment...

Friday 16th July: 12:00 – 17:00 / 17:00 – 22:00

Saturday 17th July: 08:00 – 14:00 / 14:00 – 20:00

Supporting the Zone: to welcome visitors, help set up sessions, keep the zone looking tidy and friendly, distribute newsletters and information about sessions, answer enquiries...

Sunday 18th July: 18.00 – 21.30

Monday, 19th July: 08:00 – 12:00 / 12:00 – 16:00 / 16:00 – 20:30

Tuesday, 20th July: 08:00 – 12:00 / 12:00 – 16:00 / 16:00 – 20:30

Wednesday 21st July: 08:00 – 12:00 / 12:00 – 16:00 / 16:00 – 20:30

Thursday, 22nd July: 08:00 – 12:00 / 12:00 – 16:00 / 16:00 – 20:30

Friday, 23rd July: 08.00 – 12.30

Dismantling the zone

Friday 23rd July: 14:00 – 19:00 / 19:00 – 24:00

We know that the conference is nearly upon us, and that schedules are rapidly filling up. If you have a few hours to spare at any of the days/times indicated above, please let us know. The WNZ relies on the voluntary work of many women and can't happen without you!

We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you in Vienna!

Best wishes

Luisa and Amandine

Please reply to both:

Luisa Orza (luisa.orza@gmail.com) & Amandine Bollinger

(amandine@salamandertrust.net)

Joint Coordinators of WNZ2010



Annex 27: Timetable of hosts and volunteers

Volunteers:

Hours	Sun 18th	Mon 19th	Tues 20th	Wed 21st	Thu 22nd	Fri 23rd
08:00 - 12:00		Denise (8:00 - 9:00)	Denise (8:00 - 9:00)	Denise (8:00 - 9:00)	Denise (8:00 - 9:00)	Denise (8:00 - 9:00)
		Alina Hartter	Alina Harrter	Alina Harrter	young woman	Linda
		Beate Lex	EUGENIA (whispering) - 8:30-9:30	Waltraud / Linda	Waltraud	Waltraud
		Waltraud / Linda	Waltraud / Linda		Linda	
12:00 - 16:00		Marlene	Marlene	Marlene		
		Ratri	Marama Pala (13:00 - 16:30)	Jacque Gahagan	Jacque Gahagan	
		Maria (12:00 - 18:00)	Maria (12:00 - 18:00)	Maria (12:00 - 18:00)	Maria (12:00 - 18:00)	
			Annie Kaseketi (12:00 - 16:00)			
		Joan Wuya Okolo	Joan Wuya Okolo			
16:00 - 20:30		Belinda Ndubuisi	Eugenia (15:00 - 18:30)	Belinda Ndubuisi		
		Alina Hartter	Belinda Ndubuisi	Alina Hartter		
	16.30 - 17.00 Volunteer orientation in the WNZ - LO	young woman	Alina Hartter	Saira Mohammed	young woman	
17.00 - 21.30	Young Women (17:00 - 19:30) - programme, guide and Mujeres distribution					
	Luisa, Amandine, Jacqui, Fiona Hale - Zone					
	Beate Lex					
	Patricia Curzi					
	Lauren Suchman					

Hosts:

Hours	Sun 18th	Mon 19th	Tues 20th	Wed 21st	Thu 22nd	Fri 23rd
08:00 – 12:00		Andrea (8.30- 10.30) and Amina 8.00 - 12.00	Joan Chamungu	Bernadette / katy	Jennifer / Harriet	Shari (10.00 - 12.00)
12:00 – 16:00		Fiona Hale	Liz Tremlett (14.00 - 16.00 but also taking part in WECARe+ launch session) / Azizah Ahmed	Lauren (12.00 - 3.00) / Angie PW (2.30 - 4.00)	Tendayi	
16:00 – 20:30	Alice	Isabel Nunez	Wezi (till 6.30)	Cathy Elliott- Olufs	Andrea (twinning project 4- 5.15pm)	

Annex 28: Press Roadmap

Road map to arise media awareness as we move closer towards the Vienna Conference / 19.04.2010

bei allen Themen sollte der weltweite Blickwinkel dabei sein; prioritär auf EE und CA

week	apprx. end of April	apprx. end of May (Pfingsten)	apprx. mid june	school summer break	apprx. beginning of July	apprx. 1 week before opening
Anlass / Aufhänger	Wissenschaft	Feiertage mit der Familie	vor den großen Ferien	Schulferienbeginn in D zwischen 4 Juni und 9 Juli, in OE 3. und 10. Juli	end of world championship soccer	a most meaningful conference is going to be hold in Vienna
Idee	neue Technologien helfen auch Frauen NPT	Rolle von Frauen in der Familie; Kinderwunsch / Schwangerschaft bei HIV	Nachdenken über HIV-Test	AIDS gibts nicht nur in Afrika! Infektionsrate bei jungen Frauen in Europa steigt, weil sie glauben HIV ist kein Thema mehr; gleichzeitig werden positive junge Frauen von System und Gesellschaft ignoriert und diskriminiert	Sexwork	human rights and HIV
Thema	es muss mehr geben als das	Frau kann auch mit HIV gesunde	kein Test, wenn Kriminalisierung	Junge Europaeerinnen	Sexwork in Austria	violations of human rights in Eastern

	MännerKondom: Mikrobizide, Vaccine, female condoms Prep/EKAF	Kinder bekommen; Mütter mit HIV brauchen Unterstützung, nicht Anfeindung und Vorurteil	als Gefahr	glauben HIV betrifft sie nicht Richtige aufklaerung innerhalb und ausserhalb des Klassenzimmers noetig In unserer angeblich aufgeklaerten Gesellschaft werden positive junge Frauen diskriminiert, wollen nicht mal mit ihrer besten Freundin darueber reden.	Sexwork in the world sexwork is NOT per se a risk – but the conditions can be! wie wird sexwork bei der Konferenz behandelt?	and in Western countries; female point of view
Beitrag / Beiträge	fact sheet mit Übersicht; bei Bedarf: Interview mit Expertinnen	Lifeboat	Harriet für Open Democracy (why I don't have me HIV tested..)	Zahlen und Fakten Interviews mit jungen Frauen	fact sheets Interviews (s.u.) Fototermin bei Sophie	Fallbeispiele
wer liefert?	IAVI Global Campaign	GSSG	Harriet; Johanna?	YWNZ team (Bernadette)	NWSP; ICSRE Sophie, Lefö	AH Wien, Athena, GSSG (re Twinning)
wer	Wissenschaftsreda	TV; Familien- und	Nachrichtenredak	Jugendmagazine	Medien in A, CH	Print und

bekommt?	ktionen; Lifestyle-Ressorts, Männermagazine; Erotik-Magazine	Frauenredaktionen ; Magazine	tionen, Agenturen	in Oesterreich und Deutschland Pfadiverteiler	und D; ins. TV	Agenturen Uni/Goethe Institut/Volkshochschule Wien?
wer ist involviert?	Andrea von Lieven und andere deutschsprachige IAVI-Experts DSW? Mertenskötter!	MedizinerInnen in Austria	Peter Wiessner; Veröffentlichungen der DAH; Internationales	Bernadette, vielleicht Wezi (??), WAGGGS youth delegates, andere junge Frauen fuer Interviews; Maria und Tali aus Deutschland; Amanda?	Eva van Rhaden Ruth Thomas Morgan Lefö?	Tyler, Alice
Message:	Frauen nicht alleine lassen	Familien beistehen	Kriminalisierung und Stigma die Stirn bieten	HIV und AIDS werden nie ein alter Hut sein	Menschenrechte auch in der Sexarbeit	Menschenrechte helfen gegen HIV weltweit
Bezug	im Juli erfährt Wien noch mehr dazu	im Juli ist Wien familienfreundlich	im Juli steht Wien gegen das Stigma auf	im Juli sagen junge Frauen in Wien was sie wollen	im Juli wird Wien sexy	im Juli engagiert sich Wien zu den Menschenrechten; hier und im Osten
Weltaktionstage	7. April Weltgesundheitsstag 25. April Weltmariertag 28. April Welttag für Sicherheit und Gesundheit am Arbeitsplatz	5. Mai Internationaler Hebammentag 9. Mai Muttertag 15. Mai Internationaler Tag der Familie 19. Mai Welt-Hepatitis-Tag	2. Juni Internationaler Welthurentag 20. Juni Weltflüchtlingstag 26. Juni Weltdrogentag		11. Juli Weltbevölkerungstag	

- Kontakt herstellen zum Pressebüro der IAS bzw. zum Pressebüro der Veranstalter für eine durchgehende Distribution

Annex 29: WNZ letter for Anca's media registration



2 July 2010

Dear AIDS 2010 Conference Secretariat:

I write to request media registration for ANCA NITULESCU to coordinate the media work of the Women's Networking Zone, write for the daily newsletter on women's rights and HIV at AIDS 2010, *Mujeres Adelante*, and contribute to other new social media/online fora such as our website – www.womeneurope.net. Ms. Nitulescu is a young woman journalist, and the role she will play for the Women's Networking Zone at AIDS 2010 is an essential part of our effort to engage research and community as well as to strengthen women's and young women's participation in the AIDS response.

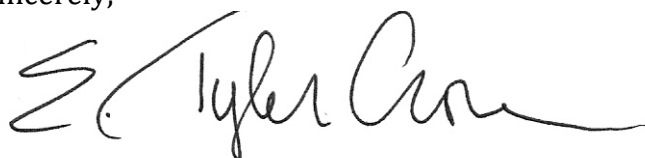
The *Mujeres Adelante* will feature articles and coverage of the main Conference program, Global Village activities, and the Women's Networking Zone program, in particular. In addition to making the daily newsletter widely available through print copies onsite at AIDS 2010, we will be expanding our online dissemination beyond Vienna and will be linking with and providing content to RH Reality Check and OpenDemocracy's 50/50 forum.

Mujeres Adelante is a non-traditional newsletter as it strives to bridge research, advocacy, and practice – and to be a vehicle whereby community stakeholders and leading academic researchers can both have a voice.

ANCA NITULESCU will not have a press card.

Thank you for this opportunity and with best wishes -

Sincerely,



E. Tyler Crone, MPH, JD
Steering Committee Chair, WNZ Partnership 2010
Co-Editor, *Mujeres Adelante*
Coordinating Director, The ATHENA Network
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Fax: +1-206-282-2282

Annex 30: Fundraising letters (in English and in German)

WNZ LOGO / slogan

Dear XYZ

In July 2010, thousands of visitors will convene in Vienna to take part in the 18th International AIDS Conference (www.aids2010.org). It is a bi-annual event which brings together around 25,000 scientists, politicians, activists, and leaders working in the field of HIV and AIDS. For 6 days the spotlight will be on Vienna as the latest developments in a huge range of issues, from vaccines to community development, drugs to literacy, health systems to violence against women, finance to human rights, are presented and discussed.

Within this space, a partnership of local, regional and international organizations and networks will be hosting the Women's Networking Zone. The WNZ is a community built forum within the International AIDS Conference that is open to the public – and a place where community members, researchers, advocates, service providers, and decision-makers can meet, share, and learn together.

The Women's Networking Zone at Vienna 2010 builds on a decade of collaborative organizing around women and HIV at International AIDS Conferences, and other international events, as well as on-going global networking and advocacy. Previous Women's Networking Zones (for example at Toronto, Nairobi, and Mexico City) have attracted hundreds of visitors daily, high ranking speakers and presenters, and significant media attention.

The Women's Networking Zone depends for its success on the huge and collaborative efforts of volunteers, partner organisations, friends and supporters, from in-kind help to substantial financial donations from bi-laterals, local organizations, private foundations, government bodies and local and international businesses.

In preparing to create an innovative, welcoming, vibrant and safe space at Vienna 2010, we are seeking sponsorship and in-kind support for the following. [Need to insert specific items? Translation, soft furnishings, art-work, tee-shirts? Or, take out this paragraph and add an itemised budget at the end as an annex?]

Sponsors and donors will have the opportunity to contribute to a visible and exciting space. The WNZ programme will be distributed to all those attending the Conference as part of the Delegates' Pack, as well as to visitors and passers-by at the Zone itself. We will be advertising the Women's Networking Zone throughout Vienna and Austria, well in advance of the conference, through events such as the Life Ball, and on public transport, as well as in the Austrian Women's Press. Our media strategy also covers a number of international on-line and physical press outlets, and we have a strong record of media interest and collaboration during the Conference week.

As the local representative and focal point of the Women's Networking Zone in Vienna, I would be very pleased to meet with you either by phone or in person to

discuss how you would be able to support our efforts in making the WNZ at Vienna 2010, the most successful to date.

Yours sincerely

Mag Sabine Lex

(Include WNZ Flyer; where necessary translate into German; tweak towards known interests of the Organisation if possible – likewise, if relevant include stats or information about AIDS Hilfe and/or specific issues affecting people living with HIV in Austria / Central Europe)

Aids Hilfe Wien
Mag.^a (FH) Sabine Lex

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Unternehmenszentrale kika Österreich

kika Möbelhandelsges.m.b.H

Anton Scheiblin-Gasse 1

3101 St. Pölten

Wien, im April 2010

Unterstützung für die Internationale AIDS Konferenz in Wien

Sehr geehrte Frau Deutsch,

wir bitten Sie um Unterstützung für Frauen auf der 18. Internationalen AIDS Konferenz (www.aids2010.org). Mit Ihrer Unterstützung können Sie dazu beitragen, die Zielgruppe bei diesem internationalen Großereignis sichtbar zu machen.

Von 18. bis 23. Juli wird die Welt auf Wien blicken: Sechs Tage lang werden rund 25.000 WissenschaftlerInnen, PolitikerInnen, AktivistInnen und Fachleute die neuesten Entwicklungen im Arbeitsfeld HIV/AIDS präsentieren und diskutieren, politische Entscheidungen treffen und Menschenrechts-Demonstrationen abhalten.

Neben dem wissenschaftlichen Kongress gibt es auch einen öffentlich zugänglichen Begegnungsbereich, das „Global Village“ mit einer Netzwerkzone speziell für Frauen: die Women's and Young Women's Networking Zone (WNZ). Die WNZ ist ein Ort, an dem sich täglich hunderte Frauen, auch junge Frauen der Community, ForscherInnen, FürsprecherInnen, EntscheidungsträgerInnen, DienstleisterInnen und InteressentInnen treffen, austauschen und voneinander lernen. Sie wird gemeinsam von engagierten Frauen organisiert, die auf ein Jahrzehnt an Erfahrungen mit globaler AIDS-Arbeit und internationalen Konferenzen zurückgreifen können.

Um diesen Bereich auch in Wien einladend, dynamisch und attraktiv zu gestalten, sind wir auf Unterstützung angewiesen. Wenn Ihr Unternehmen uns mit Sachleistungen in Form von Möbeln und/oder Accessoires unterstützen könnte, helfen Sie nicht nur dabei, HIV und AIDS zu bekämpfen und Frauen mit HIV zu stärken, sondern können mit Ihrem Engagement auch sichtbar werden. Im Gegenzug können wir Ihnen anbieten, Ihr Unternehmen auf dem Programm der Women's Networking Zone und einem Banner zu präsentieren; natürlich können Sie auch in Ihren Medien auf Ihre Unterstützung aufmerksam machen.

Bitte lassen Sie uns wissen, ob die WNZ auf Ihre Unterstützung hoffen darf. Weitere Informationen zur Women's Networking Zone, ihren bisherigen Erfolgen und ihren

Themen für Wien 2010 finden Sie im unter www.womenineurope.net und im beiliegenden Flyer. Bei Fragen können Sie sich gerne an mich wenden.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen

Sabine Lex
Lokale Ansprechperson der Women's Networking Zone

Annex 31: 'Party' Proposal to Women for Positive Action



Proposal to Women for Positive Action for WNZ 2010

Women and Young Women to Vienna:

Women's Rights Here Right Now!

Lead partners: Salamander Trust and ATHENA Network

Objective: The International AIDS Conference 2010 presents an opportunity for the Women's Networking Zone Partnership to highlight the complex and little-talked about issues facing women in relation to HIV and AIDS globally and with particular attention to Europe and Central Asia, and to hold donors and governments to account regarding their commitment both internationally and within the region. In addition, the WNZ2010 is placing special emphasis on the needs, experiences and priorities of young women in the region and globally, and seeks to provide a particular platform for the leadership and meaningful participation of young women including young women living with HIV.

Background: The Women's Networking Zone 2010 (WNZ2010) builds on a decade of international organizing around the International AIDS Conference and other global events. Following parallel conference events at Durban (2000), Barcelona (2002) and Bangkok (2004), the launch of the dedicated 'Networking Zones' at Toronto (2006) saw the opportunity for an officially programmed space running parallel to conference sessions and open to the local community. With two WNZ experiences behind us (2006 – Toronto, generously supported by Abbott's Women for Positive Action; and 2008 – Mexico City) the WNZ continues to attract new partnerships and expressions of interest for participation in the Zone. We also continue to work closely with and value the partnership of both Canadian and Mexican partners, who bring to the table not only their knowledge and perspective on issues around HIV and AIDS and women's rights, but also their experience of organizing for a WNZ at the International AIDS Conference.

The WNZ2010 builds on a consultative process from 2008 to 2010 to identify key issues affecting women and young women in relation to HIV and AIDS in the Europe and Central Asia region, including stigma and discrimination, motherhood, sex and sexuality, harm

reduction and sex workers' rights. The process has been led by and inclusive of women and young women living with HIV, whose leadership the WNZ seeks to promote while encouraging linkages between positive, negative and untested women locally, regionally and globally.

Specific needs and rationale:

Preparations for the development of the 2010 Zone itself began in January with a committed group of women representing the 27 partners of WNZ2010, working on a tight schedule, often in their own time, to ensure that the Zone is inclusive, diverse, regionally representative, and able to produce an effective advocacy platform for programmed sessions and organisations. In previous years, the WNZ has been able to host a reception towards the end of the conference week to celebrate the success of the zone and to thank the WNZ partners, supporters, exhibitors, volunteers and participators in recognition of the tremendous amount of work and effort all of these stakeholders have made to the WNZ. Due to the high cost of living in Vienna, and to limited local support which has also led to raised costs in certain areas, we have so far been unable to fundraise for a reception, but we feel the value of such an event would be enormous in strengthening our partnerships and future efforts. The 27 partners of the WNZ span the globe from South Africa to Canada, and from India to Argentina. We have also received over 50 proposals to host sessions within the WNZ often from collaborating groups of several organisations who are not necessarily WNZ partners. The International AIDS Conferences provide a unique opportunity for committed individuals and organisations who form part of our ever-growing network to come together in one place, both formally and informally. These physical meetings are an invaluable resource towards our on-going collaborations and partnerships in the fight against AIDS.

All our donors will of course be formally invited to the reception (as well as being welcome to participate at the WNZ throughout the week of the conference). Printed items including banners and posters will carry donor logos and enable us to recognize all our donor support in a highly visible and attractive way.

Annex 32: Email Promotion for the WNZ

WOMEN'S RIGHTS HERE, RIGHT NOW!



WOMEN'S NETWORKING ZONE, AIDS 2010

Women and Young Women to Vienna and Beyond

This year we celebrate 10 years of women's parallel fora at the International AIDS Conference with a combined Women's and Young Women's Networking Zone. Borne out of consultation spearheaded by women and young women living with HIV in Europe, WNZ 2010 promises to be ... the place to be!

Why not join us in the Women's Networking Zone (Global Village, space 811) for:

Opening of the Women's Networking Zone:

Don't miss the hoisting of our visible party line! Sunday 18th July, 18:00 – 18:30

Meet the Networks:

Women and AIDS Networks from Austria and Germany
Launch of the new Women in Europe and Central Asia Plus (WECARE+)
Positive Women's Networks from US and UK
Twinning Project: from the East and from the West

Town Hall event:

Beyond the Evidence Base: Rights and Justice for Women – will Vienna make a difference?

Enjoy a selection of film and audio documentaries on

HIV and motherhood
Sex workers' rights
HIV and drug use
Living with HIV
And many more...

Relax

With aromatherapy

Join the debate: hot topics include:

Harm reduction for women
Criminalisation
Forced sterilization of HIV positive women
The neglected sexual and reproductive rights of young women living with HIV
Male Circumcision: is it working for women?

Gather

For the Human Rights March (and get your free t-shirt!)

Meet and Network

In our comfy Networking Lounge, or in the Young Women's Corner
(refreshments provided!)

Create, Debate, Innovate

In the daily Young Women's Hour (see program for details)

Hear our Stories

Women living with and affected by HIV speak (shout, sing, dance,) out:
'Garden Full of Life'
'Read My Story'
'Vagina Monologues'

Party!!!

Let us be your hosts at Badeschiff Wien, on Wednesday 21st July from 7 to 11pm.
Pick up your invitation in the WNZ.

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Annex 33: Photos of the Human Rights March



Annex 34: WNZ key messages sent to Annie Lennox

Europe is a mirror of the world: and offers us a chance to shine a mirror on the world - issues facing women with HIV globally are all relevant **here** - and issues facing women here in Europe in relation to HIV are *affecting* women **globally** also.

Although there are more **women** with HIV in Europe than ever, scant attention is paid to this by anyone.

Women living with HIV in Europe face many issues. Many of these issues intersect with each other, and they all intersect with gender **inequality**. Central issues include:

Right to safe, healthy motherhood for all women irrespective of HIV status:

- HIV transmission through **blood** transfusion **still** happens in maternity clinics.
- There is still limited access to **medication** in many countries.
- Pregnant HIV-positive women are widely subjected to **abuse** and made to feel guilty by medical staff.
- Women – and health staff - are not aware that it is now possible to conceive **safely**.
- Forced **abortions** have been reported widely, while coerced **sterilisation** happens in other part of the world – Namibia, Southern Africa, Chile, Argentina and Papua New Guinea.

Addressing violence against women as both a cause and consequence of HIV:

- A survey just completed *by* HIV-positive women of 165 HIV-positive women across Europe revealed that **1/3** - particularly Russian and Portuguese women - had experienced gender-based **violence**.
- In Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan, and Russia women who **use drugs** experience high levels of domestic **violence** and are unlikely to report incidents to the police or to access medical or legal services after they have been beaten or **raped**.
- Across the world, **women** are still beaten up and **blamed** just for testing HIV-positive.

Criminalisation is bad for public health, bad for human rights, and bad for women:

- HIV transmission through **blood** transfusion **still** happens in maternity clinics.
- Legislative trends in many parts of the world to criminalise HIV transmission often result in women being **penalised** when they test positive.
- Because women are frequently tested in **ante-natal** care settings, they are often the *first* to be tested in a family and therefore **blamed** for bringing HIV into the home.
- Then, because women's HIV status is frequently known even when her partner's is not, women are more likely to be **prosecuted** – such as for passing the virus to their children through childbirth.

- **Fear** of criminalisation makes people much more reluctant to be tested and to disclose their status to partners and health workers, and **hinders** sustained access to necessary services.
- **Women** who are imprisoned often lose their children to care: producing long-term trauma for the next generation also.

Importance of putting a *gendered lens* on harm reduction:

- Women in Europe mainly acquire HIV by **heterosexual** contact and through **drug** use.
- Injecting drug use was the source of 57% of new HIV diagnoses in Eastern Europe in 2007.
- An estimated 3.7 million people currently inject drugs in the region, and roughly ¼ are living with HIV.
- People who use drugs are seriously **discriminated** against and there is often a double **stigma** for those who have both HIV and Hepatitis C.
- Women drug-users are sometimes forced to **abort** because they are seen as unfit to care for a child due to the combination of their positive status and drug use.
- Once in prison, women are particularly difficult to **reach**, so testing and medication provision rarely happens (Russia, Latvia, Austria, Armenia, etc.).

Rights for *all* women - especially for those who are most *marginalized*, such as women in sex work - are *critical* to an effective response:

- Sex workers are frequently subject to **violence** and face legal discrimination.
- In Vienna, they lose their **licence** when diagnosed with HIV.
 - If they are immigrants, they are **deported** without any appropriate care, treatment and information.
 - Many of them **continue** working illegally and without health insurance.

Positive women and other affected women and young women must lead:

- ✓ Women with HIV should always be seen as part of the **solution** to this pandemic.
- ✓ The voices, experiences and perspectives of the **courageous** women who dare speak of their HIV status should be heard and heeded carefully by governments across Europe – and beyond:

“*Women* together, uphold our rights”



Annex 35: WNZ background information

Women messages

This document shows the range of issues that our members and associates would like to present to Annie Lennox.

Why a focus on women:

Heterosexual transmission, while being only one aspect of the epidemic, is now the most common mode of HIV transmission globally. In developing countries women are more likely than men to get HIV, with young women outnumbering young men by two to one¹.

Women continue to bear the burden of care for family members with HIV and AIDS, and very often assume the responsibility of children orphaned by AIDS. The vulnerability of women and girls to HIV and AIDS is compounded by other human rights issues including lack of adequate access to the information and services necessary to ensure sexual health; by sexual violence; by harmful traditional practices (such as early and forced marriage); and by lack of legal capacity and equality in family matters².

Why a focus on Women in Europe and Central Asia:

The Vienna Conference offers us a rare opportunity to turn the spotlight of the world on what is happening in Europe, to raise awareness of European governments, professionals, the media and society to what is happening in their own region, to change attitudes, policies and practices towards women with HIV in Europe and Central Asia – and globally – and to reduce women’s and girls’ vulnerability to HIV in Europe.

Since the European Union is the single largest donor to world aid after the US Government, there is much that we seek to do to hold all the Western and Eastern European states and the European Union to account for both their domestic track records and their international donor commitments to the rights of women worldwide³.

In 2007, an estimated 27.4% of adults (15+) living with HIV/AIDS in Western and Central Europe were women – that is 200, 000 women⁴.

It’s easy to forget that there are many women facing HIV-related difficulties in Europe because:

¹ WHO 1995; Weiss et al. 1996

² Source: UNAIDS Fact Sheets HIV Gender

³ WECARe+ article, by A. Welbourn

⁴ Source: UNAIDS (2008). HIV and AIDS estimates data, 2007 and 2001: 2008 Report on the global AIDS epidemic

- European countries are relatively wealthy and the focus of HIV is on the developing world problem. As a result, there is extremely little funding available to support positive women in Europe.
- In a low prevalence society it's incredibly isolating for people with HIV, even more so for women
- Because treatment is available, HIV is less perceived as an issue, however the stigma associated with being HIV-positive is still very high
- Because many women living with HIV in Europe are not originally European and represent a visible minority, the perception is that women living with HIV are more likely to be African and not white European

HIV-positive women in Europe and Central Asia face the following issues:

1. Health Systems⁵ are failing HIV-positive women:

Limited access to medication in many countries – e.g. Romania, Russia.

Widespread ignorance and discrimination from medical staff – there are reports of medical staff being abusive or engendering feelings of guilt in their HIV positive patients. Many women have reported being treated abusively even during labour

Poor hygiene – HIV transmission through blood transfusion still happens in maternity clinics.

We demand effective universal access and workshops ran by HIV-positive women for doctors and medical students to sensitise them to quality care

2. The Right of HIV-positive women to Motherhood⁶ is not respected or supported:

A common result of ignorance by medical staff is that pregnant HIV-positive women are widely subjected to abuse and made to feel guilty. Priority is generally given to the health of babies whilst forgetting that the health and wellbeing of a child is inextricably linked with that of the mother. Many women are not aware that it is possible to conceive safely.

We would like to see appropriate drugs, care and information for HIV-positive pregnant women, and training for healthcare providers to correct misconceptions in relation to vertical transmission.

3. Sex workers are particularly vulnerable:

In addition to full-time sex workers, there are an increasing number of women (often mothers) and girls who are having sex for money due to financial need.

Even here in Vienna, sex workers are treated: They are required to register with the police, and they are checked weekly for sexually transmitted infections and monthly for HIV. Those diagnosed with HIV are no longer allowed to register as sex workers,

⁵ *The right to health is addressed by the UN Special Rapporteur's (Anand Grover) report on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health*

⁶ as per the Millennium Development Goals

and if they are immigrants, they are deported. Many of those diagnosed as HIV-positive continue working illegally and without health insurance.

Many of the sex workers in Vienna come from surrounding countries, such as Hungary, Czech Republic, Bulgaria, and Romania. Many of these women are sold to pimps at a young age (five or six) and are taken to other countries for sex work once they are grown. This also happens with young boys.

We ask for the human rights of sex workers to be respected and to be provided appropriate care, treatment and information when testing positive.

4. Harm Reduction and People Who Have Been in Prison:

'Harm reduction' refers to supporting people to stop using harmful addictive substances.

Drug usage is criminalised, users are often jailed, and harm reduction is rarely funded by the state. People who use drugs face persecution and little access to medical care and information. Women drug-users are sometimes forced to abort because they are seen as unfit to care for a child due to the combination of their positive status and drug use.

Once in prison, people are particularly difficult to reach, so testing and medication provision rarely happens (Russia, Latvia, Austria, Armenia, etc.).

Even in the UK, migrant HIV-positive women in detention for not having legal documentation do not have access to treatment. The same applies to their children.

We ask for female drug users and prisoners to be treated with respect as human beings and to have their rights respected.

Other issues include:

5. Violence Against Women is exacerbated by HIV status

6. Social Dimensions of HIV/Poverty/Employment

7. Sexuality, especially for young girls

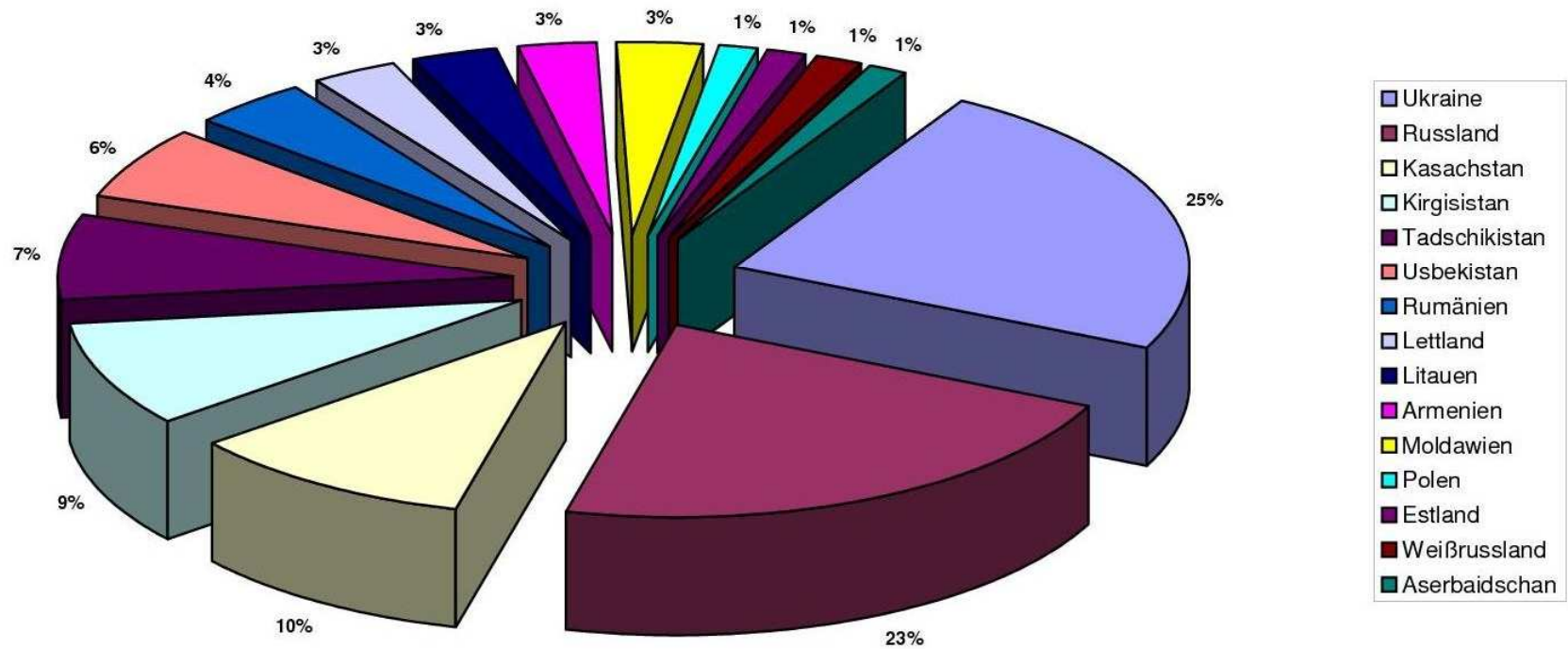
While this document has focused on issues facing women in Europe and Central Asia and the importance of not forgetting about them, we are very worried about the following issues faced by HIV-positive women worldwide:

Coerced sterilisation: There are areas of the world where healthcare practitioners genuinely believe that HIV-positive women should not have children. Women who are subjected to sterilisation are often from poor backgrounds with little education and often do not understand that the procedure they are undergoing will mean they will not be able to have further children. Coerced sterilisation has been observed widely in Namibia but also elsewhere in Southern Africa, in Chile, Argentina and Papua New Guinea. In societies where being a mother brings respect from social peers, being demothered can have adverse social and psychological consequences.

Criminalisation and the violation of women's rights: Legal moves in many parts of the world to criminalise HIV transmission often result in women being penalised when they test positive. Women can also be prosecuted for passing the virus to their children through childbirth. Fear of criminalisation makes people much more reluctant to be tested and to disclose their status to partners and health workers⁷

⁷ See *10 Reasons Why Criminalization of HIV Exposure or Transmission Harms Women*, ATHENA network

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Stand: 31. März 2010

Quelle: GSSG (eigene Daten)

Annex 37: GSSG Press release about Twinning Project

Successful Bridging of East and West at the International AIDS Conference

Cologne, 03.08.2010. Ten women became five East-West-Twinpairs at the 18th International AIDS Conference (IAC). From 18th July until 23rd July they experienced the conference in Vienna as part of the Twinning Project of the German Foundation Sexuality and Health (GSSG) together. The venue for the nearly 20.000 delegates was chosen to point out the partly dramatic situation of living with HIV in Eastern European and Central Asian countries.

The participants of the Twinning Project come from Germany, Russia, Ukraine, Tajikistan, Lithuania and Azerbaijan. In the Women's Networking Zone, which was a public area during the IAC the Twins presented the AIDS work and the living conditions in their home countries. „In Tajikistan it is difficult for people with HIV to get a job, because often health certificates are required“, reports Parvina Achmedowa from Dushanbe about marginalisation. Marina Khalidowa from Ekaterinburg in Russia demands more support of the government and the global public: „Although more than 40.000 people with HIV are living in my region Sverdlovsk, only a few people talk about it. Therefore we do not have the possibilities to care for children with HIV and their families“. Tamila Kotliarevska from Kiev in the Ukraine reports about similar problems: „As of today, more than 100.000 people with HIV are officially registered in Ukraine, and of them 40 per cent are women. Too little services have been provided to those women who have contracted HIV through sex. In addition to this, there is a lack of medications for children.“

Aygün Achmedowa from Baku attended the conference as a Twin too. „Azerbaijan is a country with many borders and a lot of migration. Therefore it is very important to talk about HIV prevention and advocacy with mobile population and their communities in their original and destination countries.“ Irena Andrijevska from Vilnius in Lithuania summarizes her first results: „I got a lot of new ideas for my work with sex workers. For example how women can advance their attractiveness to enhance the use of condoms with their clients more easily.“

The Twin partners from Germany learned a lot about their colleagues and the life with HIV in the different countries in the East: „Because of the time together at the conference, we are able to support each other across all country and language borders“, Andrea von Lieven from Berlin states enthusiastically. „To be a part of this project was a unique experience. We want to continue this experience with the network WECARe+, which was presented in Vienna, too.“ WECARe+ stands for „Women in Europe and Central Asian Regions plus“. Women from Europe and Central Asia are uniting through this new network.

„The Twinning Project will continue after the conference“, affirms Harriet Langanke, director of the project at the GSSG. „We will continue to work together with the participants even in the future and we will evaluate our experiences with this pilot project.“

The Twinning was mostly financed by private donations. Among the sponsors are the pharmaceutical enterprises Abbott, Boehringer Ingelheim and Gilead, but also international networks like Athena and Women Arise, the German section All Around Women Special, the Centre for Women's Health in Munich and the working group Female Physicians and AIDS (3A) from Germany supported the Twinning Project.

Annex 38: photos of the Zone



Annex 39: WNZ – Session feedback form – VISITORS



Profile:

Are you (please tick all that apply):

Organisation / job:.....
 Country / region:.....
 Age:
 Gender:

- Woman living with HIV
- Researcher
- Community activist
- Medical professional
- NGO worker
- Policy maker
- Other

Is this the first time you have visited the WNZ?

What brought you here?

Were your expectations met?

Did you also gain or learn anything else from your visit?

What is your overall impression?

What do you feel could be improved?



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Annex 40: WNZ – Session feedback form – SPEAKERS



Profile:

Organisation / job:.....

Country / region:.....

Age:

Gender:

Are you (please tick all that apply):

Woman living with HIV

Researcher

Community activist

Medical professional

NGO worker

Policy maker

Other

Session title:.....

Date and time of session:

Is this the first time you have presented a session in the WNZ?

What were the desired outcomes of your session? Were these met?

Did you feel that the zone facilitated an inclusive and receptive audience?

Did you encounter any technical problems that impacted on your session?

Did you receive adequate information from the Zone organisers prior to the conference?

What were your overall impressions of the WNZ?

What do you feel could be improved?



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Annex 41: WNZ Feedback Form

Please let us know what you thought of the WNZ2010 using this form. Please return electronic copies to luisa.orza@gmail.com



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- What were your overall impressions of the WNZ 2010?

- (Why) do you feel the WNZ is an important feature of the global village / IAC?

- What do you feel are the most important issues affecting women in your country / region with regard to HIV and AIDS
 - do you think these had adequate coverage at this conference / in the WNZ?

 - What would you suggest could be done to increase engagement around this issue? (or any other issue?)

- The WNZ aims to promote positive women's and young women's leadership.
 - Did this come across in your experience of the WNZ? (please elaborate)

 - What value do you feel is added by being in a space with a strong representation of women and young women living with HIV?

- Has your experience in the WNZ opened your eyes to any new issues or problems affecting women? (If so, which issues?)
- How has this space (the WNZ) facilitated or added to your networking during the conference?

For example, did your time in the WNZ lead to any

- New organizations?
- New contacts?
- Specific outcomes or actions that you will follow up on?
- Finally, what in a few words, would be your message to us, the IAS, our donors, or the world?

THANK YOU!

Optional:

Are you (please tick all that apply):

Name:

Woman living with HIV

Country or region:

Researcher

Age:

Community activist

May we:

Medical professional

- Cite from your answers in our reporting? Y / N
- Use your name together with any quotations? Y / N

NGO worker



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Annex 42: WNZ – Session Summaries

Name of Session / Activity: _____

Day: _____ **Time:** _____

Estimated number of Participants: _____

Speakers and Affiliation:

Main Issues of Presentation:

Main issues raised in interactive discussion:

Analysis: (conclusions, key debates, good practices/innovations highlighted, commitments made by decision-makers, key publications, research, projects referenced)

Technical problems (if any)

Did the session address (tick all that apply)

Positive women' issues

- Young women's issues
- European issues
- Drug use and harm reduction
- SRHR
- Violence
- Sex work
- Other

Annex 43: Guest Book Comments (Names and contact details removed)

Don't quit the movement and we look forward to partnerships where possible.

Women's rights now!

Keep in touch! Xoxo 😊

WNZ is a unique place! Very well organised this year, great work by those who have dedicated time and creativity to making it happen! Cheers,

You will learn a lot of women and sexuality if you join WNZ come one come together come all and transfer the knowledge to marginalised women who couldn't get a chance to be here. Bravo.

Interesting setting and lively discussion going on here. Thanks to all for making this happen.

It has been great to see the WNZ evolve since Toronto – it looks beautiful!

Great work and lovely people. My best wishes for continued success and happiness.

Thanks for giving our women a sense of belonging.

Good luck for your great work.

To all that made this space possible, thank you.

Please contact me when there is need for events / activities. National / International

Fantastic – thank you!

Well decorated

The WN Zone has been one of the busiest because it's been one of the most interesting. Very exciting!

Hey. WNZ truly lived up to the 'lebuntu' spirit. First time for a man to come round and spent more time here than anywhere. A really connecting space for all that came.

Women's life is a hard life but a good life. Good luck.

Very interesting topics, great speakers 😊

I love being with women, working with women, being inspired by women! Stay strong my sisters!

Reminds me of world conference of women's rights when it was guest at women's centre Vienna, Währingstrasse 59 / stiege 6 1090 Wien. Too much to talk about in too short time to share.

Such a wonderful setting for bold, outstanding presentations and discussion – what we do best.

Hello! Great place to be! Thanks for all your efforts to make this place look and feel fantastic. L

Women Network Service is a great or the greatest idea. Keep up the work.

Love your laundry line!

Thank you for hosting us so sweet.

Many thanks for the opportunity to meet each other and support new initiatives.

Thanks WNZ, but where is UNIFEM? I haven't seen them all week... Maybe I'm blind but I expected them to be here more prominently

Thank you for making it possible that women can meet discuss and share. It was great visiting WNZ!!