

International Women's Summit: Women's Leadership on HIV and AIDS July 4-7 World YWCA Council July 2007

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S SUMMIT: July 4-7, 2007

The World YWCA, in partnership with other international organisations, will convene this unprecedented international conference, uniting 1500 women of all ages and HIV statuses and other stakeholders. The summit will take place in conjunction with World YWCA Council 2007.

The first day of the conference, July 4, 2007, will be a Positive Women's Forum exclusively for HIV positive women.

Be part of a new vision for women's leadership on HIV and AIDS

- Contribute to providing evidence-based solutions for women and girls
- Acquire new tools and skills to enhance your leadership
- Network with local, regional and global change-makers to reverse the global HIV pandemic on women and girls.
- Be inspired by exceptional speakers
- Strategise for increased funding for women's leadership initiatives on HIV and AIDS
- Celebrate, be inspired and nurtured by women and men committed to changing lives and changing communities

Goals of the Summit

1. Highlight the difference women's leadership is making in response to HIV and AIDS by making visible African and young women's leadership, at grassroots and community levels, including national, regional and international levels
2. Build the capacity of leaders and their organisations in undertaking sustainable programmes that address cutting-edge issues
3. Raise awareness and mobilise the women's movement on HIV and AIDS and crosscutting issues, and produce the evidence required to effect change at all levels in society
4. Provide space for networking and building strategic partnerships to broaden the impact of responses to HIV and AIDS at all levels.



CHANGING LIVES, CHANGING COMMUNITIES
WORLD YWCA COUNCIL NAIROBI 2007

ORGANISERS

The World YWCA unites 25 million women and girls in 100 affiliated autonomous national associations. The vision of the World YWCA is of a fully inclusive world where justice, peace, health, human dignity, freedom and care for the environment are promoted and sustained through women's leadership. The YWCA of Kenya will host the IWS.

Positive Women's Forum July 4, 2007

A one-day event uniting 500 women from all over the world to be organised, led and attended exclusively by HIV positive women. In partnership with the International Community of Women Living with HIV and AIDS (ICW) and other regional and national networks of positive women, this forum will be a safe space to address agendas of choice for women living with HIV and AIDS.

Women Leading Change Awards

An awards ceremony will honour exceptional leadership of community women, both young and old, in the areas of prevention, treatment, care and support, advocacy and policy making as well as addressing gender inequality and stigma and discrimination.

Breakaway sessions and workshops

Dozens of breakaway sessions and workshops on a wide range of intersecting issues linked to women and HIV and AIDS will be held.

Town Hall Meetings

Town Hall meetings will take place in strategic locations in Nairobi on each day of the Summit. These meetings will tackle some of the cutting edge issues that impact responses to HIV and AIDS. These will encourage the widest participation of the local communities in Kenya and will invite press coverage.

Sokoni Marketplace

Open throughout the IWS, Sokoni (a Swahili word for marketplace) will be your opportunity to:

- Shop for goods and ideas
- Discover publications and tools
- Enjoy the richness of African artisans
- Speak with funders and partners
- Exhibit products from your organisation
- Discover the diversity of YWCA products and programmes

REGISTRATION

Registration fee: USD \$400 per participant, (includes lunches and breaks)

Travel, visa, hotel accommodation and evening meal costs will be the responsibility of each participant.

Nationals from most countries must have a visa to enter Kenya (Please check with your local travel agent).

Registration is encouraged online. Forms can be downloaded from the website: www.worldywca.org

or requested from the:

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International Women's Summit

Who Should Attend

YWCA delegates and observers • Women living with HIV or AIDS • Researchers
Community and grassroots leaders • NGO activists • Private sector representatives
Representatives of UN and other multilateral agencies • Government representatives and other policy makers • Advocates and other stakeholders active in the field of HIV and AIDS

VENUE

Kenyatta International Conference Centre, Nairobi, Kenya. Located within easy walking distance of hotels. Nairobi is Kenya's capital and the country's principal economic administrative and cultural centre. With a population of 3.5 million, it is one of the largest cities in Africa with many attractions including international restaurants, colourful open air markets, shopping malls and the nearby Nairobi National Park with plenty of wild life.

ACCOMMODATION

Special rates to fit every budget are available with prices range from USD \$30 - \$160. Please consult our website: www.worldywca.org

Our partners include:

Action Aid, Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance, Global Coalition on Women and AIDS, Gutmacher Institute, ISIS-WICCE, Lutheran World Federation, Norwegian Church Aid, Rwanda Women's Network, UNAIDS, Well Project, World Association for Christian Communication and World Council of Churches, ICW.

