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Thursday 22 February - 17:35 EAT | Guided Poster Tours & Poster Viewing

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Thursday, February 27

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Session 1 **The Role of Communities in Empowering Women Living with HIV**

Co-Chairs: *Simiso Sokhela and Angelina Namiba*

- 08:30 **Key Global Updates: Advancements in Community Support for Women Living with HIV**
Angelina Namiba, BA Hons
 4MNetwork of Mentor Mothers, United Kingdom
Simiso Sokhela, BSc, MBChB, Dip HIV Man
 Ezintsha, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa
- 08:35 **Gender-Based Violence: Models of Good Practice**
Ruth Laibon-Masha, PhD, EBS
 National Syndemic Diseases Control Council, Kenya
- 08:55 **Abstract #1 - Challenges Faced by LBQ Women Living with HIV in Rural Settings of Eastern Uganda**
 Jean Kambugu, Uganda
- 09:05 **Abstract #2 - The Impact of Community and Peer Support on ART Adherence and Well-being among Women Living with HIV in Kenya and Malawi**
 Ivy Jebet, Kenya
- 09:15 **Panel Discussion - Involvement of Men in Supporting Women Living with HIV**
Joseph Robert Linda
 AHF Uganda Cares, Prevention Access Campaign (PAC), Uganda
Job Odoyance Akuno
 African Centre for Innovation and Impact, Kenya

Official Opening of the Workshop

Co-Chairs: *Elizabeth Anne Bukusi and John Kinuthia*

- 10:00 **Welcome by the Chairs and Guidelines for People-first language**
Elizabeth Anne Bukusi, MBChB, M.Med (ObGyn), MPH, PhD, PGD (Research Ethics), MBE (Bioethics), CIP
 Kenya Medical Research Institute, Kenya
John Kinuthia, MBChB, MMed, MPH,
 Kenyatta National Hospital, Kenya
- 10:10 **Updates on Epidemiology and Guidelines Related to Women Living with HIV in Africa**
Loice Achieng Ombajo, MBChB, MMed
 University of Nairobi / University of Texas Medical Branch, Kenya / United States
- 10:30 **Q&A**

10:40 Coffee Break

11:10 **Industry-Supported Satellite Symposium 1 - ViiV - Empowering Women Through Advocacy: The Role of Men**

Judith Kose, MD, PhD

Africa CDC, Eastern Africa Regional Coordinating Centre, Kenya

Priscilla Ama Addo

Hope For Future Generations / Global Network of Young People Living with HIV (Y+ Global), Ghana

Ama Appiah, BSc, MRPharmS

ViiV Healthcare, United Kingdom

Ismaeel Ebrahim, MBA

ViiV Healthcare, South Africa



Session 2 Adolescent Women and HIV

Co-Chairs: Doreen Moracha and Francesca Odhiambo

12:10 **Key Global Updates: Navigating HIV Challenges and Solutions for Adolescent Women**

Doreen Moraa Moracha

I Am A Beautiful Story, Kenya

Francesca Odhiambo, MBChB, MMED

Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI), Kenya

12:15 **Transitioning into the Adult HIV Care**

Priscilla Ama Addo

Hope For Future Generations / Global Network of Young People Living with HIV, Ghana

12:35 **Abstract #3 - Enhancing HIV Knowledge on Viral Load Suppression among Community Health Promoters in Siaya County**

Zilper Imbuye, Kenya

12:45 **Abstract #4 - Enhancing Mental Health Screening for Adolescent Girls and Young Women Living With HIV: A Continuous Quality Improvement Approach at TASO Entebbe**

Senyonjo Joseph, Uganda

12:55 **Q&A**

13:30 **Working Lunch**

Session 3 Management of NCDs and Aging-Related Conditions in Women Living with HIV in Africa

Co-Chairs: Fiona Cresswell and Francesca Odhiambo

15:00 **Key Global Updates: Managing NCDs and Aging-Related Conditions in Women Living with HIV**

Fiona Cresswell, PhD, MBChB, BSc, DTM&H, PGCert Epi, DipHIV

MRC/UVRI-LSHTM Uganda Research Unit / Brighton and Sussex Medical School, United Kingdom / Uganda

Francesca Odhiambo, MBChB, MMED

Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI), Kenya

15:05 **Non-Communicable Diseases and Geriatric Syndromes in Women Aging with HIV in Africa**

Barbara Castelnovo, MD, PhD

Infectious Diseases Institute, Makerere University, Uganda

15:25 **Abstract #5 - Patterns of Cardiovascular Risk and Disease in HIV-Positive Adults on Anti-retroviral Therapy in Mozambique**

Igor Dobe, Mozambique

15:35 **Abstract #6 - Evaluating the Impact of Doluteravir Based Antiretroviral Therapy on Glycaemic Control in HIV/TB Co-infected Patients: A Cross Sectional Study**

Tafadzwa Zireva, Zimbabwe

15:45 **Abstract #7 - Non-Communicable Diseases: A Significant Cause of Death among People Living with HIV in Nigeria**

Chiamaka Onuoha, Nigeria

15:55 **Q&A**



Session 4 **Mini-Oral Abstract Presentations**

Chair: Judith Kose

- 16:30 **Abstract #8 - Characterizing the Genetic Composition of Persistent Proviral Reservoir Cells in Adolescents from Botswana Living with HIV1-C Infection Following Long-Term Art and Viral Suppression to Advance HIV-1 Cure Research**
Catherine Kegakilwe Koofhethile, Botswana
- 16:35 **Abstract #9 - Improving the Health Outcomes of Young Mothers Living with HIV and Their Babies through a Peer-Led Approach**
Chengetai Dziwa, South Africa
- 16:40 **Abstract #10 - Behind Closed Doors: Unveiling the Prevalence, Individual and Community-level Determinants of Sexual Violence among Adolescent Girls and Young Women in Sub-Saharan Africa**
Nebechukwu Ugwu, South Africa
- 16:45 **Abstract #11 - Female Sex Worker Preferences for HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis Delivery in Uganda: A Discrete Choice Experiment**
Ruth Mpirirwe, Uganda
- 16:50 **Abstract #12 - Resilience and Recovery: Supporting Pregnant and Breastfeeding Adolescents and Young Mothers through Mentorship and Empowerment – A Case Study of Butula Sub-County, Busia County, Kenya**
Jecynter Opyio, Kenya
- 16:55 **Q&A**

17:20 **Guided Poster Tours (5 Parallel Sessions) & Coffee Break**

Topic 1: HIV Prevention

Moderator: Doreen Moraa Moracha

Topic 2: HIV Care and Treatment

Moderator: Simiso Sokhela

Topic 3: HIV Comorbidities

Moderator: Fiona Cresswell

Topic 4: Pregnancy, Breastfeeding, and Contraception

Moderators: Angelina Namiba and Friday Saidi

Topic 5: Cross-Cutting Topics

Moderator: Francesca Odhiambo

19:05 **End of First Workshop Day**



Friday, February 28

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08:00 **Parallel Skills-Building Sessions**

Abstract Writing: From Best Practices to Scientific Proficiency

Scientific Research Group: **Francesca Odhiambo and Simiso Sokhel**

Applied Research Group: **Linda Joseph Robert and Patricia Jeckonia**

Grant Personship

Fiona Cresswell and Friday Saidi

Advocacy and Innovations in the Digital Space

Aidah Munzatsi and Laura Thuo

Engaging in Research: Improving Women's Involvement in HIV Research

Vanessa Apea and Angelina Namiba

09:30 **Opening Day 2**

Session 5 HIV Prevention

Co-Chairs: Elizabeth Anne Bukusi and Friday Saidi

09:40 **Key Global Updates: HIV Prevention**

Elizabeth Anne Bukusi, MBChB, M.Med (ObGyn), MPH, PhD, PGD (Research Ethics), MBE (Bioethics), CIP

Kenya Medical Research Institute, Kenya

Friday Saidi, MD Mmed

UNC Project Malawi / University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, United States

09:45 **PrEP: Updates on Programs from Across the Region**

Linda-Gail Bekker, MBChB, DTMH, DCH, FCP(SA), PhD

Desmond Tutu Health Foundation / University of Cape Town, South Africa

10:05 **Abstract #13 - Community-Based Integrated Sexual Reproductive Health and HIV Services Increased the Clinical Services Uptake among Underserved Rural Adolescents and Young Adults: A Cluster-Randomized Stepped-Wedge Clinical Trial, KwaZulu Natal, South Africa**

Nqobile Ngoma, South Africa

10:15 **Abstract #14 - Examining Partner Notification Outcomes in Relation to Women's Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) Uptake: A Tracing Analysis at Bwaila STI Clinic**

Tapiwa Munthali, Malawi

10:25 **Abstract #15 - Bridging the Gaps: Enhancing Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis uptake among Adolescent Girls and Young Women through support groups on the Determined Resilient Empowered AIDS-free Mentored and Safe women (DREAMS) Initiative in Kapiri Mposhi District, Central Zambia**

Kangwa Kasonde, Zambia

10:35 **Q&A**

11:10 **Coffee Break**



Session 6 **Pregnancy, Breastfeeding, and Contraception**

Co-Chairs: John Kinuthia and Fiona Cresswell

- 11:40 **Key Global Updates: Pregnancy, Breastfeeding, and Contraceptive Care**
John Kinuthia, MBChB, MMed, MPH,
 Kenyatta National Hospital, Kenya
Fiona Cresswell, PhD, MBChB, BSc, DTM&H, PGCert Epi, DipHIV,
 MRC/UVRI-LSHTM Uganda Research Unit / Brighton and Sussex Medical School, Uganda / United Kingdom
- 11:45 **Protecting Women Through Research, Not From Research**
Vanessa Apea, MBBS, MPH, FRCP, DipGUM, DFSRH
 Barts Health NHS Trust / Queen Mary University of London, United Kingdom / Ghana
- 12:05 **Abstract #16 - Establishing a Clinical Lactation Pharmacokinetic Framework to Inform Treatment in Breastfeeding Mothers – A Case of the MILK Program**
 Francis Williams Ojara, Uganda
- 12:15 **Abstract #17 - Multilevel considerations for research of long-acting HIV prevention products: a qualitative ethical analysis among pregnant and lactating women in Kenya**
 Vallery Ogello, Kenya
- 12:25 **Abstract #18 - Leveraging Community Health Workers to Improve Case Identification through Maternal Retesting during Pregnancy, Labour and Breastfeeding at Private Not for Profit Health Facilities in Uganda; A Lesson from Uganda Protestant Medical Bureau**
 Peter Mikago, Uganda

12:35 **Q&A**

13:10 **Lunch**

Industry-Supported Satellite Symposium 2 - ViiV - HIV Perinatal Infection

Chair: Reson Marima

- 14:10 **Perinatal HIV: The story of the 30%**
Dorothy Mbori-Ngacha, MBChB, MMed, MPH
 Independent Consultant, Kenya
- 14:30 **Panel Discussion**
Jacqueline Kyeyune
 Infectious Diseases Institute, Uganda
Elizabeth Anne Bukusi, MBChB, MMed (ObGyn), MPH, PhD, PGD (Research Ethics), MBE (Bioethics), CIP
 Kenya Medical Research Institute, Kenya
Mutsa Bwakura-Dangarembizi, PhD, MMed, MBChB
 University of Zimbabwe, Zimbabwe

14:45 **Q&A**



Session 7 **Menopause and HIV**

Co-Chairs: Simiso Sokhela and Elizabeth Anne Bukusi

- 14:55 **Key Global Updates: Advancements in Menopause and HIV**
Simiso Sokhela, BSc, MBChB, Dip HIV Man
Ezintsha, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa
Elizabeth Anne Bukusi, MBChB, M.Med (ObGyn), MPH, PhD, PGD (Research Ethics), MBE (Bioethics), CIP
Kenya Medical Research Institute, Kenya
- 15:00 **Menopause and HIV: Regional Programs**
Sarah Masyuko, MBChB, MPH, PhD
University of Washington, United States
- 15:20 **Abstract #19 - Perceptions and Experiences of Menopause among Women with HIV in Kenya: A Cross-sectional Qualitative Study**
Fiona Mwadziwe, Kenya
- 15:30 **Panel Discussion - Menopause and HIV: Lived Experiences**
Angelina Namiba, BA Hons
4MNetwork of Mentor Mothers, United Kingdom
- 16:10 **Closing Remarks**
Simiso Sokhela, BSc, MBChB, Dip HIV Man
Ezintsha, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa
Fiona Cresswell, PhD, MBChB, BSc, DTM&H, PGCert Epi, DipHIV,
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- 16:45 **End of the Workshop**



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