



## Affiliated Events

### 2ND INTERNATIONAL PRE-CONFERENCE FOR INDIGENOUS/NATIVE COMMUNITIES AND AFRO DESCENDENTS RESPONDING TO HIV/AIDS, SEXUALITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

**Date:** July 30, 31 – August 1, 2008

**Time:** 9:00 - 18:00

**Organizer:** Colectivo Binni Laanu A.C.

**Event Description:** This pre-conference will build an agenda for Latin American indigenous/native and afro-descendents communities in order to ensure an effective response to the prevention and attention of HIV/AIDS, the defense of human rights and sexuality with an emphasis on cultural relevance.

**Event Location:** Hotel Quality Inn Roma, Álvaro Obregón No. 38 Col. Roma 06700 Del. Cuauhtémoc México D. F.

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## Affiliated Events

### FORUM "AIDS AND MIGRATION"

**Date:** July 31, 2008  
**Time:** 9:00 – 18:30  
**Organizer:** Instituto de Ciencia y Tecnología del Distrito Federal

**Event Description:** This event is a scientific and social forum to discuss the main issues associated with HIV/AIDS within the vulnerable migrant population in Mexico. Several topics such as bilateral agreements, social aspects, policies, and health and prevention programs will be discussed with the goal of improving public policies on HIV/AIDS and migration in Mexico.

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## Affiliated Events

### LIVING 2008: THE POSITIVE LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

**Date:** July 31 – August 1, 2008  
**Time:** 9:00 – 17:30  
**Organizer:** The Living 2008 Partnership

**Event Description:** This two-day global summit will bring together people living with HIV (PLHIV) from different constituencies and regions to develop an advocacy agenda for the international movement of people living with HIV. The summit will examine the outcomes of a global pre-consultation running since January 2008 around four issues: Universal access to treatment, care and support; Sexual and reproductive health and rights of PLHIV; Positive Prevention; and Criminalisation of PLHIV. Issues concerning women and vulnerable groups have been integrated throughout these theme areas. This will result in an advocacy agenda for PLHIV for the coming 2 years.

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## Affiliated Events

### PRE-CONFERENCE OF INTERNATIONAL NURSES IN HIV/AIDS

**Date:** July 31 - August 1, 2008  
**Time:** 9:00-15:00  
**Organizer:** Colegio Nacional de Enfermeras A.C.

**Event Description:** The Pre-conference of Nurses in HIV/AIDS is a forum for exchanging knowledge and experiences with national and international experts.

The pre-conference will assess the progress made and challenges ahead with the objective of finding ways to improve the quality of care and attention for people living with HIV/AIDS. In addition, the 1st Meeting of Nurse Researchers on HIV/AIDS will be a space to present and discuss new proposals so that the nursing community worldwide can join forces to strengthen prevention and care, eliminate stigmas, and defend the human rights of people living with HIV/AIDS and their families.

It is also intended to train research networks and establish alliances and agreements between professionals and organizations. The event will consist of lectures, discussion panels, and the presentation of research. Research papers and posters will be presented with question and answer sessions.

The topics discussed at the conference will focus on the care, attention, humanism, respect for human rights, social and economic impact, and presentations on methodologies for the implementation of specific models of nursing research at the international level for the prevention, detection, and control and monitoring of HIV/AIDS.

**Event Location:** Teatro de la Ciudadela, Calle Tres Guerras No.9, Col. Centro, México D.F.

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## Affiliated Events

### ECUMENICAL PRE-CONFERENCE

**Date:** July 31 - August 2, 2008  
**Time:** 09:00 - 18:30  
**Organizer:** Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance

**Event Description:** A three-day Ecumenical Pre-Conference will be held in the Hotel Gran Meliá Reforma in Mexico City. More than 500 Christians from all over the world will participate in plenary sessions, skills building workshops, and daily worship during the Pre-Conference. The Ecumenical Pre-Conference 2008 theme is "Faith in Action Now!" The Pre-Conference will engage participants in exploring the challenges posed by the HIV and AIDS pandemic to people of faith, evaluating actions taken, and the planning of strategies still required to put the Gospel into action in the Christian response to HIV and AIDS.

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## Affiliated Events

### MEXICO YOUTH FORCE PRE-CONFERENCE

**Date:** July 31 - August 2, 2008

**Time:** 9:00-17:30

**Organizer:** Mexico Youth Force, c/o Global Youth Coalition on HIV/AIDS

**Event Description:** In order to promote and strengthen young delegates' meaningful participation within AIDS 2008, the Mexico Youth Force is coordinating a three day Pre-Conference, from July 31st through August 2nd, for approximately 250 young HIV/AIDS activists who are registered for AIDS 2008. The pre-conference will consist of informative and skills-building workshops around HIV/AIDS issues, ranging from scientific knowledge to effective political advocacy. Participants will also gain skills in research methodology, harm reduction and details on treatment. Participants will learn how to advocate to policymakers on issues relevant to young people and how to deliver the Youth Force's advocacy messages at the conference and beyond.

The pre-conference has two main objectives. The first one is to provide technical information and capacity building on the political, scientific, economic and social context of HIV/AIDS to young people (ages 16 to 26) so they can effectively participate in the five tracks of the XVII International AIDS Conference. The second objective is to empower young people through information, advocacy, and relationship-building to be advocates for youth and for an end to HIV and AIDS at the main conference, in their home countries and internationally.

**Event Location:** Centro Cultural Universitario Tlatelco, Ricardo Flores Magón 1, Mexico City.

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## Affiliated Events

### 1ST MEETING OF MINISTERS OF HEALTH AND EDUCATION TO STOP HIV IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN.

**Date:** July 31 – August 1, 2008

**Time:** 9:00 – 18:00 hrs

**Organizer:** Mexican Secretariat of Health and Secretariat of Public Education of Mexico

**Event Description:** The Mexican Ministries of Health, Education and Foreign Affairs have organized, in collaboration with UNAIDS, WHO/PAHO, UNESCO, UNFPA, UNICEF, the GCTH, and the CCNAPC, the 1st Meeting of Ministers of Health and Education to Stop HIV in Latin America and the Caribbean: "Preventing through education". The objectives of this meeting are: to position comprehensive sexuality education as an important strategic tool to stop HIV; to agree upon commitments to assure progress towards universal access to HIV prevention for children, adolescents and young people; to reduce stigma and discrimination; to establish cooperative alliances and regional networks to reinforce the response to HIV; and to develop strategies to increase teachers' skills to work on HIV prevention in the classroom. One hundred and fifty participants are expected, including Health and Education Ministers from 33 Latin-American and Caribbean countries, representatives of the United Nations and civil society, academic experts and researchers. A technical meeting with National AIDS Program Coordinators and HIV/AIDS advisors from the Ministries of Education will take place immediately prior to the Meeting of Ministers.

**Event Location:** Secretaria de Relaciones Exteriores, Av. Juárez No. 20, Col. Centro C. P. 06010

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## Affiliated Events

### SEX WORK PRE CONFERENCE: UNIVERSAL ACTION FOR SEX WORK INCLUSION

**Date:** July 31 – August 1, 2008  
**Time:** 9:00 – 18:00 hrs  
**Organizer:** APROASE

**Event Description:** The pre-conference event will be organized by APROASE with the support of international and regional sex workers. It will prepare sex workers to optimize their participation in the International AIDS Conference. It will also support sex workers that have a specific participation in the Global Village and the International AIDS Conference, as oral presentations or posters. It will also prepare an advocacy agenda at the global and regional level. Additionally, this event will provide information and knowledge concerning conference participation, sharing lessons learnt, and networking.

**Event Location:** TBD

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## Affiliated Events

### 3RD INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON HIV TRANSMISSION - PRINCIPLES OF INTERVENTION

**Date:** July 31 - August 2, 2008  
**Time:** July 31, 17:00-18:30;  
August 1, 08:30-17:30;  
August 2, 08:30-17:30  
**Organizer:** Virology Education

**Event Description:** This workshop is initiated to provide a scientific forum for international interchange and implementation to enable basic scientists, epidemiologists, clinicians and virologists to present and discuss all aspects of HIV transmission with the ultimate goal of combining efforts from all relevant disciplines to constrain the spread of (drug-resistant) HIV.

The following topics will be addressed: Biology of HIV transmission; Virology of HIV transmission events; Epidemiology and modeling of HIV transmission; Mother-to-Child transmission; Transmission of drug-resistance; Biomedical approaches for HIV prevention of sexual transmission; Social sciences and behavioral risk factors.

The format of the meeting will be an intimate, interactive abstract driven workshop consisting of some invited lectures, abstract presentations, roundtable discussions and poster sessions and Q&A.

**Event Location:** Sheraton Hotel Centro Histórico, Mexico City

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## Affiliated Events

### CHILDREN AND HIV/AIDS: ACTION NOW, ACTION HOW

**Date:** August 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> 2008  
**Time:** 08:30 – 17:30  
**Organizer:** The Teresa Group

**Event Description:** The symposium will provide a two-day forum for information sharing, collaboration and networking in order to strengthen the response to children's needs. It will present new findings, such as those collected by the Joint Learning Initiative on Children and HIV/AIDS. It will bring together service providers, donors, researchers, advocates and policy leaders working within affected communities and on national, regional and global platforms. And, it will increase opportunities for stronger linkages between program design and implementation, policy, research, and advocacy efforts, while never forgetting that the most effective, responsive and far-reaching interventions are led by front-line organizations in collaboration with national governments.

This 2-day think-tank and networking opportunity is for anyone working on issues related to children and HIV/AIDS and who is concerned about how to improve national responses at all levels of society. The topics and discussions raised here will resonate in the subsequent International AIDS Conference, where they will be championed in a plenary speech on children and HIV/AIDS given by Professor Linda Richter.

The symposium is being organized by The Teresa Group in partnership with the Coalition on Children Affected by AIDS and le Casa de la Sal.

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## Affiliated Events

### THE INVISIBLE MEN: GAY MEN AND OTHER MSM IN THE GLOBAL HIV/AIDS EPIDEMIC PRESENTED BY THE GLOBAL FORUM ON MSM & HIV

**Date:** August 1 – 2, 2008  
**Time:** August 1, 8:00 – 17:00;  
August 2, 8:00 – 14:00  
**Organizer:** Global Forum on MSM & HIV

**Event Description:** The Pre-Conference on MSM and HIV will focus on how insufficient global HIV research (broadly defined) on MSM drives the dearth of HIV prevention, treatment and care resources targeting MSM needs, drawing connections between research, practice and policy. Please see the event webpage for details on registration and the event program.

**Event Location:** Sheraton Maria Isabel

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## Affiliated Events

### DRUG USER AFFILIATED EVENT

**Date:** 2 August 2008  
**Time:** 10:00 - 15:30  
**Organizer:** AHRN and GNP+

**Event Description:** The Positive Drug User Affiliated Event is part of the pre-conference activities. Modeled on the Drug User Congress held annually at the International Harm Reduction Conference, this Affiliated Event seeks to bring together people who use drugs and are living with or affected by HIV to coordinate their efforts throughout the conference and beyond. As all around the world many drug users are living with HIV, the International AIDS Conference is a critical platform for positive drug user engagement and advocacy and offers an opportunity for progress on ensuring meaningful user involvement and participation in the global response to HIV/AIDS. As such, the objectives of the Affiliated Event will include: Providing participants with guidance on conference logistics and access to methadone in Mexico; Identifying key advocacy issues to be raised and promoted throughout the Conference; Reviewing the 2004 Leadership Statement and the 2006 Declaration of Unity and revise commitments through a new joint statement; and linking key stakeholders together through networking.

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## Affiliated Events

### ACTIVISTS NETWORKING MEETING

**Date:** 2 August 2008  
**Time:** 08:00 - 10:00  
**Organizer:** Community Activist Liaison Team

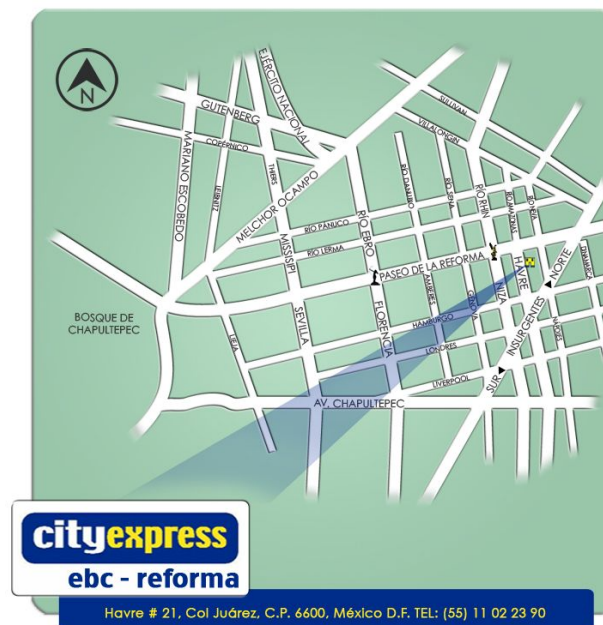
**Event Description:** This will be an opportunity for activists to meet, learn about the activist meeting space, available support, discuss issues of mutual concern as well as hear about security precautions in place for the conference.

Snacks and refreshments will be available. RSVP to [ron@rosenes.com](mailto:ron@rosenes.com). RSVP would be helpful to determine numbers but not required!

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO SHARE WITH YOUR LISTS

**Event Location:** City Express Hotel Reform, Havre # 21 Col Juárez, C.P. 6600, México D.F.

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## Affiliated Events

### PRE-CONFERENCE MONOGRAM BIOSCIENCES

**Date:** August 2, 2008  
**Time:** 19:30 - 22:30  
**Organizer:** Monogram Biosciences

**Event Description:** Advisory Board Program to discuss the latest advancements in the area of HIV tropism and Optimized Background Therapy

**Event Location:** San Angel Inn, Mexico D.F. C.P. 01060

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## Affiliated Events

### POSITIVE FAITH CONFRONTING HIV- LAUNCH CELEBRATION OF INERELA

**Date:** August 2, 2008

**Time:** 19:00 -22:00

**Organizer:** INERELA (International Network of Religious Leaders Living with or Personally Affected By HIV)

**Event Description:** INERELA+ seeks to address the HIV pandemic through its multi-faith network which exists to equip, empower and engage religious leaders living with or personally affected by HIV and AIDS to live positively and openly as agents of hope and change in their faith communities and countries. INERELA + members respond to the pandemic in a positive way that breaks silence, challenges stigma and empowers them to utilize their faith communities in the delivery of evidenced-based prevention, care and treatment services. It plans to establish more regional and national programmes to provide a framework within which training can be provided and through which advocacy and action can be coordinated. In 2008, initial contact with religious leaders from across North and South America will be solidified to form INERELA+ Americas. Particular attention will be paid on working with leaders from the region's indigenous and African diasporic religions and cultures. To this end, INERELA+ will take advantage of the International AIDS Conference being held in Latin America for the first time, to announce and celebrate its global launch including its Americas program.

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## Affiliated Events

### V MEETING OF FIRST LADIES AND WOMEN LEADERS IN LATIN AMERICAN ON WOMEN AND AIDS

**Date:** August 2, 2008  
**Time:** 10:00 – 17:00 hrs  
**Organizer:** Mexican Secretariat of Health

**Event Description:** The Coalition of First Ladies and Women Leaders of Latin America on Women and AIDS was established in New York on June 2nd, 2006, during the parallel meeting of the XXVI Special Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, on the initiative of Xiomara Castro de Zelaya, First Lady of Honduras and supported by UNAIDS and UNFPA. This is a unique alliance among women in key decision making positions and representatives of the International Community of Women Living with HIV/AIDS (ICW/Latina) committed to implementing a Regional Platform of Action. The Mexican President's spouse and First Ladies from Latin America have joined the coalition. Other members include ministers, parliamentarians, civil society leaders, NGOs, and international cooperation agencies.

The nature of the Coalition - strong leadership of women including women living with HIV (WLH), moved the coalition beyond its expectations, gathering more than 150 members with the power to shape policy at the regional and national levels. The coalition met four times in less than two years with support from the Regional Directors Group of the UN and local governments.

The Coalition aims to mobilize political and financial support for Universal Access and propose concrete strategies to address the growing feminization of the epidemic in Latin America. Results achieved include increased recognition of the feminization of the epidemic in Latin America, increased regional and national support for initiatives of WLH, action plans to halt the feminization of the epidemic, and the promotion of local agreements between ICW and women leaders.

The V Coalition Meeting, with an expected 200 high level participants, will hold a technical meeting on August 1st. A reference document will define feasible and achievable goals for the effective prevention of HIV and the impact of HIV/AIDS on women living with HIV.

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## Affiliated Events

### FOGARTY INTERNATIONAL CENTER MEETING

**Date:** August 2, 2008  
**Time:** 14:00 -17:00 hrs  
**Organizer:** Fogarty International Center, National Institutes of Health, USA

**Event Description:** Fogarty International Center (FIC) is planning a meeting in conjunction with AIDS 2008 in Mexico City in celebration of the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of FIC and the 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday of AIDS International Training and Research Program (AITRP). We would like to use the opportunity of the meeting to highlight the capacity building efforts for research in low- and middle- income countries accomplished through the AITRP as the oldest research training program and the model for the FIC research training programs that followed, including the International Clinical, Operations and Health Services Research Training Award for AIDS and TB (ICOHRTA AIDS TB). The meeting will center on 3-4 panels composed of current and former trainees who are nominated by their research training program directors as "stars." We are particularly interested in those who have abstracts that have been accepted to be presented as posters or oral presentations at AIDS 2008 conference. The panels will not be used for them to present their scientific findings, but to highlight how the FIC-supported training fostered their development as scientists.

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## Affiliated Events

### WOMEN IN HIV TRIALS: BUILDING BRIDGES IN CLINICAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH

**Date:** August 2, 2008  
**Time:** 14:00- 18:00  
**Organizer:** International Center for Research on Women

**Event Description:** Social science analyses are crucial to ensuring that HIV clinical trials more adequately meet the needs of women and adolescent girls. During this session, we will hear from leading researchers on their experiences with prevention and treatment trials, the challenges they faced and the solutions they have found toward integrating women into HIV trials. Through small group discussions, attendees will join the guest speakers to develop action points on how to bridge the social and clinical sciences toward improving clinical trials.

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## Affiliated Events

### INTERFAITH SERVICE

**Date:** August 4, 2008  
**Time:** 20:30  
**Organizer:** Christian Host Committee – Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance

**Event Description:** The Christian Host Committee, Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance and the Ecumenical Pre-Conference invites delegates, observers and the general public to participate in an Interfaith Service.

The service will offer prayers and meditation in different traditions. We gather to encourage each other to place the International AIDS Conference and our lives in the wider context of compassion to which all people of faith aspire. For a moment we will meditate in our own way, surrounded by others praying using their traditions. Together we will plead for solutions beyond what we see and for courage to enact the possible but unfulfilled. We will listen to music which comforts and beckons. Remembering who we are, we will encounter what we are called to do in the midst of the AIDS pandemic.

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