

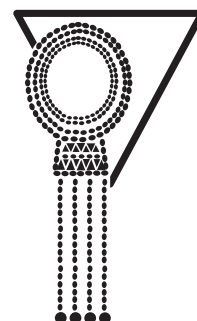
The International Women's Summit offers a unique opportunity to **listen** to some of the world's leading experts on HIV and AIDS and **learn** from the experiences of women working in the heart of local communities. It's a chance to **lead** change in addressing the impact of HIV and AIDS on women and girls.

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Everyday, women are leading the response to HIV and AIDS. They change lives and communities for the better, and demonstrate that women's leadership can be a powerful vehicle in the fight against AIDS.

Come to Nairobi, Kenya for this unprecedented global event, which will bring together over 1500 women and men from all sectors to develop strategies, skills and partnerships to address HIV and AIDS. The Summit is part of the World YWCA Council: Changing Lives, Changing Communities, July 1-11, 2007.

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



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Changing Lives Changing Communities

International Women's Summit: Women's Leadership on HIV & AIDS

Kenyatta International Conference Centre, Nairobi

Summit Objectives: **To highlight the difference women's leadership is making on HIV and AIDS**
To build the capacity of individuals and organisations to develop sustainable programmes and evidence based solutions **To mobilise women around the world to respond to HIV and AIDS and related issues**
To develop strategic partnerships to broaden the impact of responses

WORKSHOP SESSIONS ● ● ●

Workshops will be held throughout the Summit offering opportunities for discussion, sharing of good practices and capacity building for strengthening the AIDS response. Workshops are divided into five streams and include:

WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP IN RESPONSE TO AIDS

- > Accessing funding
- > Sharing personal stories
- > Caregivers in communities
- > Women's leadership
- > Skills for advocacy
- > Public speaking for positive women
- > Disclosing HIV status
- > Power of Support
- > Living with HIV and AIDS

POLICY & ADVOCACY: MOVING INTO ACTION

- > Keep the Promise
- > Stigma and discrimination
- > Treatment and care
- > Human rights and HIV and AIDS
- > Violence against women and HIV and AIDS
- > Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights
- > Women, power and politics
- > Litigation on behalf of women
- > Sex workers
- > Positive women in prisons
- > Research and advocacy
- > Gender based responses

LESSONS LEARNT FROM CHANGING COMMUNITIES

- > Micro finance for positive families
- > Securing land tenure for women
- > Supporting orphans and vulnerable children
- > Building partnerships with positive networks
- > Psychosocial support
- > Sharing lessons learnt

INTENSIFYING PREVENTION, TREATMENT, CARE AND SUPPORT FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

- > Prevention, treatment, care and support
- > Innovative prevention approaches
- > Risky behaviour
- > HIV and motherhood
- > Positive women's experiences
- > Inclusive communities
- > Treatment literacy
- > Revising prevention messages

POSITIVE LIVING

- > Self esteem and empowerment
- > Long term survival
- > Pregnancy and HIV
- > Motherhood and HIV
- > Nutrition and herbs
- > Accessing care, treatment and support
- > Love, sex and abstinence
- > GIPA in action
- > Stigma and discrimination
- > Supporting orphans and vulnerable children

LEADING CHANGE AWARDS ● ● ●

The Women Leading Change Awards will honour women leading change on HIV and AIDS at the community level. The Awards will celebrate exceptional leadership in the areas of prevention, care and treatment, advocacy and policy making as well as addressing gender inequality and stigma and discrimination. There will be two categories for each award, recognising both established community leaders and young women's emerging leadership. The Awards will be presented at the opening ceremony of the Summit.

SOKONI ● ● ●

Sokoni, a Swahili word for marketplace, will be open throughout the conference and is a place for networking, exchange of ideas and resources, seeking advice and buying local products. Sokoni will be located under tents in the courtyard of the Kenyatta International Conference Centre. It opens on July 4 and will be accessible daily from **8.00 to 18.00**.

Organisations can apply for exhibition booths to display and share information and resources by contacting iws@worldywca.org and two 'market days' have been scheduled for the selling of handicrafts, products and publications, which will also attract local artisans. Market days are July 4 from **12.30-14.30** and July 5 from **10.30-18.00**.

WORSHIP ● ● ●

Recognising the spiritual dimension of many women's lives, an optional worship will take place each morning. The worship includes empowering stories of women's leadership on HIV and AIDS, and addresses issues such as exploitation, persecution, living with HIV, dialogue and perspectives on HIV and AIDS. It promotes respect for all faiths and collaboration among women of different faiths and traditions. The liturgies use universal symbols such as air, water, earth and fire, and music will be an important element of the worship, which will be enlightening and fun. Worship will be held daily between **8.00 am and 8.45 am**.

July 4, 2007 Positive Women's Forum ● ● ●

Kenyatta International Conference Centre, Nairobi

The Summit begins with a one day Positive Women's Forum on July 4, open exclusively to women living with HIV and AIDS. The programme has been designed by positive women from all regions to respond to their needs and issues. It aims to create a space and an agenda for positive women, and provide opportunities for networking and building strategic partnerships. The Forum aims to mobilise the positive women's movement on HIV and AIDS and cross cutting issues, as well as raise the visibility of positive women's leadership.

Wednesday July 4 Programme Overview

9:00 - 10:30 Opening Plenary Session

Keynote addresses including Mary Robinson, Patron, ICW International Community of Women Living with HIV and AIDS

PANEL ON KEY THEMES

- Women's leadership and economic empowerment
- Affordable health care and treatment issues
- Advocacy on gender inequalities
- Stigma and discrimination
- Human rights including sexual and reproductive health and rights of women and girls

10:30 - 11:00 Break

11:00 - 12:30 Workshops, Roundtables & Panel Presentations

12:30 - 14:00 Lunch

Side Event - Launch of the Business Women's Initiative on HIV and AIDS (by invitation)

12:30 - 14:30 Sokoni Market Day

14:00 - 16:00 Workshops

16:00 - 17:00 Report back

17:00 Reception

Town Hall Meetings

TIME: TBA Positive Women: Sexual & Reproductive Rights City Hall, Nairobi

July 5-7, 2007 International Women's Summit: Kenyatta International Conference Centre, Nairobi

From July 5, 2007, the Summit opens for all delegates. Expert speakers and panellists will provoke discussions on HIV and AIDS and related issues; and a range of workshops will explore intersecting themes and build capacity for the AIDS response. As part of the conference, Town Hall Meetings will take place at strategic locations around Nairobi, providing a platform for interaction between delegates and the local community on cutting edge issues. The Summit will result in a global call to action with clear strategies for addressing the impact of AIDS on women and girls.

Confirmed Speakers:

Conference speakers range from global experts to grassroots community activists, and include women living with HIV. Some of the speakers already confirmed include:

Thursday July 5 Programme Overview

9:00 - 12:30 Opening Ceremony

Welcome from the World YWCA and ICW

Songs and Stories: Changing Lives, Changing Communities

Women Leading Change Awards Ceremony

Addresses: Dr. Peter Piot, Executive Director, UNAIDS
Dr. Margaret Chan, Director General, WHO

Multimedia Presentation

Opening and Welcome Address by Kenyan Government

Musical Piece

10:30 - 18:00 Sokoni Market Day

12:30 - 14:30 Lunch

Side Event - Panel Discussion on Gender & HIV and AIDS

14:30 - 16:00 Breakout Sessions

- Securing Women's Rights
- Investing More Resources for Women
- Ensuring Women's Representation in Decision-Making
- Women, Religion and HIV & AIDS

16:00 - 16:30 Break

16:30 - 18:00 Workshops

18:00 Launch of the 13 Movement (by invitation)

Town Hall Meetings

12:45 - 14:15 Economic Security & HIV & AIDS - City Hall, Nairobi

17:00 - 19:00 Religion and HIV - All Saints Cathedral, Nairobi

The Summit is organised by the World YWCA, one of the largest women's local communities through advocacy, prevention, care and support in over partners and donors. For more information visit www.worldywca.org.

Women's Leadership on HIV and AIDS ● ● ●

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Rev Dr Sam Kobia
General Secretary, World Council of Churches

Dr Peter Piot
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Dorothy Onyango
Executive Director & Founder, Women Fighting AIDS in Kenya

Hon Mary Robinson
Patron ICW & Former President of Ireland

Dr Alice Welbourn
International Community of Women Living with HIV and AIDS

Monica Zetzsche President, World YWCA



Friday July 6 Programme Overview

9:00 – 10:30 Breakout Sessions

- Human Rights, Violence Against Women and HIV and AIDS
- Making the Link between AIDS and Trade
- Positive Women - Moving Policy into Action
- Protecting our Children

10:30 – 11:00 Break

11:00 – 12:30 Workshops

12:30 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30 – 17:30 Workshops

18:00 Gala Evening

Saturday July 7 Programme Overview

9:00 – 10:30 Plenary Session

If Women Really Matter, Where's the Leadership and the Money?

10:30 – 11:00 Break

11:00 – 12:30 Workshops

12:30 – 14:30 Lunch

Side Event - Special Session: Focus on Africa

14:30 – 17:00 Closing Plenary Session

Call to Action and Keynote Address

Responses: World YWCA, ICW, Global Coalition on Women and AIDS

Closing Ceremony

Town Hall Meetings

12.45 - 14.15 Women Initiated HIV Prevention Methods
City Hall, Nairobi

Town Hall Meetings

11.00 - 13.00 Youth, Sex and HIV
City Hall, Nairobi

what you need to know

Conference Information



IN NAIROBI

Arrival

Jomo Kenyatta International Airport is Kenya's main international airport and is situated 12 km from the Central Business District of Nairobi. Transportation from the airport to your hotel is included in the registration fee and delegates will be met at the airport by a local welcoming committee, where arrival details have been provided to the World YWCA. Otherwise, taxis are available for approximately USD 20 (Ksh 1400) one way. In case of an emergency at the airport or in transit, contact the YWCA on: + (254-20) 2724 789 or +(254-20) 2724 699 or + (254) 721 523 953.

Venue

The Kenyatta International Conference Centre is located in the centre of Nairobi and facilities include a local information desk run by Kenya YWCA, a bank, internet café, first aid, travel agent and airline offices.

Accommodation

July is a busy period in Nairobi, so hotel reservations should be made well in advance. Bookings made via the World YWCA benefit from discounted rates for conference delegates (see www.worldywca.org).

Registration

Registration takes place on the ground floor of the Conference Centre commencing June 30 from **10.00 - 18.00** daily. These hours will be extended to **8.00 - 18.00** from July 1-6. Participants should bring confirmation of their registration. If you have not yet registered for the event, you can do this online at www.worldywca.org or by contacting iws@worldywca.org for a registration package.

Transportation

The Conference Centre is walking distance to many of the recommended hotels: the 680 Hotel, Hilton Hotel and Intercontinental Hotel are 5-10 minutes on foot and the Nairobi Safari Club Hotel is 10-15 minutes away. Volunteers from YWCA of Kenya will lead groups walking between these hotels and the Centre every morning and evening. Taxis are available from all hotels at delegates' own cost (approximately Ksh 200 for travel within the city center or 3 USD). Buses and Matatus (minibuses) are part of Nairobi's public transport system, although are not recommended.

Interpretation & Translation

Simultaneous interpretation from English to French and Spanish and vice versa will be available in all plenary and break out sessions and in some workshops. Kiswahili will be offered during some sessions of the International Women's Summit, and most official documents and working papers will be available in English, French and Spanish.

BEFORE DEPARTURE

Visa Information

Most nationalities require a visa for entry into Kenya, and delegates are responsible for obtaining this and any other visas required in transit prior to departure. Airlines will usually require a valid visa at check in. Further information is available from your nearest Kenyan embassy, and a list of embassies/consulates and additional information is available from the World YWCA website. The World YWCA will provide a letter of invitation and a receipt upon payment of the registration fee, to assist the visa application process.

Customs

No customs duty is charged for bringing conference exhibition materials and equipment into Kenya, with the exception of items for sale, which will attract customs duty. The official customs information from the Kenyan Government is available from the World YWCA website.

Vaccinations

No vaccinations are required for Nairobi, although travellers coming from areas where yellow fever is endemic are required to provide a vaccination certificate. This live vaccine is not recommended for HIV positive people, who should instead travel with a letter from their doctor advising that for health reasons they have not been vaccinated. The risk of Malaria exists throughout the year; however in Nairobi it is minimal due to the city's high altitude. Participants travelling in the region before or after the conference should consult their doctor or health clinic 4-8 weeks before departure for any recommended vaccinations. More information can be found at

www.who.int/ith/en/

What to pack

Make sure you pack clothing that suits a range of weather conditions and adapts to your travel plans, including a jumper and jacket for cooler days and a hat for warmer weather. Delegates are encouraged to bring national costumes to wear at the opening ceremony. In some cultures, it is customary to give small gifts to new acquaintances, so you may wish to have small souvenirs from your own country to exchange. Don't forget to bring any electrical adapters and a voltage converter if needed. Kenya uses 240 volts AC and accords with the UK system with a three square pin and 13 amp plug.

ABOUT NAIROBI

Weather

Nairobi enjoys a pleasant climate with average July temperatures around 9 degrees Celsius at night and 21 degrees Celsius during the day. It can get hot during the day, but is often cool in the early morning and evening, and rain is possible. In coastal areas, the climate is more humid and the average daytime temperature is 28 degrees.

Currency

The Kenyan currency is the Kenyan Shilling (KSh. or Sh.) divided into 100 cents, and there are no restrictions on bringing currency into the country. Exchange facilities, including traveller's cheques, are available at the airport, hotels and commercial banks as well as the many Forex bureaux in Nairobi and other major towns. All major credit cards are accepted and ATMs are widely available accepting most cards. Hotel bills can be settled in local or convertible foreign currency, except smaller hostels which usually require payment in Shillings. Current exchange rates are: US\$ 1 = KSh, 69. euro 1 = KSh 90.

Security

Nairobi city is generally safe during the day and by respecting general security precautions that apply in many large cities, you should enjoy your stay. These include walking in groups after dark and in isolated areas, and using taxis outside of the city centre in the evenings. Avoid overt displays of jewellery, cameras and mobile phones in public places and carry only small amounts of cash when walking around; valuables can be left in hotel safes. The Conference Centre has 24 hour security and most sessions end before 6pm so you should reach your hotel during daylight. Guided walking groups are available for additional security. Don't forget to lock your suitcase before checking in at the airport and always take care of your personal belongings.

Health & Emergencies

The water in most hotels is safe for drinking, although bottled water is recommended and widely available. The Conference Centre will provide free drinking water at all times. Nairobi has some of the best private hospitals in Eastern and Central Africa, most of which accept medical insurance cover from international insurers. If upfront payment for consultations and treatment is required, this can be claimed later. Most health facilities offer 24-hour emergency services and you should ring 999 in case of an emergency or 112 from a mobile phone. If medical assistance is needed at the Conference Centre, staff will be available to help at the information desk.

Telephone

Public telephones accept coins or phone cards, which may be bought from Telkom Kenya, post offices or internet cafes. International calls can be dialled using the International Code 000 or operator assisted (0195/6). Hotel phones are usually twice as expensive. If you have a mobile phone, SIM cards can be purchased from Safaricom or Celtel, both of which have extensive roaming arrangements worldwide.

Internet

Many hotels have internet connections in bedrooms, in addition to business centres. Emails, faxes and telexes can be sent from hotels but costs are usually high. Alternatively, there are many cyber cafes within the city centre, and wireless hot spots can be found at the airport, and at Java Coffee Shop, Dorman's Coffee House and Tux Cyber Café in the city centre. An Internet Café will also be available at the Conference Centre for delegates.

Restaurants

Restaurants in Nairobi offer a range of different cuisines such as Indian, Chinese, Lebanese and Ethiopian, as well game meat and vegetarian options. Most hotels operate more than one restaurant and the average cost of a meal with drinks is about Ksh 2000 per person (USD 28).

Travel and Tourism

There are many sightseeing possibilities in Kenya, and travel agents are available onsite to provide assistance: Twiga Tours, www.twigatours-mice.com email: info@twiga-tours.com also visit www.worldywca.org for another recommendations. Options include organised trips and safaris from Nairobi to National Parks for one day to two weeks duration, as well as shopping excursions to the famous maasai markets, the City Market or the Village Market. Book early to avoid disappointment and for more information visit: www.magicalkenya.com

