

International Indigenous Working Group on HIV and AIDS (IIWGHA)

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It is only just over one month that the International AIDS Conference will be held in Washington, DC. With no funding in place yet, plans continue to be made by the IIWGHA for the pre-conference, the global village and the International conference itself.

Much work has been accomplished with this project. CAAN continues to lead the IIWGHA and with this leadership comes many challenges. Language barriers, multiple time zones are overcome through the willingness and dedication of all the IIWGHA members.

CAAN and its partners have greatly increased Indigenous and Aboriginal issues regarding HIV and AIDS on a global scale. This will be the first year that there will be allotted time on the main agenda itself for Indigenous peoples. As well, there is a dedicated space within the global village and the networking zone to promote and gather wise practices currently being conducted within the respective countries. CAAN will be sharing its knowledge and gathering knowledge to promote within Canada.

This year's IAC conference will be held in July 23-27, 2012.

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Schedule at a glance									
July 18 - 27th, 2012									
Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8	Day 9	Day 10
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Travel day	IIWGHA (invitation only)	IIWGHA Pre-conference		IAC Conference					



International Indigenous Pre-conference on HIV & AIDS – TO SEE AND BE SEEN - July 20 & 21, 2012
Sheraton Four Points, 1201 K Street N.W. Washington, District of Columbia, 20005, USA
Pre-conference Agenda at a Glance - DRAFT June 3, 2012

Friday, July 20, 2012

08:30 –09:30	Opening Ceremonies			
09:30- 09:45	Opening Remarks			
	Dr. Clive Aspin, US Native American REP (Elton Naswood, Calvin Two Guns, Walter White Tail Feather)			
09:45 – 10:15	Speakers: Grand Chief Edward John, Chairperson - 11th Session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII) Ken Clement – CEO: Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network, Chair: International Indigenous Working Group on HIV & AIDS, Robert Foley – CEO NNAAPC			
10:15 – 10:30	NUTRITION BREAK			
10:30 – 11:15	PANEL: Aboriginal People living with HIV & AIDS Leaders A127NZ/AUWK IPHA leaders in the 'House' - Marama Pala, Trevor Stratton, Michelle Tobin, Lisa Tiger & Williams Morales (backups: Doris Peltier and ?)			
11:15 – 11:45	PANEL: Federal Government representatives Dr. Yvette Roubideaux, Director of Indian Health Service USA High Level Canadian speaker Moderator Dr Clive Aspin			
11:45 – 13:00	LUNCH BREAK – Invited Speaker (Who?)			
13:15 – 14:45	Franklin A BEST PRACTICES PANEL #4 1.B109USPT In Community Spirit - Robert Foley 2. B121AAPT Better to Know - Michael Costello 3.B148USPT Community voice and ways of knowing guides - Dr. Cynthia Pearson 4.	Franklin B B125CAWK WORKSHOP FEAR: Indigenizing Harm Reduction & Sex Positivity Krysta Williams	Franklin C C154SAPT PANEL PRESENTATION Making HIV Labour Policies your own Eric Carlson	Franklin D D160USWK Meaningful partnerships WORKSHOP Karina & Bonnie
14:45 – 15:00	NUTRITION BREAK			
15:00– 16:30	Franklin A B153USWK Native Women HIV Interventions WORKSHOP Hannabah Blue	Franklin B C112UK/NZPTWK Criminalisation and HIV Marama Pala/Edwin Bernard	Franklin C B104USWK Tribal to Technology WORKSHOP Elton Naswood, Tony Fuller, Michelle Enfield	Franklin D SCIENCE PANEL #1 1.B139SAPT Salud e interculturalidad para los pueblos indigena - Paulina Bol 2.D119USPT US HIV Surveillance among AI &

AN - Frances Walker
 3.D122AUPT - Time for reinvigorated response
 - James Ward
 4.D135CAPT Cedar Project Partnership: OCAP -
 Patricia Spittal PhD

Saturday, July 21, 2012

08:30 – 10:00	Franklin A A111CAWK Ahalaya Jamie Folsom	Franklin B B129CAWK Traditional Roles of the Anishinabek Family and Community Stan Peltier	Franklin C B123AUWK The paradox of high STI's and low HIV James Ward, Mark Saunders & Michael Costello WORKSHOP	Franklin D D118CAWK Engaging the Aboriginal community Sherri Poyack D114CAPT Making Research relevant in Aboriginal People's lives Renee Masching
10:00 – 10:15 NUTRITION BREAK				
10:15 – 11:45	Franklin A A143CAPT Meaningful involvement of WLWHIV (Women) Doris Peltier, Marama Pala, Michelle Tobin, Lisa Tiger 1.A120AUPT Our Life - Michelle Tobin and co.	Franklin B B102USWK Honoring our Native Trans Ashliana Hawelu	Franklin C 1. D126CAPT Exploring the Health and Wellness of long-time HIV-Positive Two-Spirit Men in Ontario – Art Zoccole 2.A142CAPT The way research should be done in our community - Tracey Prentice 3. B138CAPT - Tukisiviit – Do you understand? 4. ????????	Franklin D PANEL #3 1.D158NZPT 30 years of HIV for Indigenous - Clive Aspin PhD 2.B103NZPT Psycho-social dynamics of Indigenous peoples - Apihaka Mack???? 3. D145SAPT AIDS & Indigenous Peoples - Elisa Canqui 4.B149CAPT Evaluation of peer HIV testing and linkage to care - Meaghan Thumath & Shelley Bolton
12:00 – 13:00 LUNCH BREAK – Invited Speaker (Who?)				
13:00 – 14:45	GENERAL SESSION Explanation of 5 breakout tables 1. Best practices working with Indigenous communities 2. Governmental communication 3. Research initiatives 4. Guidelines for Indigenous inclusion in planning processes 5. Framework for measuring the success of the Toronto Charter Report Backs			
14:45 – 15:00	NUTRITION BREAK			

15:00 – 16:30	<p>GENERAL SESSION Native Youth Panel Closing Remarks Giveaway Retiring of the Colors Color Guards Flag and Honor Song</p>
16:30	CLOSING CEREMONY
18:00 – 21:00	FEAST & CULTURAL SHARING – ROUND DANCE offsite

CONFERENCE PATHWAYS (LEARNING TRACKS)

PATHWAY A LIVED EXPERIENCES OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV & AIDS

This track embraces the GIPA policy of greater involvement of people living with HIV and will focus specifically on the engagement of Indigenous people living with HIV & AIDS in the areas of policy making, programme development and implementation, leadership, support, group networking and sharing, advocacy, campaigns and public speaking, personal, treatment and preparedness. Abstracts for this track may address (but are not limited to) how to share the stories of Indigenous people living with HIV & AIDS, frameworks for effective and meaningful engagement and inclusion, or grassroots organizing.

PATHWAY B CULTURAL AND WISE PRACTICES

This track addresses how to effectively engage in Indigenous-specific approaches to HIV prevention. Wise practices are those which balance the unique qualities of an organization or community with the practices that it has in common with others, and cultural practices refers to those activities, approaches, frameworks, or programs that address HIV prevention in a culturally relevant and appropriate manner that encompasses Indigenous worldviews. Abstracts for this track may address (but are not limited to) social determinants of health, cultural relevance, risk and protective factors, use of traditional practices, cultural adaptations, innovative programming, or any combination thereof.

PATHWAY C INDIGENOUS POLICY AND ADVOCACY

This track focuses on the growing importance of policy decision on HIV prevention, care and treatment. Now more than ever, action on behalf of leadership or community representatives impact local methods of preventing HIV and caring for people. It is the desire of the IIWGHA to increase Indigenous participation in policy decisions and help Indigenous communities to respond to HIV & AIDS. Abstracts should focus on models or examples of successful policy and legislation development, methods for garnering Indigenous input to inform policy and program development, resource allocation to support advocacy efforts, leveraging instruments of human rights and Indigenous health (such as the Toronto Charter), and the relationships between political, economic, and social systems that impact HIV.

PATHWAY D RESEARCH, EPIDEMIOLOGY AND SURVEILLANCE

Pathway D encompasses a wide range of HIV & AIDS collected and analysed data on Indigenous peoples reported in a manner that is respectful of the needs of Indigenous Peoples as identified by Indigenous Peoples themselves. Abstracts discussing capacity building for Indigenous research, models of Indigenous research, community trust-building, advocacy for surveillance activities, sharing Indigenous research appropriately, epidemiological and surveillance systems, and socio-culturally relevant evidence are encouraged.
