



Global Advocacy for HIV Prevention

AVAC invites you to an exciting and interactive program engaging experts on research and implementation challenges of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) for HIV prevention at the XVII International AIDS Conference, Mexico City

Expecting (and managing) the unexpected: Reality check for PrEP and other new prevention options

Preparing for PrEP: Policy, Practice and Politics

Date: Sunday, 3 August 2008
3.45pm – 5.45pm (preceding the official International AIDS Conference opening ceremony)

Venue: Session Room 5 at the Centro Banamex

Program Description:

Over four million new HIV infections occur every year. Over 90% of these are acquired in resource-limited countries. Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) involving antiretroviral agents demonstrate great potential in reducing the global burden of HIV. Even if proven effective, the challenges of delivering PrEP remain formidable. Informed policies, effective advocacy and collaborations with potential funders will be critical in the successful implementation of PrEP, if proven effective.

This open forum and moderated discussion will provide an update on the status of PrEP research and engage advocates, researchers and policy makers in an interactive format, highlighting the challenges of translating research into effective policy and practice.

Invited speakers include:

Carl Dieffenbach, National Institutes of Health (NIH), Division of AIDS, USA
Charles Gilks, WHO, Switzerland
Pedro Goicochea, IMPACTA, Peru
Elly Katabira, Makerere Medical School, Uganda
Ntokozo Madlala, Gender AIDS Forum, South Africa
Lynn Paxton, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), USA
Jim Rooney, Gilead Sciences, USA
Mitchell Warren, Emily Bass and **Yasmin Halima**, AVAC, USA

Meeting organizer:

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For more information about this session and to confirm your attendance, please e-mail avac@avac.org. For more information about PrEP research, please visit www.prepwatch.org.