Women need HIV prevention products that are safe and effective to use in all stages of their lives, including during pregnancy and breastfeeding, when they may be most susceptible to infection. While the new WHO guidelines indicate that PrEP can be used during pregnancy, South Africa’s guidelines caution that not enough is known at this time about PrEP’s risks and benefits for HIV-uninfected pregnant women and their babies. What about new products, such as the dapivirine vaginal ring, or long-acting injectables? At which point and in which settings should questions about safety in this population be addressed?

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PROGRAM

Welcome and Introductions
Sharon Hillier (5 min)

Prevention of HIV in pregnant and breastfeeding women:
What is known about the safety of PrEP?
Lynda Stranix-Chibanda University of Zimbabwe-University of California San Francisco, Zimbabwe (10 min)

“PrEP can be used during pregnancy”:
Understanding the rationale of the 2015 WHO guidelines on PrEP
D. Heather Watts PEPFAR, United States (10 min)

“PrEP in pregnant or breastfeeding women is contraindicated”:
Understanding the rationale of the 2016 Southern African guidelines on PrEP
Francesca Conradie Southern African HIV Clinicians Society, South Africa (10 min)

Meeting the HIV prevention needs of pregnant and breastfeeding women:
The challenges and opportunities ahead for PrEP, rings and new biomedical approaches
Nelly Mugo Kenya Medical Research Institute, Kenya (10 min)

Panel Discussion – Moving Forward: Evidence, Advocacy and Action (70 min)

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Summary and Next Steps:
Sharon Hillier and Heather Watts (5 min)

An informal reception will follow the program