

As one of the most highly stigmatized groups in sub-Saharan Africa, gay men are faced with a myriad of cultural, social and legal barriers that greatly increase their risk for HIV. These challenges make it extremely difficult to gain access to vital resources needed to prevent HIV.

LIVED REALITIES, IMAGINED FUTURES: MEETING THE HIV PREVENTION NEEDS OF AFRICAN GAY MEN

Join us as we engage in an important discussion about how to provide African gay men with information and access to HIV prevention in the context of stigma, discrimination and human rights abuses. And, importantly, how to implement prevention research and approaches to tip the scale of the epidemic for real and lasting change in the lives of African gay men.

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Microbicide Trials Network (MTN) with Anova Health Institute, The East African Sexual Health and Right Initiative (UHAI EASHRI), International Rectal Microbicide Advocates (IRMA) and AVAC

SESSION CO-CHAIRS:

Ian McGowan Microbicide Trials Network, United States
James McIntyre Anova Health Institute, South Africa

PROGRAM

Welcome and introductions

James McIntyre (5 min)

Accessing HIV prevention, treatment and care in a criminalized environment: What does it mean to gay men, MSM and transgender communities?

Gift Trapence Centre for the Development of People, Malawi (10 min)

The potential of PrEP for gay men and other MSM across sub-Saharan Africa

Stefan Baral Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, United States
Siya Mnyanda South Africa (15 min)

Why we need more than PrEP: Expanding the HIV prevention toolbox in Africa

Ian McGowan Microbicide Trials Network, United States (10 min)

PANEL DISCUSSION – FORGING THE FUTURE FOR AFRICAN GAY MEN (75 min)

MODERATORS:

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Kevin Rebe Anova Health Institute, South Africa

PANELISTS:

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Micheal Ighodaro AVAC, United States
Kennedy A. Owiti Nyanza, Rift Valley and Western Kenya LGBTI Network, Kenya
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Closing remarks

Ian McGowan (5 min)

