

## THGS13 Live Plenary Session Broadcast

GV Plenary Viewing

**Venue:** Main Stage

**Time:** Thursday 24 July, 08:30-10:30

The daily plenary sessions feature some of the world's most distinguished HIV scientists, policy specialists and community leaders. Plenary sessions are broadcast live to the Global Village main stage area each day of the conference.

## Leveraging the Experience of Community Organizations to Eliminate MTCT by 2015

GV Panel Discussion

**Venue:** Community Dialogue Space

**Time:** Thursday 24 July, 11:00-12:15

This session aims to facilitate an open dialogue among various actors, including community leaders, governments, and intergovernmental organisations on strengthening community engagement for implementing PMTCT programmes learning from experiences in Kenya and Venezuela.

## THGS01 The Challenges of Being Transgender in the Asia Pacific: Perspectives and Data Informing National Level HIV and AIDS Responses

GV Presentation with Q&A

**Venue:** Clarendon Room D&E

**Time:** Thursday 24 July, 11:00-12:30

**Chair:** Joe Wong, Singapore

In many parts of the world, transgender people have special health needs that have been severely neglected due to stigma, discrimination and the lack of transgender-specific data to inform policy and programming. Recognizing these particular vulnerabilities the Asia Pacific Transgender Network and various United Nations agencies have begun a series of regional initiatives to promote accessible and high-quality health care services for transgender people. This session will highlight personal and professional experiences of transgender men and women from Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore and India. Presenters will focus on socio-cultural factors driving risk behaviours; the magnitude of HIV and STI epidemics among transgender people in selected countries; issues concerning the screening, prevention and treatment of HIV and STIs among transgender people, and campaigning for action in national and regional HIV responses.

### Introduction

*J.Wong, Singapore*

### Experiences of transgender men and women from Philippines, Thailand, Singapore and India

*N.Kraipet, Thailand; A.Aher, India; K.Cardova Montecarlo, Philippines; J.Wong, Singapore*

### Questions and answers and discussion

### Wrap-up and conclusion

## THGS02 Beyond the Closet and Hushed Whispers: Cultural Sensitivity Training for HIV and AIDS Education Amongst Muslim Communities

GV Workshop

**Venue:** Youth Pavilion

**Time:** Thursday 24 July, 11:00-12:30

**Level:** Intermediate

**Target audience:** General healthcare / social services provider, Social worker

**Seating limit:** 150

**Facilitator:** Nilofer Khan Habibullah, France

Studies have concluded that lack of understanding of cultural mores surrounding sexual health education has led to a protracted stand-off between the Islamic world and sexual health education purists. Unfounded beliefs, social ostracism, dissatisfaction with health care providers, and poorer health outcomes of people living with HIV and AIDS have all contributed to alienate Muslim communities. A sensitive method which promotes an attitude of respect, specifically tailored for youth in Muslim communities is critical to close wide cultural disparities. This session will bring three young Muslim leaders in HIV and AIDS education to present their innovative, culturally and faith sensitive approaches to working with Muslim communities, specifically addressing young key affected populations. The session will provide a safe and open platform for discussion amongst faith-based advocates, especially from the Muslim community, and will include an audience-led, fishbowl-style discussion on innovative solutions and provide an opportunity for audience members to contribute to setting regional game plans.

### Introduction

*N.Khan Habibullah, France*

### Beyond the closet and hushed whispers: Cultural sensitivity and HIV and AIDS education in muslim communities and culturally diverse groups

*N.Khan Habibullah, France*

### Culturally sensitive approaches on HIV and AIDS education among youth in muslim communities

### Break-out and fish-bowl workshop: Assessing personal biases and practicing sensitivity

### Conclusion

## THCA01 Social Theatre Against Stigma and Discrimination

GV Theatre

**Venue:** Main Stage

**Time:** Thursday 24 July, 11:00-12:00

Many young people have negative attitude towards people living with HIV due to a distorted societal understanding of infection transmission and a lack of community awareness and education. Based in the Ukraine, the First Kyiv Social Theatre uses the art of verbatim theatre and storytelling to change perceptions and negative attitudes against people living with HIV, including women, men who have sex with men, and people who use drugs.

## THCA06 iQue No! (No Way!) | Short Films

GV Film Screening

**Venue:** Clarendon Room C

**Time:** Thursday 24 July, 11:00-11:30

Denouncing sexual discrimination and homophobic related violence, these short community awareness films were promoted as part of a Peruvian community awareness campaign titled 'iQue No!' ('No Way!'). The campaign was created by young activists and CIUDADANIASX – an arts and human rights initiative that aims to promote human rights and confront stigma and discrimination affecting sexually diverse communities and people who live with HIV in Peru. The campaign was developed in 2013, with the support of Global Voices and Hivos, and was promoted across social networks to in response to violence based on sexual orientation bias. The campaign launched 13 videos and posters during the International Day against Homophobia and Transphobia. Following the screening a question and answer session will be held with Cecilia Ugaz Calderón, Institute of Studies in Health, Sexuality and Human Development (IESSDEH). Run Time: 7 mins (13 films x 30 seconds). Language: Spanish with English subtitles.

## THCA07 Staying Strong: Act, Connect, Survive | Music Clips

GV Film Screening

**Venue:** Clarendon Room C

**Time:** Thursday 24 July, 11:50-12:05

**Organizer:** Monique Mc Ewan, Australia

Staying Strong: Act, Connect, Survive was an Australian based community arts and educational campaign implemented in 2013 designed to build resilience around drug use and to raise awareness of blood borne viruses. Targeting young Aboriginal people (16 – 30 years old), the campaign draws on young people's resilience, and offers opportunities for self-expression through song writing, recording and making video clips. Staying Strong was implemented by the Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council of NSW (AH and MRC) in partnership with the Aboriginal hip hop band, The Last Kinction, Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services, NSW Correctional Services and juvenile detention centres in 2013. A total of 30 video clips and 10 posters were developed by participants and are being distributed through Facebook, websites and printing across NSW. See [www.stayingstrong.com.au](http://www.stayingstrong.com.au) for more information. Run Time: 15 mins.

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**THGS15 Breaking Barriers Changing Lives: India's Supreme Court Judgment on Hijras and Transgender People**

GV Panel Discussion

**Venue:** Community Dialogue Space

**Time:** Thursday 24 July, 12:15-13:00

To build knowledge/understanding about the benefits for transgender people and Hijras under OBC provisions, in particular, health and HIV related services, social protection, education, and employment and welfare services in India.

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**THCA08 Chuppan Chupai - Hide and Seek | Feature Documentary**

GV Film Screening

**Venue:** Clarendon Room C

**Time:** Thursday 24 July, 12:25-13:25

Winner of the Best Documentary Award at the 2013 KASHISH Mumbai International Queer Film, 'Chuppan Chupai' or 'Hide and Seek' reveals the secret, yet open lives of a group of Pakistani sexual minorities. The film raises questions about transgender activism, religion, underground gay life, social acceptance and collective familial customs of transgender people in urban Pakistan. This feature-length documentary focuses on the internal conflicts of four individuals and their constant play of 'hide and seek' from the mainstream population. Run Time: 68 mins.

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**THCA02 The Real Hot Bitches**

GV Performance

**Venue:** Main Stage

**Time:** Thursday 24 July, 12:30-13:15

The Real Hot Bitches are a Melbourne based lycra lovin', glitter explosion of hot bitches: boy bitches, girl bitches, whatever bitches. These bitches have a passion, a dance passion.

Through all that the 80s has to offer; lycra, lace, glitter, glory, g-string leotards, voluminous hair and power thrusts, the bitches bust out epic routines to the classic hits of the 80s. Witness the Fitness.

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**THGS04 HIV and HAND Toolkit Launch: Raising Awareness and Reducing Stigma of HIV Associated Neurocognitive Disorder**

GV Presentation with Q&A

**Venue:** Clarendon Room D&E

**Time:** Thursday 24 July, 13:00-14:00

**Chair:** David Sykes, Australia

HIV-associated neurocognitive disorder (HAND) is a common term used for neurological disorders associated with HIV and AIDS. People living with HIV (PLHIV) may develop Alzheimer's or other causes of cognitive impairment which in turn may effect self-management of HIV. This session aims to raise awareness and reduce stigma among PLHIV, their partners and families, and those working in the field about the risks, consequences and management of cognitive impairment including HIV associated neurocognitive disorder. During this session, a new toolkit will be launched which provides relevant and contemporary education resources to better enable support to PLHIV in areas such as diagnosis of HIV associated neurocognitive disorder and other forms of cognitive impairment.

**Introduction**

*D.Sykes, Australia*

**Launch of HIV and HAND Toolkit**

*D.Sykes, Australia*

**Understanding HIV- Associated Neurocognitive Disorders**

*E.Wright, Australia*

**Cognitive impairment and HIV: A community perspective**

*I.Muchamore, Australia*

**Questions and answers and discussion**

**Conclusion**

*D.Sykes, Australia*

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**THGS05 No Longer an Elephant in the Room: Change-makers for Youth and Drug Policy**

GV Debate

**Venue:** Youth Pavilion

**Time:** Thursday 24 July, 13:00-14:00

**Chair:** Nilofer Khan Habibullah, France

With international momentum in drug policy reform currently underway, there is evidence of limited representation by young people who use drugs in policy-making spheres. This session will host two youth leaders who were highly ranked in the internationally acclaimed contest "Global Debate & Public Policy Challenge 2014: Rethinking Drugs" (Budapest, June 2014). In this session, speakers will present their innovative drug policy approaches and methods for enhancing youth voices in drug policy-making, including its legal and social ramifications. The session aims to equip advocates with innovative strategies and tools to utilize when contributing to drug policy dialogue and will include an audience-led fish-bowl style discussion on key issues.

**Introduction**

*N.Khan Habibullah, France*

**The international drug policy reform landscape: Where do young drug users and marginalized groups stand? A snapshot of toxic policies that widen disparities**

*N.Khan Habibullah, France*

**Mapping our way forward: Innovative Solutions to Pressing Challenges towards Emancipation and Protection of Young Drug Users**

*K.Reiner Zetha Agbulos, Philippines*

**Fish-bowl Session (members of the audience): A panel debate on innovative policy solutions**

**Conclusion & Way Forward**

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**THCA03 Marginalized Nigerians Voice Out-Cultural Dance**

GV Performance

**Venue:** Main Stage

**Time:** Thursday 24 July, 13:35-13:55

A unique experience celebrating the vibrancy and diversity of African culture, this troupe of young performers from Nigeria will display their amazing talents through music, song and dance. As an underrepresented youth minority within their communities, the troupe have often been deprived of opportunities for self-expression due to a lack of platforms for performance and hostile attitudes. The Nigerian Network for Juvenile and Youth Affection (NEJUJA) will bring their talents to the Global Village Main Stage enabling them to celebrate their diversity and identity through traditional dance and song.

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**THCA09 El Cañaveral (The Sugarcane) | Feature Documentary**

GV Film Screening

**Venue:** Clarendon Room C

**Time:** Thursday 24 July, 13:45-14:45

Fearing for his life, Joaquín, a member of the HIV+ gay community and a Salvadorian political activist, sets in motion a desperate attempt to seek asylum during the International AIDS Conference in Toronto, Canada. With a deportation order hanging over him, Joaquín is given a reprieve by a Federal Judge who orders a judicial review of his case. Six months later, Joaquín receives a letter in the mail summoning him to a meeting with an immigration officer at the airport border agency at the which he must attend in person. On the way to the meeting, Joaquín ponders whether he will get a positive response to his plight. Run time: 60 mins. Language: Spanish with English subtitles.

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**THGS06 Positive @ Work**

GV Panel Discussion

**Venue:** Clarendon Room D&E

**Time:** Thursday 24 July, 14:30-15:30

**Chair:** Ken Davis, Australia

Three decades into the HIV response there is still an over-focus on individual vulnerabilities instead of social contexts and systemic factors. The global trade union movement's longstanding contribution to the response, in alliance with civil society organisations, such as confronting discrimination, securing employment-related entitlements and safeguarding the rights of women and men with HIV in the workforce, have been historically significant. A new era however, calls for new priorities, much less ad-hoc responses, new strategies and new alliances for social change. This session will explore synergies that occur when building advocacy capacity between the HIV and labour movements in the context of two key transformations identified by the post-2015 development agenda - "leaving no-one behind" and "transforming economies for jobs and inclusive growth". The discussion will encourage an exchange on strategies for social change and the development of tools for translating advocacy into action at country and community level.

**Introduction**

*K.Davis, Australia*

**Introduction**

*A.Ouedraogo, Switzerland*

**South Africa Clothing and Textile Workers' Union**

*N.Soboil, South Africa*

**Unions fighting discrimination: Observations from Australia**

*H.Purse, Australia*

**Observation on synergies between civil society actors, trade unions and HIV organisations.**

*B.O'Loughlin, Australia*

**Trade union role in defending key collective rights in global recession times: Trade union LGBT centres and youth network**

*S.Marra, Italy*

**Discussion**

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**THGS07 Young People are Making a Difference in the HIV Response: Case Studies from Burkina Faso, Nigeria, Uganda, Jamaica and the USA**

GV Presentation with Q&A

**Venue:** Youth Pavilion

**Time:** Thursday 24 July, 14:30-15:30

**Chair:** Ariel Cerrud, United States

This session will illustrate four diverse initiatives, grounded in youth engagement principles in the HIV response. It will highlight promising practices for inter-generational partnerships in programming and advocacy, and highlight particular challenges facing Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Intersex (LGBTI) youth leaders. Presentations will consist of short case studies of community-driven and youth-led programming from around the world including: improved access to HIV and sexual and reproductive health and rights information; youth-friendly services in rural Burkina Faso; LGBTI youth-led efforts to improve HIV programmes and education to combat homophobia in Uganda, Nigeria, and Jamaica; international advocacy efforts spearheaded by a youth council based in the United States; and a youth-driven campaign to secure a national Youth HIV Awareness Day, also based in the United States.

**Introduction**

*A.Cerrud, United States*

**LGBT youth leadership & Burkina Faso case study**

*U.Arshad, United States*

**Virtual National Campaign in the US**

*G.Gabbert, United States*

**International youth advocacy**

*A.Cerrud, United States*

**Questions and answers**

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**THGS17 Introducing the New Global Fund Key Populations Action Plan**

GV Presentation with Q&A

**Venue:** Community Dialogue Space

**Time:** Thursday 24 July, 14:30-16:00

**Co-Chairs:** George Ayala, United States  
Kate Thomson, Switzerland

During this session community representatives will introduce different aspects of the Action Plan from their own community's perspective, highlighting the added value of the plan and identifying opportunities for operationalizing their country context.

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**THCA10 Reparaciones (Reparations) | Feature Film**

GV Film Screening

**Venue:** Clarendon Room C

**Time:** Thursday 24 July, 15:25-16:25

A finalist in the Health and Medical information category at the New York Festival, 'Reparaciones' ('Reparations') is a romantic comedy about two people who fall for each other and find they need to work together to manage HIV. On their first date, Mariela tells Octavio that she is HIV positive. The film follows them as they both deal with Mariela's diagnosis, and stigma and discrimination from their local community. 'Reparaciones' was developed as part of the Latin American Media AIDS Initiative (IMLAS), a collaboration by leading broadcasters across the region to develop a coordinated response to HIV. The film was produced to commemorate International AIDS Day and was broadcast in Argentina, Uruguay, Colombia and Ecuador. Run Time: 60 mins. Language: Spanish with English subtitles

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**THGS08 Exploring Attitudes and Concerns about Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) among Transgender Women, Sex Workers and Women Using Illegal Drugs**

GV Panel Discussion

**Venue:** Clarendon Room D&E

**Time:** Thursday 24 July, 16:00-17:00

**Chair:** Dazon Dixon Diallo, United States

Clinical trials to date have produced widely varying results regarding women's adherence to daily Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) HIV prevention regimens. The US Women and PrEP Working Group is a national advocacy coalition addressing issues that shape PrEP's introduction and effective use domestically, with particular attention to those affecting its accessibility and utility to women at highest risk of HIV. In the absence of formal research on this, the Working Group conducted studies in six US cities with women who self-identified as transgender, sex workers, and/or users of illegal drugs, regarding their perceptions and experiences of PrEP. This session aims to provide participants with a better understanding of issues of adherence and side effects as key concerns for women.

## Introduction: Research overview

*D.Diallo, United States*

## PrEP & high risk: More than what we see

*Y.Raphael, South Africa*

## Prevention options for women at risk

*M.Chatani, United States*

## Group discussion

## Conclusion

### THGS09 Exploring Gaps for Young MSM: Bullying, Health Services and Advocacy Around the Globe

GV Workshop

**Venue:** Youth Pavilion

**Time:** Thursday 24 July, 16:00-17:30

**Level:** Intermediate

**Target audience:** Activist, Community health worker

**Seating limit:** 150

**Facilitator:** Jack Beck, United States

Experiences of stigma and discrimination against men who have sex with men (MSM) have been linked to increases in HIV risk behaviour and can drive MSM underground, away from life-saving HIV prevention and treatment services. Beyond experiencing higher levels of homophobia, young men who have sex with men may be more vulnerable than older men and in some places around the world may face a number of laws and policies that prevent them from accessing sexual health-care and HIV-related services such as voluntary and confidential HIV testing, counselling and sexual education. This session aims to promote discussion of these issues and invites participants to contribute to the strategies and recommendations for young men who have sex with men being developed by the Global Forum on MSM and HIV's Youth Reference Group.

## Introduction

*G.Santos, United States*

## Young Arab men who have sex with men deserve more: an overview of challenges faced by the young MSM community in the Arab world, key struggles and achievements

*J.Tohme, Lebanon*

## Needs of YMSM in Sub-Saharan Africa

*I.Orazulike, Nigeria*

## Passing The Torch: A US Model for Engaging & Mobilizing Black Gay Men to End the HIV Epidemic Developed by the Young Black Gay Men's Leadership Initiative

*D.Driffin, United States*

## Homophobia and Access to HIV prevention services among young men who have sex with men: Results from the Gay Men's Health and Human Rights 2010 and 2012 surveys

*G.Santos, United States*

## Q&A and discussion and conclusion

### THGS10 Making HIV Testing Happen: A Shared Responsibility

GV Panel Discussion

**Venue:** Clarendon Auditorium

**Time:** Thursday 24 July, 16:30-18:00

**Chair:** Luiz Loures, UNAIDS

With proven benefits of antiretroviral treatment and three decades of experience with HIV testing, new ways of thinking about and delivering HIV testing are required. Available evidence shows that early testing and treatment leads to a healthier life for individuals affected by or at risk of HIV transmission. It is crucial to increase uptake of voluntary counselling and testing (VCT) while normalizing perceptions of HIV testing. Workplaces, communities and the private sector have a critical role to play because they exercise profound influence over attitudes and practices. This session will provide a platform to present the experience gathered through the International Labour Organization's VCT@WORK initiative and discuss challenges and opportunities for scaling up VCT through workplace and community partners, while safeguarding workers' rights. It will also explore innovative partnerships to increase uptake of VCT services, especially for key populations who are often underserved.

## Introduction

*L.Loures, UNAIDS*

## VCT@WORK reaching 5 million workers by 2015: a rights-based approach

*A.Ouedraogo, Switzerland*

## VCT@WORK in practice: Working with Unions to secure safe HIV testing environment for young women in the textile sector in South Africa

*N.Soboi, South Africa*

## Engaging the private sector in reaching workers, their family and the communities in Papuan Province, Indonesia.

*A.Kartika, Indonesia*

## Trade union development cooperation programs on AIDS: Experience of APHEDA

*K.Davis, Australia*

## Testing services for key populations: Key challenges

*E.Ngoksin, South Africa*

## Questions and answers and discussion

## Conclusion

*L.Loures, UNAIDS*

### THCA11 In My Skin | Short Documentary

GV Film Screening

**Venue:** Clarendon Room C

**Time:** Thursday 24 July, 16:45-17:05

Hate violence. Betrayal by loved ones. Employment discrimination. These are just some of the issues that transgender women face. Though often perceived as a bastion of tolerance, New York City is an often hostile place for transgender women to make their way and be themselves. But despite rampant stigma and discrimination, transwomen survive in the city, forging community and sisterhood with women who share their experiences. 'In My Skin' tells the story of a theatre ensemble made up of nine transgender women who come together to create a play based on their lives and then perform it at Joe's Pub at the legendary Public Theatre in downtown Manhattan. Run Time: 18 mins.

### THCA12 The Time There-After | Feature Documentary

GV Film Screening

**Venue:** Clarendon Room C

**Time:** Thursday 24 July, 17:20-18:40

Presented by Les Enfants Terribles, 'The Time There-After' tells the story of three men and two women who are HIV positive. This revealing documentary chronicles HIV in the 1980s and 1990s and looks at what it means to be living with HIV today, and what it might mean in the future. This session will be opened by Lambert Grijns, Dutch Ambassador to Australia for Sexual and Reproductive Rights, HIV and AIDS. A question and answer session will follow the screening. Run Time: 53 mins. Language: Dutch with English subtitles.

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**THGS11 Building a Network of Transgender Sex Worker Advocates in the Caribbean: Strategies to Improve National Responses to HIV**

GV Workshop

**Venue:** Clarendon Room D&E  
**Time:** Thursday 24 July, 17:30-19:00  
**Level:** Intermediate  
**Target audience:** Activist, Advocate  
**Seating limit:** 130  
**Facilitator:** John Waters Garcia, Dominican Republic

This session will define strategic actions aimed at achieving greater coordination and networking between organizations working with transgender people in the Caribbean. Participants will strengthen their ability to respond effectively to the needs of transgender people, especially sex workers, and focus on reducing their vulnerability to HIV. Participants will help determine how best to strengthen a regional network as a coordinating mechanism to reduce HIV incidence by promoting greater participation of transgender people in decision-making spaces. The session will involve presentations on best practices for working on political advocacy strategies for transgender people, and a group discussion to define how such a network could operate in the Caribbean.

**Introduction**

*J.Waters Garcia, Dominican Republic*

**Contextualization: Experience of forming and working as a network in the Caribbean**

*N.Castillo, Dominican Republic*

**Advantages and disadvantages of working in networks**

*W.Tavarez, Dominican Republic*

**The participation of transgender people in the Caribbean**

*M.Quezal, Belize*

**Best practices in political advocacy strategies for transgender people**

*D.Rodriguez, Ecuador*

**Questions, discussion and next steps**

*J.Waters Garcia, Dominican Republic*

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**THGS12 Writing our own narratives: the Global Advocacy Agenda for young people living with HIV**

GV Panel Discussion

**Venue:** Youth Pavilion  
**Time:** Thursday 24 July, 18:00-19:00  
**Chair:** Duncan Moeketse - Y Network, South Africa

This interactive session will provide a platform for young people living with HIV and their allies to articulate the most important needs of their communities within the context of the People Living with HIV Global Advocacy Agenda (GAA) 2013 – 2015. It will include presentations outlining the extent to which those priority issues for adolescents and young people living with HIV have or have not been addressed by the broader HIV sector and HIV science, technology and policy frameworks. The session will provide the opportunity for panellists and participants to discuss new opportunities and challenges for young people living with HIV moving forward. It will involve discussion to identify what key issues within the GAA are particularly pertinent to young people living with HIV, and about how the GAA can strengthen the work they do at community and national levels.

**Understanding the PLHIV Global Advocacy Agenda and what that means for YPLHIV**

*D.Moeketse - Y Network, South Africa*

**Galvanizing the movement to scale-up access to optimal treatment and related care for adolescents living with HIV**

*A.Oktariani, Indonesia*

**Positive health, dignity and prevention (PHDP) for young people living with HIV: How far have we come in operationalizing the PHDP for our communities?**

*M.Lumumbu, Uganda*

**Discussion: Priority issues, emerging challenges and opportunities for young people and adolescents living with HIV**

*M.Lumumbu, Uganda; M.Barry, Gambia; K.Chisholm, United States; A.Oktariani, Indonesia; V.Banda, Malawi*

**Reflections from participants, questions and answers**

**Wrap up highlighting key messages**

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**THGS19 Cultural Night: Indigenous Australia Performance**

GV Performance

**Venue:** Community Dialogue Space  
**Time:** Thursday 24 July, 18:00-19:00

This performance showcases a collection of contemporary and traditional Australian Indigenous songs, music and dance.