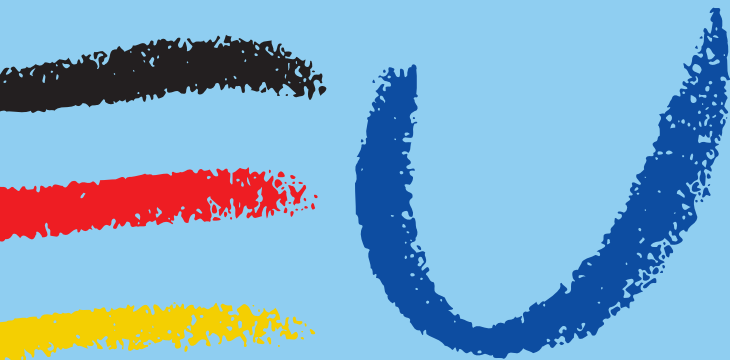




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Verantwortung und Partnerschaft – Gemeinsam gegen HIV/AIDS

Konferenz vom 12. – 13. März 2007, Bremen

Responsibility and Partnership – Together against HIV/AIDS

Conference from March 12th – 13th 2007, Bremen

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INVITATION

Twenty-five years have passed since the emergence of HIV/AIDS. In the meantime, the virus has spread around the globe. The HIV/AIDS epidemic is rampant in many countries in spite of all efforts to control it. While developing countries continue to bear the brunt of this scourge, the number of new HIV infections is also soaring in the European Union and its neighbouring countries.

Against this background, the German Federal Government chose HIV/AIDS as the main health policy topic of the German Council Presidency in 2007. Together with Federal Ministry for Economic Development, the Federal Ministry of Education and Research, the European Commission and UNAIDS, as well as in co-operation with the Verband der privaten Krankenversicherung e.V. (the German Association of Private Health Insurance), Daimler-Chrysler and the Gesellschaft für Versicherungswissenschaft und -gestaltung e.V (Association for Social Security Policy and Research), the Presidency Conference "**Responsibility & Partnership – Together Against HIV/AIDS**" will be held by the Federal Ministry of Health in Bremen on 12th /13th March 2007 .

This event will build on the outcomes of the previous HIV/AIDS conferences in Dublin and Vilnius and develop them further. Specifically, the programme will centre on the special importance of governmental co-operation with civil society actors in their joint fight against HIV/AIDS.

Participants are invited to familiarise themselves with the current situation concerning HIV/AIDS by means of plenary presentations, workshops and panel discussions, reports and best practice projects and to realise that there is an urgent need for co-operation arrangements between governmental and non-governmental organisations. Another element of the Conference is the 'Partnership Forum'. It gives governmental and non-governmental partners from European HIV/AIDS control efforts an opportunity to present their national prevention strategies and measures taken in the fight against HIV/AIDS: For the participating countries and the civil society organisations, the Conference also offers an opportunity to become involved in the activities undertaken by the European Union and its Member States by establishing new networks and partnerships and to participate more intensively in the development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of political guidelines and activities.

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Monday, 12 March 2007	
14.00 – 15.30	Partnership Forum Testimonials from Begum Aga Khan, Gudrun Landgrebe, Miroslav Klose und Per Mertesacker Opening in Venue 'Messehalle 4.1.'
16.15	Photo opportunity
Plenary Session I	
16.25	Jens Böhrnsen, Mayor of the City of Bremen
16.30	Keynote speech Dr. Angela Merkel, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany
16.55	Cultural Interlude
17.05	Together against HIV/AIDS: European Ministerial Panel
HIV/AIDS in Europe - an International Perspective	
18.00	Dr. Peter Piot, UNAIDS Executive Director and Under Secretary-General of the United Nations
Civil Society in the fight against HIV/AIDS	
18.20	Statements from civil society representatives and reports from the Partnership Forum
19.10	End of Plenary Session I
Evening programme	
20.00 – 23.00	Evening Event for Ministers and Delegations



Tuesday, 13 March 2007	
Plenary Session II	
9.00	Keynote Speeches: Prof. Dr. Rita Süßmuth, President of the Bundestag (retd.) Nina Skibnevskaya, AIDS Infoshare Dr. Zsuzsanna Jakab, European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control
10.00	Coffee break
Workshop Programme	
10.15	five parallel workshops incl. 25 minutes coffee break
13.00- 14.00	Lunch/ press conference
Plenary Session III	
14.00	Reports from the workshops
14.45	Closing Remarks and Declaration
15.00	Cultural Endpoint
15.20	End of conference and departure of delegations

Note: The conference language is English. At the plenary session and Workshop I, simultaneous translation into French, German, Italian, Spanish and Russian will be provided. For Workshop III there will be simultaneous translation into Russian.



Tuesday, 13 March 2007

Workshop I: 'On the role of state and non-state actors in HIV/AIDS Prevention'

Organisations and institutions from civil society play a key part in all aspects of the fight against HIV/AIDS. This does not merely apply to medical and psycho-social non-governmental organisations that are engaged in fighting the epidemic in numerous European countries. Also the private sector and the media are key partners of public institutions in HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and control initiatives. This workshop will examine which concrete roles civil society actors play in HIV/AIDS prevention, which state measures would be particularly supportive and which conclusions may be drawn from that for national and European health policy.

Presentations:

German Federal Centre for Health Education, Germany
German Association of Private Health Insurance, Germany
'Coordination and cooperation of the national HIV/AIDS policy in the fight against HIV/AIDS'

Deutsche AIDS-Hilfe, Germany
German AIDS Foundation, Germany
'The role of civil society in the fight against HIV/AIDS in Germany'

Institute of Public Health of the Republic of Slovenia
'State and civil society in the fight against HIV/AIDS in Slovenia'

A&B One Agency, Germany
'The role of the media in HIV/AIDS prevention'

AIDS-Infoshare, Russian Federation
'Cooperation of state and civil society in view of HIV/AIDS prevention among commercial sex-workers'

Tuesday, 13 March 2007

Workshop II: 'Cross-border co-operation in Europe'

The fight against HIV/AIDS does not end at national borders. Rather, it can benefit from efficient cross-border and international experience in terms of resources and synergies. Co-operation across national borders takes place on many levels. This workshop will examine which features characterise successful cross-border co-operation networks and the potential of such networks. It will discuss how national and European health policy can improve the efficiency of such interventions.

Presentations:

European Commission

'EU action on HIV prevention and supporting civil society at European level'

UNICEF

'HIV prevention among adolescents most-at-risk: countries learning from each other'

**German Federal Centre for Health Education, Germany
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit,
Germany**

'Prospects and challenges of transferability of good practises exemplified by the Join-in-Activities'

**Pomeranian Medical University, Poland
SPI –Research, Germany**

'Bordernet - Cross border cooperation on HIV/AIDS and STI prevention, diagnostics and therapy'

Tuesday, 13 March 2007

Workshop III: 'Human Rights'

Protection and promotion of human rights is both a matter of ethic and efficient health protection. Statistics show that the risk of infection among specific groups of the population (MSM, injecting drug users, immigrants and prisoners) is significantly above average. Secondary prevention in these fields needs to be clearly target-group oriented. The right of access to health care may not be compromised and equally applies to vulnerable groups. In the context of this workshop, it will be examined which role the important human rights issues should have in HIV/AIDS prevention and which conclusions can be drawn from this debate for national and European health policy.

Presentations:

Terence Higgins Trust, United Kingdom

'HIV/AIDS prevention regarding MSM - between stigmatisation and subculture'

Ministry of Health, Finland

'Results from the conference on drugs in Turku and consequences for HIV/AIDS prevention'

Ministry of Health, Bulgaria

'Acceptance of human rights in the fight against HIV/AIDS – an example from a new Member State'

The Worldbank Group

'Lessons learnt in Harm Reduction in the Wider European Neighbourhood'

Ministry of Health, Portugal

'Migration and HIV/AIDS prevention'

Tuesday, 13 March 2007

Workshop IV: 'On the role of the European Union and the European States in the world-wide fight against HIV/AIDS'

Co-operation cannot be confined to Europe. European experience gathered in the fight against the pandemic can make a useful contribution to controlling the disease world-wide. This workshop will discuss the role that European States and the European Union can have in HIV/AIDS control, and what European support of the global fight on HIV/AIDS could look like.

Presentations:

World Health Organisation - WHO

'Universal Access Initiative: Where are we today, where are the challenges?'

EU-Commission

'The European contribution to the UN's Universal Access Initiative'

German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development

'The gender dimension of HIV/AIDS'

Plan International

'Participatory approaches to prevention work with children and youths'

International Labour Organisation (ILO)

'HIV/AIDS Workplace Programmes'

Daimler Chrysler

'HIV/AIDS in the workplace – the contribution of the private sector'

Brazil, CNAIDS

'A successful HIV/AIDS programme - the example of Brazil'

Tuesday, 13 March 2007

Workshop V: 'Networks and networking in HIV/AIDS research'

Faster and more reliable scientific results and their implementation in any countermeasure against HIV/AIDS can only be achieved by focused cooperation on every level necessary to solve a specific healthcare-related problem. One cannot think of solving pressing questions in biomedical and social science research which enables a society to specifically develop preventive and curative measures against this disease, without joint efforts within a network and in interdisciplinary cooperation arrangements. This workshop will give some examples of how networking among research institutes and organisations, NGOs as well as national governments in the countries themselves, and also across borders contributes to tackling the international HIV/AIDS threat.

Presentations:

European Commission, Directorate for Health Research
'HIV/AIDS Research at the European Union: from FP6 to FP7?'

Kompetenznetz HIV/AIDS

'German Competence Network HIV/AIDS – A competent partner for the international fight against HIV/AIDS'

International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI), Netherlands
'Policies supporting and accelerating AIDS vaccine R&D'

European and Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP), Netherlands

'Tackling HIV/AIDS – The EDCTP approach'

National Institute of Health, Czech Republic

'Participation of the Czech Republic in EU projects EuroHIV and Europe HIV Resistance; HIV/AIDS epidemiological situation in the Czech Republic'