

**2011 CIVIL SOCIETY HEARING for the High Level Meeting on AIDS**  
**Panelists and Speakers**  
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**OPENING ADDRESS**

**Ms Jeanne Gapiya-Niyonzima (Burundi)**

**Founder, Association Nationale de Soutien aux Séropositifs et aux Malades du SIDA (ANSS)**

In 1994, Jeanne was the first person to publicly disclose her HIV positive status in Burundi and has been instrumental in demanding action from her government in the response. Upon discovering her HIV diagnosis, she established a support group in Burundi called the Association Nationale de Soutien aux Séropositifs et aux malades du SIDA. This organization has become a safe-haven for People Living with or affected by HIV/AIDS (PLWHA). In 1999, Jeanne built founded a care center for PLWHA, called CENTRE TURIHO. This grew to 4 centers which have become a national reference in the management of AIDS and since opening has counseled and tested a total of 65000 people. In 2002, she co-founded an association for African Women living in Geneva Association Solidarité Femmes Africaines vivant à Genève (ASFAG). ASFAG works to break the isolation of HIV-positive women. Since 2004, she is the Coordinator of Project Paris SIDA Sud, a project that provides support to 1200 Burundian children who have been orphaned by AIDS. She recently was appointed as Chair of the newly formed Burundian Platform of Civil Society and Faith-Based Organization that are active in the AIDS response. Jeanne is a pioneer, a charismatic leader and a strong advocate. Her courage, her commitment and her action has laid the foundation for a countrywide response to the epidemic, all the way from community mobilization to access to care and treatment through counseling and psychosocial support.

**PANEL I: ENHANCING COMMUNITY-LEVEL ACCESS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR HEALING SOCIAL AND SYSTEMIC ILLS**

**Ambassador Eric Goosby (U.S.A.)**

**U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator**

Ambassador Eric Goosby serves as the United States Global AIDS Coordinator, leading all U.S. Government international HIV/AIDS efforts. He oversees implementation of the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), as well as U.S. Government engagement with the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. He serves on the Operations Committee that leads the U.S. Global Health Initiative, along with the heads of the U.S. Agency for International Development and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Ambassador Goosby served as CEO and Chief Medical Officer of Pangaea Global AIDS Foundation from 2001 to June 2009. He also previously served as Professor of Clinical Medicine at the University of California, San Francisco. He has played a key role in the development and implementation of HIV/AIDS national treatment scale-up plans in South Africa, Rwanda, China, and Ukraine. He focuses his expertise on the scale-up of sustainable HIV/AIDS treatment capacity, including the delivery of HIV antiretroviral drugs, within existing healthcare systems. Ambassador Goosby has over 25 years of experience with HIV/AIDS, ranging from his early years treating patients at San Francisco General Hospital when AIDS first emerged, to engagement at the highest level of policy leadership. As the first Director of the Ryan White Care Act at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Ambassador Goosby helped develop HIV/AIDS delivery systems in the United States. During the Clinton Administration, he served as Deputy Director of the White House National AIDS Policy Office and Director of the Office of HIV/AIDS Policy of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

**Mr Chris Hughes (U.S.A.)**

**Executive Director, Jumo**

**Co-founder, Facebook**

Chris Hughes is a co-founder of Facebook. Chris first worked as the Facebook spokesperson from his dorm room with Mark Zuckerberg and Dustin Moskovitz, and later moved to Palo Alto work on the product team. Most recently, Chris served as the Director of Online Organizing for Barack Obama's 2008 presidential campaign. He is the Executive Director of Jumo, which he founded in 2010. Jumo is a non-profit social network organization which "aims to help people find ways to help the world." In July 2010, UNAIDS appointed him to a 17-member High Level Commission of renowned politicians, business leaders, human rights activists and scientists tasked with spearheading a social and political action campaign aimed at galvanizing support for effective HIV prevention programmes.

**Mr Pardamean Napitu (Indonesia)**

**Co-founder and Program Coordinator, Indonesia Social Changes Organization (OPSI)**

Pardamean Napitu, usually called Aldo has worked for two years as an outreach worker for gay men and men who have sex with men (MSM) in Jakarta. He is also a VCT counselor has been an online consultant for MSM's sexual health. Pardamean has been involved in the research of the Indonesia UNGASS forum for civil society. Pardamean Napitu is the cofounder and Program Coordinator for the Indonesia Social Change Organization. This is a national network that provides critical education for sex workers in Indonesia. We also mobilise community advocacy in an effort to encourage the state to change policies to favor of key effected population and people most at risk, such as sex workers. Pardamean has also been recently elected as a program and policy committee member of the Asia Pacific Network of Sex Worker (APNSW)

**Rt. Rev. Christopher Senyonjo (Uganda)**

**St. Paul's Foundation for International Reconciliation**

Bishop Christopher Senyonjo is a Retired Bishop of West Buganda Diocese, Uganda. He is the Director of St Paul's Reconciliation and Equality Centre in Uganda. He holds a Diploma in Theology, a Masters in Divinity, a Masters in Sacred Theology, a Doctorate in Ministry and an Honorary Doctorate degree of Divinity. For 24 years (1974-1998), he was the Diocesan Bishop of West Buganda. He was present at the 1988 Lambeth Conference when the Bishops discussed the onset of the HIV and AIDS pandemic. In his Diocese the worst affected district was Rakai, where many orphans needed care. His priests and Christians ensured support for the orphans. When the bishop retired in 1998 and started counseling services for all people without discrimination. Many people living with HIV, LGBT people became his clients. However, he realized that the LGBT people were afraid to go to the doctors because they were being rejected and stigmatized. In 2010, he decided to found St Paul's Reconciliation and Equality Centre in order to foster proper understanding and respect between the LGBT and Straight people in spite of their differences. The Centre is new but its goal is to be a microcosm of society.

**Ms Nuraan Osman (South Africa)**

**Islamic Resource Foundation of South Africa**

After studying psychology and religion at UCT, Nuraan pursued a career in the field of HIV by working for Positive Muslims based in South Africa, where she was instrumental in launching the Advocacy team at Positive Muslims. She later moved on to Islamic Relief Worldwide where she became the OVC officer in the Western Cape. She initiated support groups in three different languages for HIV positive women in township and slum communities. Nuraan began teaching at a high school in the poorer communities of the Western Cape, and concluded her training of trainers with 'Bridges of Hope's' Peter Labouchere and hosted programs teaching students about HIV and assisting in the creation and implementation of an HIV peer educators program. She returned to Islamic Relief Worldwide to launch the Positive Living Program. This program equips all of the 40 Islamic Relief country offices with HIV education enables them to deal with HIV related challenges communities. Nuraan has ample experience working with religious leaders and with refugee women. Nuraan now work for the Islamic Resource Foundation of South Africa as the Acting Director. The organization explores the link between HIV and Gender Based Violence. Nuraan is a passionate activist who is encouraging faith based communities to become involved in a positive response to HIV.

**Ms Irina Maslova (Russia)**

**Projects Manager, Saint-Petersburg Charitable Public Organization for Support of Social Initiatives**

In 2006 Irina began working with the St. Petersburg Saint-Petersburg Charitable Public Organization for Support of Social Initiatives as an outreach worker and case-manager. Since 2008 Irina worked with as coordinator of the programs on HIV and STD prevention among sex-workers and people who inject drug. For two years from 2008 – 2010 Irina was a trainer for a UNFPA program to strengthen the response of government and non-government organizations on service delivery to women with high level risk behaviors in Irkutsk. Prior to this, Irina consulted on a project working with sex workers around prevention, treatment and social support. Irina's work is based on personal experience, having been a sex working for 5 years prior to starting this work. Since 2007 Irina organized and led the group "Serebryanaya roza" ("Silver Rose") and a person who representative of Sex Workers' Rights Advocacy Network (SWAN) in Russia. SWAN is a network of civil society organizations engaged in advocating the Human Rights of the sex workers in Central and Eastern Europe, CIS and South-East Europe. Last year Irina registered an organization for sex workers' rights in St. Petersburg called Assistance, and is actively involved in mobilizing the Russian sex workers network.

**Mr Kenly Sikwese (Zambia)**

**Network of Zambian People Living with HIV/AIDS (NZP+)**

Kenly Sikwese was born in Chililabombwe, a Copperbelt mining border town to Malawian immigrant parents. Kenly worked in the private sector for 15 years before moving to the UK 2001. He is motivated by the AIDS related death of his two brothers and his own HIV diagnosis 2003. Kenly joined the HIV movement in the UK with the Uganda AIDS Action Fund and Terrence Higgins Trust (East). Returning to Zambia in 2007, he has volunteered in HIV treatment at Our Lady's Hospice and worked at the Zambian Action Against HIV and AIDS in Lusaka, and the Network of Zambian People Living with HIV (NZP+). At the NZP+ Kenly worked as the Country Coordinator implementing the PLHIV Stigma Index and other research tools in partnership with GNP+ and World AIDS Campaign. He recently joined the Treatment Advocacy and Literacy Campaign to promote GIPA in the national HIV response. He has attended The National Institute for Public Administration (NIPA), Business School in Manchester, Thames Valley University and the Chainama College of Health Sciences. He is a member of the African Roadmap for Universal Access, microbicide advocacy and speaks in different forums on the issues affecting PLHIV among others. Kenly is married to his second wife Caroline and they have four children.

**PANEL II: A NEW GENERATION OF NATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS: DIVERSITY IN DIALOGUE**

**Professor Michel D. Kazatchkine (France)**

**Executive Director, The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria**

Michel D. Kazatchkine is the Executive Director of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. He has spent the past 25 years fighting AIDS as a leading physician, researcher, administrator, advocate, policy maker, and diplomat. Before joining the Global Fund, besides being Professor of Immunology at University Paris Descartes and

Head of the Immunology Unit of the Georges Pompidou Hospital in Paris, he played key roles in various organizations, serving as Director of the ANRS (1998-2005) in France, Chair of the WHO's STAC on HIV/AIDS (2004-2007), member of the WHO's STAC on TB (2004-2007), and French Ambassador on HIV/AIDS and communicable diseases (2005-2007).

**Hon. Sunil Pant (Nepal)**

**Member of Parliament, Member of Constituent Assembly**

**Founder and President, Blue Diamond Society**

Sunil Babu Pant is the first open politician from LGBTI community and a member of Constitutional Assembly of Nepal. He is a recognized activist for rights of sexual minority groups of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) at national and international platform. Since 2001, he has been the head of Blue diamond Society (BDS), the only gay right group in Nepal that actively campaigns for sexual minorities and increased AIDS awareness. He is determined to raise the issue of constitutional reservation of sexual minorities and their rights of self decision. He is currently chairing Parliamentary Committee on Environment, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction (PCECD) and also a Member of Fundamental Rights Committee of Constituent Assembly. He is a petitioner of the writ to the Supreme Court against Government of Nepal demanding to defend and protect equal rights of LGBTI in Nepal. Pant is also founding Chairman of Pink Mountain Travels and Tours, which offers honeymoon packages for LGBT tourists from abroad. After having fought for gay rights for several years, Pant has now not only been able to achieve seats for LGBTI community in the Constitutional Assembly, but also been successful in including a new category for third gender in the upcoming national census.

**Ms Natasha Leonchuk (Ukraine)**

**Executive Director, East Europe and Central Asia Union of PLWH**

Natasha Leonchuk from the Ukraine is the Executive Director of the East Europe and Central Asia Union of PLHIV (ECUO). Natasha is a well-known and inspiring leader in the HIV community in Eastern Europe and Central Asia (EECA), representing it at the international and national levels. She is committed to advocating for the rights of people living with HIV (PLHIV) and increasing access to antiretroviral treatment and services for PLHIV in Ukraine and other countries of EECA. Since 2005 Natasha has been the Executive Director of the ECUO Secretariat. This is a unique organization in the EECA region, joining PLHIV communities and organizations from 14 countries. Earlier since 1998 Natasha played a crucial role in the development of the All-Ukrainian Network of People Living with HIV, which has grown into the most powerful national PLHIV organization in the EECA region. The network plays a critical role in overcoming the HIV epidemic with its 46 branches all over the country.

**Dr Steve Nemande (Cameroon)**

**President, Alternatives-Cameroun**

Steve Nemande is a physician. He's been doing HIV work almost for the past ten years, in his private practice as well as in public hospitals and NGOs in Douala, Cameroon. He initiated the creation of the Access Centre - a clinic proposing HIV services to men who have sex with men, and women who have sex with women. And a space, where people living with HIV in general benefit from free follow-up of their infection. Steve is also an openly gay activist. He is well-known after speaking on behalf of the civil society at the closing ceremony of the ICASA conference in Dakar. Steve is the cofounder of Alternatives-Cameroun, an organization working on human rights and health in relation with the LGBT. He's also the first gay person to be appointed as member of the Cameroonian Country Coordinating Mechanism to represent vulnerable groups. Steve was honored as Human Rights Defender 2010 with the prestigious Alison Des Forges Award by Human Rights Watch. The same year, he received the Human Rights Award from the French Government on the occasion of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Independence of his country.

**Ms Maria Lorena Di Giano (Argentina)**

**Red Argentina de Mujeres Viviendo con VIH/SIDA**

Lorena Di Giano is a lawyer who specialized in Human Rights and HIV and AIDS, she has a law degree from Universidad Nacional de Mar del Plata in Argentina. She is an experienced advocate who has dedicated her professional background to defending the human rights of people living with HIV (PLHIV), especially women living with HIV/AIDS. She has offered legal support and representation for PLHIV in local and national courts in Argentina, as well as at the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, in cases of human rights violations. She is currently working for the Argentinean Network of Women Living with HIV/AIDS, as the Project Manager and Campaigner, and also carries out facilitation and training activities in topics such as human rights, gender, leadership and advocacy. Lorena is consulting as a researcher and advocate for the Treatment Monitoring and Advocacy Project "Missing the Target Reports", an International Treatment Preparedness Coalition (ITPC) project focused on access to HIV and AIDS related treatment. From 2004 and 2007 she has served as a member of UNAIDS Theme Group in Argentina, representing people living with HIV. Currently Lorena serves as a member of the Communities Delegation at the Board of the Global Fund to fight AIDS Tuberculosis and Malaria. She has an extensive experience on international consultations, meetings and conferences.

**Ms Maxensia Nakibuuka Takirambule (Uganda)**

**Co-founder, Lungujja Community health caring organization (LUCOHECO)**

Maxensia is a community health worker and a person living with AIDS for the past 11 years. Maxensia is the founder of the Lungujja Community health caring organization (LUCOHECO). This is a community and faith based non-governmental organization that represents indigenous people in Uganda. LUCOHECO provides awareness, primary health care, treatment, home based care and support to the communities of Lubaga Division located in Kampala District in the capital of Uganda. The organization specifically supports people infected with or affected by HIV and AIDS,

orphans and vulnerable children as well as women. We provide psychosocial, spiritual and economic support to the terminally ill patients and their affected families. Maxensia is the National Women Leader of the Democratic Party of Uganda and the Secretary General of the Council of the Laity Kampala Archdiocese, and Commissioner Ministry of Women affairs, environment and people with disabilities of the Buganda Kingdom. Maxensia has great influence over institutions and organizations like the Church, cultural institutions, NGOs and other networks and lobbies for Human Rights in the AIDS response.

**Ms Rani Ravudi (Fiji)**

**Coordinator, Survival Advocacy Network Project**

Rani is a Fijian transgender and believes in equality for all people regardless of age, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual preference, occupation or HIV status. Rani believes that all human beings are entitled to freedom and security. Rani is a sex worker, a human rights activist and a part time hair stylist. Rani is the Ambassador for Transgender people in Fiji after winning the Adi Senikau title (national transgender pageant) here in August 2010. She currently works as the Project Coordinator for the Survival Advocacy Network (SAN) a project of Women's Action for Change. SAN is a project run by and for sex workers and advocates for human rights and addressed issues around stigma and discrimination. The network has been a driving force in challenging human rights abuses and the negative portrayal of sex workers in the context of human rights. Rani also has a strong and active connection with sex worker and transgender advocacy networks at a national, regional and global levels.

### **PANEL III: SYNERGIES AMONG GLOBAL MOVEMENTS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR SHARED ACTION**

**Professor Jeffrey Sachs (U.S.A.)**

**Director, The Earth Institute, Columbia University**

Jeffrey D. Sachs is the Director of The Earth Institute, Quetelet Professor of Sustainable Development, and Professor of Health Policy and Management at Columbia University. He is also Special Advisor to United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. From 2002 to 2006, he was Director of the UN Millennium Project and Special Advisor to United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan on the Millennium Development Goals. For more than 20 years Professor Sachs has been in the forefront of the challenges of economic development, poverty alleviation, and enlightened globalization, promoting policies to help all parts of the world to benefit from expanding economic opportunities and wellbeing. In 2004 and 2005 he was named among the 100 most influential leaders in the world by Time Magazine, and was awarded the Padma Bhushan, a high civilian honor bestowed by the Indian Government, in 2007. Sachs lectures constantly around the world and was the 2007 BBC Reith Lecturer. He is the First holder of the Royal Professor Ungku Aziz Chair in Poverty Studies, at the Centre for Poverty and Development Studies, University of Malaya. He is author of hundreds of scholarly articles and many books, including the New York Times bestsellers *Common Wealth: Economics for a Crowded Planet* (Penguin 2008) and *The End of Poverty* (Penguin, 2005).

**Dr. Ana Isabel Nieto Gómez (El Salvador)**

**HIV/AIDS National Program Manager, Ministerio de Salud Publica y Asistencia Social**

Ana Isabel Nieto is a Doctor of Medicine and has a Masters Degree in Public Health. She is the current Chief of the National HIV/AIDS and STD's Programme of the Ministry of Health of El Salvador. Dr. Nieto was the representative of the Faith Based Organizations at the Country Coordinating Mechanism (CCM), and was President of the CCM from 2007 to 2009. She has been President of the Regional Coordinating Mechanism (RCM) since March 2011.

**Dr. Anders Nordström (Sweden)**

**Ambassador, HIV/AIDS, Department for Multilateral Development Cooperation**

Dr Nordström has a background that combines development experience in the field with national and international health policy and planning, and strategic leadership. His first international assignments were with the Swedish Red Cross in Cambodia and the International Committee of the Red Cross in Iran. He worked initially for the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency for 12 years, including three years as Regional Health Advisor in Zambia and four years as Head of the Health Division in Stockholm. During 2002 Dr Nordström was the Interim Executive Director for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. In this capacity he laid the foundations for the Global Fund's present structure. He took office as Assistant Director-General at WHO for General Management in July 2003 with a mandate to support the implementation of Dr Lee Jong-wook's vision of a more effective and efficient organisation. Dr Nordström was the Acting Director-General of WHO from 23 May 2006 until 3 January 2007, following the sudden death of Dr Lee Jong-wook, Director-General, on 22 May 2006. After successfully handing over to Dr Margaret Chan, Dr Nordström was appointed Assistant Director-General for Health Systems and Services. From January 2008 until June 2010, Dr Nordström served as Director-General for the Swedish International Agency for Development Cooperation. In 2009 he served as working group chair (WG II) on Innovative Financing for Health Systems reporting to the International Task force led by PM Gordon Brown and President Robert Zoellick. Dr Nordström was appointed Ambassador for HIV/AIDS at the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs by the Government on the 26th of August 2010.

**Dr. Agnes Binagwaho (Rwanda)**

**Permanent Secretary to the Minister of Health in Rwanda**

Dr. Agnes Binagwaho has served as Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Health in Rwanda since October 2008. She specialized in emergency pediatrics, neonatology, and the treatment of HIV/AIDS; and she chairs the Rwandan Pediatric

Society. From 1986 to 2002, she practiced medicine in public hospitals in Rwanda and several other countries before joining Rwanda's National AIDS Control Commission as Executive Secretary. She is a member of the Editorial Board of Public Library of Science, and the Harvard University Health and Human Rights Journal. Dr. Binagwaho co-chaired the Millennium Development Goal Project Task Force on HIV/AIDS and Access to Essential Medicines for the Secretary-General of the United Nations under the leadership of Professor Jeffrey Sachs. She was the global co-chair of the Joint Learning Initiative on Children and HIV/AIDS. In addition to her medical degree and Master in Paediatrics, she received an Honorary Doctor of Sciences from Dartmouth College. Dr. Binagwaho serves as a visiting lecturer in the Department of Global Health and Social Medicine of Harvard Medical School.

**Ms. Manuella Donato (Brazil)**

**Regional Focal Point for Latin America, Global Youth Coalition on HIV/AIDS (GYCA)**

Manuella received a Bachelor's Degree in International Relations in 2007 and she is now undertaking a Masters in Political Science. From 2007 to 2008, she worked as a project assistant for the Brazilian NGO Gestos, when she participated in a project to monitor the goals on sexual and reproductive rights of the UN Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS in 16 countries in Latin America, Asia, Africa and Eastern Europe. Since 2008, she has been a member of Global Youth Coalition on HIV/AIDS (GYCA) and during 2009 she was the National Focal Point in Brazil for GYCA. Currently she is GYCA Focal Point for Latin America. At her city, Recife, she has been part of the Collective of Young Women, which acts on SRHR and gender issues. Manuella was a member of the Advocacy Subcommittee of Mexico YouthForce, for the 17th International AIDS Conference and integrated the Leadership and Accountability Programme Committee for the 18th International AIDS Conference.

**Ms. Kim Nichols (U.S.A.)**

**Co-Executive Director, African Services Committee**

As Co-Executive Director, of African Services Committee, Kim has a wealth of experience in community health programs design, development, implementation, and evaluation. Kim has been involved in both New York City and global AIDS advocacy for 20 years and has served on many panels and committees to advance information about the HIV-related needs of African communities. She has been involved in fundraising and guiding charitable and development-oriented responses to HIV and other health crises in Africa for more than 25 years, and has worked for OXFAM and the Pan American Health Organization, conducting microbiological research in tropical public health. Kim represents African Services Committee on the UNAIDS Board of Directors as NGO alternate board member. She also currently serves on the steering committee of the AIDS Drug Assistance Program of the New York State Department of Health. Previously, she was the North American NGO delegate on the UNAIDS programme coordinating board and served on the communities delegation to the board of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB, and Malaria. Kim has a Masters of Public Health from Columbia University, a ScM from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in biochemistry and an MS from the New England School of Acupuncture.

**Ms. Veronica Cenac (St Lucia)**

**Caribbean Vulnerable Communities**

Ms. Veronica S. P. Cenac is an attorney-at-law and an ardent advocate on HIV and AIDS issues. She is a Board Member of the Caribbean Vulnerable Communities Coalition and the AIDS Action Foundation of Saint Lucia. She has over 13 years experience in legal work, specifically focused on civil litigation, public law, constitutional law, immigration law, labour law, human rights with a focus on refugees and HIV and AIDS. Her substantive occupation is as a practicing Barrister, Solicitor, Notary Royal and legal consultant in the firm of Veronica Cenac Law Offices. In that capacity she provides pro bono legal services to PLHIV and the LGBT community in Saint Lucia. Ms. Cenac holds a Legal Education Certificate (L.E.C.) from the Sir Hugh Wooding Law School in Trinidad and Tobago and an L.L.B (Hons.) from the University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus, Barbados. Over the last 11 years Ms. Cenac has worked directly with the LGBT and PLHIV communities in Saint Lucia and other parts of the Caribbean.

**Ms. Janice Eastman (Australia)**

**Deputy General Secretary, Education International**

Jan Eastman is a Deputy General Secretary of Education International, a global union federation of 396 national education unions in 171 countries. She has responsibility for human rights, equality, trade union and children's rights, solidarity and specific areas of EI's large development cooperation programme. She currently chairs the Global Unions AIDS Programme (GUAP) and previously had responsibility for EI's extensive 35 country 5 year project on EFA and HIV and AIDS. She also represents EI on the Inter Agency Task Team (IATT) Steering Committee under the auspices of UNAIDS on Education. Her initiatives in gender equality include a recent EI's first world women's conference "On the Move for Equality". Active in all aspects of EI's aims and structures, she carries out the mandate working with EI members, intergovernmental agencies and non-governmental organizations. She holds Bachelor and Master's Degrees in Education. Her teaching career spans three decades in British Columbia/Canada, where she developed programs for the atypical learner in secondary schools. Throughout that time she has been active in the education unions, holding elected office and appointed positions at provincial and national levels. She has dedicated herself to building the union movement within the teaching profession, and to working in and through the union for quality education and social justice, especially non-discrimination and equality.

**Ms. Nyaradzayi Gumbonzvanda (Zimbabwe)**

**General Secretary, World Young Women's Christian Association (World YWCA)**

Nyaradzayi Gumbonzvanda has been the World YWCA General Secretary since 2007. Her leadership of the World YWCA movement extends across 106 countries with a reach of 25 million women and girls. She provides leadership for the

YWCA movement's priorities in women's leadership on the topics of sexual and reproductive health and rights, HIV and AIDS, violence against women, peace with justice, and economic empowerment. She came to lead the World YWCA after over 10 years of experience with the United Nations, where she served as Regional Director for the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) in Eastern and Horn Africa covering 13 countries. She had previously worked as a human rights officer with UNICEF in Liberia and Zimbabwe, and her work in the past two decades in rights-based work has carried her across the globe as a leader and public speaker. Gumbonzvanda has a Master's degree in Private Law with specialisation in Constitutional Property Law from the University of South Africa and completed post-graduate work on conflict resolution at Uppsala University, Sweden. She serves on various Boards of development organisations including Action Aid International and Save the Children UK. She is the founder and chairperson of Rozaria Memorial Trust. She is an active member of women's organisations including the Zimbabwe Women Lawyers Association.

**Ms. Joanne Lim-Pousard (U.S.A.)**

**Senior Manager, Employee HIV/AIDS Program, Levi Strauss and Co.**

Joanne Lim-Pousard is the Senior Manager of Levi Strauss & Company's (LS&Co.) Employee HIV/AIDS Program, which aims to improve access to HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment, and care for employees and their families worldwide. She leads the implementation of country-level HIV/AIDS workplace efforts across 45 locations worldwide, and manages the administration of the program. Joanne leads country teams, working closely with local NGOs and community partners to deliver HIV/AIDS in the Workplace education and to ensure that our employees receive high quality and compassionate HIV/AIDS information, access, and care. She spearheads and manages partnerships across the company to create HIV-related employee outreach, mobilization, and communications to ensure program participation. She is also responsible for the execution of results monitoring, analysis, and the evaluation approach of the program. Prior to joining LS&Co., Joanne had over 10 years of corporate experience in health education, employee communication, and wellness promotion at Kaiser Permanente, McGraw-Hill Education, and CIGNA.

## **CLOSING ADDRESS**

**Mr. Maged El Syed Rabey (Egypt)**

**Program Coordinator, Friends of Life Organization**

Maged Elsayed Elrabey is from Egypt and 31 years old and graduated from the faculty of Arts, Alexandria University. Maged was diagnosed with HIV three years ago. Following this diagnosis, he joined The Friends Of Life. It was there that he found support groups and meetings that changed his life, and he now works as a Project Coordinator at this organization. This is the first NGO led by and for people living with HIV in Egypt. Maged has made a conscious decision to live a positive life, working as a volunteer to raise awareness among most at risk populations. He has also worked as a field officer, participating at in the bio-behavioral surveillance study in Egypt 2010, and working as a facilitator for supporting group meetings, representing Egypt at the regional conference for the empowerment of PLHA (Lebanon 2010). He has also participated at the International AIDS conference in Vienna 2010. His mission is to raise awareness about HIV and AIDS and its prevention, and to be an advocate for the rights of people living with HIV to be respected as human rights.

## **MODERATORS**

**Mr. Mark Schoofs (U.S.A.)**

**The Wall Street Journal**

Mark Schoofs writes on global public health for the *The Wall Street Journal*. He won the 2000 Pulitzer Prize for International Reporting for an eight-part series on AIDS in Africa for the *Village Voice*. He also contributed to the *The Wall Street Journal's* coverage of the Sept. 11 attacks, which was awarded the 2002 Pulitzer for Breaking News. Schoofs has written on a wide variety of subjects including the effects of war in Africa; access to medicine in developing nations; cancer and AIDS research; innovative policing methods; the international drug trade; money-laundering; and gay rights in Africa.

**Mr David Puente**

**Producer, Anderson Cooper 360, CNN**

In addition to his on-air reports for CNN Español, Puente produces stories for Anderson Cooper including this year's hour-long report "Hope Survives; 30 Years of AIDS" which focused on stigma and prevention. Before joining CNN in 2009, he was the first network journalist to regularly cover Hispanic news on the Internet and new media as the creator and anchor of "Exclusiva", a program in English, for ABC News Now, the network's digital channel. Puente started his career in the 1990s based in Madrid, Paris and London and worked throughout Africa and the Middle East covering several trips of President Clinton including his historic tour of African nations in 1998. In 1999, he joined ABC News in New York working closely with Peter Jennings on "ABC 2000," the 24 hour broadcast marking the start of the year 2000. Then he became a producer at "20/20". Puente has won an Emmy awards for his work on "ABC 2000," and for his coverage of 9/11. In 2003 he won a National Headliner Award for his work with Barbara Walters in Cuba for her exclusive interview of Fidel Castro. In 2005, he was presented a "Man of the Year" award by El Diario Newspaper, the US's oldest Spanish daily.