

AGENDA THEMATIC SEGMENT

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CERVICAL CANCER AND HIV: ADDRESSING LINKAGES AND COMMON INEQUALITIES TO SAVE WOMEN'S LIVES

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FORTY-SEVENTH MEETING

DATE: 18 December 2020

VENUE: Zoom

TIME: 13:00 – 16:30

Key questions and objectives of the meeting:

1. Review evidence on the interlink between HIV and HPV, HIV and cervical cancer including in relation to co-infection and co-morbidity, common gender and socio-economic vulnerabilities and inequalities, health disparities, stigma and discrimination, SRHR and right to health;
2. Feature and discuss various approaches for responding to the HIV epidemic and HPV/cervical cancer from human rights, gender and universal health perspectives, including through greater community engagement and holistic people-centered healthcare approaches across the lifecycle;
3. Identify strategies to promote equity, human rights and people-centered approaches in the context of HIV and cervical cancer, including through awareness raising and education of stakeholder groups, and to eliminate stigma, discrimination and inequalities in access to prevention and lifesaving care services and innovation;
4. Identify strategies and approaches for joint advocacy, including uniting the HIV, cancer/cervical cancer, SRHR, NCD community movements; to increase cooperation and collaboration between different actors and sectors; to jointly address challenges in integrating cervical cancer and HIV prevention, treatment and care programmes and services, and engagement of communities;
5. Suggest recommendations and propose a way forward.

Agenda

Moderator: Monica Ferro, Director, UNFPA Office in Geneva

Shaping the discussion: opening dialogue and keynote addresses (13:00 – 13:25)

The keynote speakers will open the meeting by providing their insights on the importance of focusing on the interlink between HIV and cervical cancer, and strategies, opportunities and challenges for partnerships and engagement for human-rights based and people-centred approaches that tackle HIV and cervical cancer.

- Keynote speakers:
 - H.E. Monica Geingos, First Lady of Namibia
 - Sasha Volgina, Director of Programmes, Global Network of People Living with HIV (GNP+)
 - Winnie Byanyima, Executive Director, UNAIDS

Overview: synergies and interlinks between HIV and cervical cancer, and effective responses (13:25 – 14:00)

This session will provide the main highlights from the background note and present the latest evidence of the synergies and interlinks between HIV and cervical cancer; key challenges in addressing those in a coherent manner across the life course and across the continuum of HIV and cervical cancer prevention, treatment and care; evidence for effective synergetic and integrated interventions to people and communities most in need and left behind, and respective strategies and targets, including the Global Strategy to Accelerate the Elimination of Cervical Cancer.

- Princess Nothemba Simelela, Assistant Director-General, Special Advisor to the Director-General, Strategic Priorities, WHO

Remarks from Rafael Mariano Grossi, International Atomic Energy Agency Director General

Remarks from the floor

Panel 1: What does it take to end AIDS and cervical cancer as a public health issue for women and girls living with and at risk of HIV? (14:00 – 15:00)

In this session the panelists will share experiences and examples of successes and challenges in responding to HIV and HPV and cervical cancer, addressing underlying socio-economic, health and determinants of HIV and cervical cancer and access to services across the lifecycle. The session will also reflect on the role of political leadership, health and other sectors, health and other care providers, communities and civil society, with examples of successful approaches and practices. The session will discuss inequities and challenges faced by specific communities in the context of HIV and cervical cancer, and possible ways of addressing those.

- Deborah Bateson, Women's health specialist, Medical Director, Family Planning NSW, Adjunct Professor, Centre for Social Research in Health, Australia
- Sharon Kapambwe, Assistant Director Cancer Control, Ministry of Health, Zambia
- Bingo M'Bortche, Chief medical division, Association Togolaise pour le Bien-Etre Familial, Togo
- Ana Garcés, Programme Manager, Scale up Cervical Cancer Elimination with Secondary Prevention Strategy, Guatemala

Remarks from the floor

Break - 15 min video inserts

Panel 2: Innovations and integrated actions on HIV and cervical cancer that save women's and girl's lives (15:15 – 16:15)

In this session the panelists will discuss some innovative technologies and practices that have shown results/impact on scaling up and uptake of cervical cancer prevention and treatment, especially for women and girls living with and at risk of HIV and some that are in the pipeline and how those could affect women's and girls' lives in specific settings and globally. The session will also showcase how to address health disparities and inequities in accessing the new technologies and innovations, including with the engagement and leadership of communities.

- Irene Ogeta, Community activist, Athena Network, Kenya
- Ophira Ginsburg, Associate Professor, Department of Population Health and Department of Medicine at New York University Grossman School of Medicine, United States of America
- Yin Ling Woo, Professor at the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Malaya, Malaysia
- Philippe Duneton, Executive Director, UNITAID

Remarks from the floor

Conclusion and ways forward (16:15 – 16:30)

- Tedros Adhanom, WHO Director General video message on the unique momentum - Global Strategy for the elimination of cervical cancer and the new Global AIDS Strategy
- Shannon Hader, UNAIDS Deputy Executive Director, Programme