

IAS – Industry Liaison Forum

INDUSTRY AND HIV CLINICAL RESEARCH – WHAT IS BEING LEARNED IN AFRICA? *FOCUSING ON WOMEN AND CHILDREN*

15th International Conference on AIDS and STIs in Africa (ICASA 2008)

Petit Amphithéâtre, ICASA 2008, Dakar
Wednesday 3 December 2008, 10.30 – 12.30

The Industry Liaison Forum (ILF) of the International AIDS Society is pleased to host a meeting of regional and global stakeholders to address gaps in HIV research agendas regarding women and children. ILF's mission is to accelerate scientifically promising, ethical HIV research in resource-limited countries with a particular focus on the role and responsibilities of pharmaceutical industry as key actors in the response and as sponsors and supporters of research. ILF is an integral component of the core purpose and vision of the IAS.

The speakers will review current clinical research in Africa as it pertains to women and children, with a specific focus on areas where research is urgently more needed. Standards of care and ethics for research with these communities as well as universal optimization of treatment protocols will be discussed.

The meeting will provide guidance on the needs for clinical research relating to women and children in the region including treatment protocols and community engagement. Many industry players have been actively supporting these endeavours through private-public partnerships. The roundtable will be an opportunity to hear from industry representatives, investigators, advocates, and other stakeholders about ongoing projects and key challenges as well as opportunities for greater HIV research collaboration between African scientists and industry.

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| 10.30-10.40 | Welcome and brief introduction to ILF
<i>Dr. Elly Katabira, Makerere Medical School and ILF Co-chair</i> |
| 10.40-10.50 | State of clinical HIV research in Africa
<i>Dr. Elly Katabira, Makerere Medical School</i> |
| 10.50-11.00 | Academic and industrial priorities on HIV research in children
<i>Dr. Ruth Nduati, Faculty of Medicine, University of Nairobi</i> |
| 11.00-11.10 | Ethical issues, community perspective and standards of care for clinical research on women and children in Africa
<i>Dr. Holly Rawizza, Harvard University (PEPFAR)</i> |
| 11.10-11.40 | Panel discussion - What needs to be done?
<i>Moderated by Dr. Elly Katabira, Makerere Medical School</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Luc Denys, <i>Tibotec</i>• Dr. Mariam Kassambara-Sow, <i>Secure the Future, West Africa, BMS</i>• Dr. Richard Marlink, <i>Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation</i>• Dr. Beryl Mohr, <i>Secure the Future, Southern Africa, BMS</i>• Dr. Paula Munderi, <i>Uganda Virus Research Institute</i>• Dr. Holly Rawizza, <i>Harvard University (PEPFAR)</i> |
| 12.20-12.30 | Concluding remarks
<i>Dr. Elly Katabira, Makerere Medical School</i> |

