

Although ICAD is committed to providing information in both official languages, many of the news stories or announcements included in the weekly news digest are sent to us in English only. Stories and announcements in French or in both languages will be circulated whenever possible.

La CISD est engagée à fournir de l'information dans les deux langues officielles, mais plusieurs des articles et annonces inclus dans nos nouvelles hebdomadaires nous sont transmis uniquement en anglais. Chaque fois que cela sera possible, nous incluons des textes en français ou dans les deux langues.

In the News... / Des nouvelles...

This week the Supreme Court of Canada heard two cases on HIV and non-disclosure. Below are links to news articles related to this.

Cette semaine, la Cour suprême du Canada a entendu deux affaires sur le VIH et la non-divulgaration. Vous trouverez ci-dessous des liens vers des articles sur le sujet.

- [Editorial: HIV criminal law not the right approach](#)
 - [HIV disclosure a must despite advances, judges told](#)
 - [Editorial: Those with HIV obliged to disclose status to sexual partners](#)
 - [Opinion: Let's draw reasonable lines on HIV disclosure](#)
 - [Criminalisation de l'exposition au VIH - La Cour suprême doit trancher](#)
 - [Supreme Court questions defence in landmark HIV case](#)
- [Responsibilities of HIV carriers before the SCOC](#)
- [SCOC ponders law on disclosure of HIV/AIDS to sex partners](#)
- [Mabior and D.C.: Does HIV Non-Disclosure Equal Rape? \(Parts 1 & 2\)](#)
- [Do people with HIV have to tell their sex partners? Supreme Court to decide](#)
- [AIDS Action Now day of action on HIV criminalization](#)

Toronto Day of Action to End HIV Criminalization Videos - We Are Not Criminals!

- Jessica Whitbread of AIDS ACTION NOW! and The International Community of Women Living with HIV (ICW) shares her experience of the criminalization of HIV non-discourse and

its harmful impacts on people living with HIV.

Watch: http://youtu.be/J2jrGoQk_w

- Angela Robertson of the Black Coalition for AIDS Prevention (Black CAP) talks about the negative and disproportionate impact of the criminalization of HIV non-disclosure on women and racialized communities. Watch: <http://youtu.be/cCywngNEJEk>
- Dr. Mona Lufty shares the science behind HIV transmission among sero-discordant couples (where one person has HIV and the other doesn't). Mona tells us that HIV transmission is almost negligible when HIV-positive people are on AVRs and have viral suppression. Watch: <http://youtu.be/4uKzvw4GPEw>
- Cynthia Fromstein is a criminal defense lawyer who has defended people living with HIV in cases where HIV non-disclosure has been criminalized. She will be attending the Supreme Court deliberations in Ottawa later this week. Watch: <http://youtu.be/uEDqv8rWEk0>

[EU drive to protect drug firms puts fight against Aids at risk](#)

10 February 2012

The cheap supply of antiretroviral drugs to people with Aids across the world could be choked by an "intellectual property" deal, which the European Union will today demand at a high-level international summit, Aids campaigners say.

[We Quantified the Quality of Health Aid! \(So What?\)](#)

8 February 2012

Which donor provides the "best" health aid, and why is it a relevant question? We attempted to answer these questions by adapting the Quality of Official Development Assistance ([QuODA](#)) methodology to health aid. To be honest, one [working paper](#) later, we still do not have a definite answer to either question.

[Commemorating National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day](#)

7 February 2012

This past December, [on World AIDS Day, President Obama spoke](#) about the United States' commitment to ending HIV/AIDS. In a speech at George Washington University, he told the audience, "Make no mistake, we are going to win this fight. But the fight is not over ... not by a long shot." Sadly, this is especially true in the African-American community.

[In Caribbean, A Look At The Cold HIV/AIDS Facts](#)

7 February 2012

HIV/AIDS remains one of the most-harrowing global crises of present times, with entire nations doing their best to combat the spread of the disease. According to data from the UNAIDS organization and the CDC, 34-million people are living with HIV/AIDS globally. In the United States, a disproportionate number of African Americans carry the unfortunate distinction of having the most-infected population. In the Caribbean, HIV numbers among adults account for 1 percent of the entire population – small in comparison to numbers found in the global scheme but significant enough to distinguish it as the second-highest region with HIV/AIDS outside of sub-Saharan Africa.

[Engaging Men in Prevention and Care for HIV/AIDS in Africa](#)

7 February 2012

The HIV/AIDS response in Africa has always had a gender focus; targeted efforts have reduced the impact of the epidemic on women and children. The response has been far less successful for the treatment of men: there is less ART coverage of men than women in Africa, and men typically have higher mortality. Men also tend to present at clinic with advanced disease and are more likely to be lost to follow-up. Yet, efforts to understand men's healthseeking behaviour are poorly understood in the AIDS epidemic, and encouraging men to get tested and treated is a major challenge, but one that is poorly recognized. We review the emerging evidence and we call for a balanced approach to gender programming in an effort to involve both men and women in treatment and prevention.

[The World Economic Forum's Leverage in Health](#)

6 February 2012

The World Economic Forum's ability to convene the highest operating public and private actors with equal ease is now well established and is evidenced each year at its annual forum in Davos. This niche creates the space for stakeholder engagement in the current global economic environment where global solutions can best be achieved by exploiting public-private synergy. Such interactions are highly beneficial for the health sector, since there is a genuine need for reaching out to non-state actors in the midst of the many transformations shaping global and domestic health sector public policy.

[President Obama's Commitment To An AIDS-Free Generation \(and How To Make It Happen\)](#)

6 February 2012

In 10 years, will we look back on President Obama's 2011 World AIDS Day [speech](#) and see it as a turning point in the AIDS pandemic, or cringe at the lost opportunity of a singular moment? The president's December 1 speech could be pivotal, but only if it is followed by changes in how we tackle global AIDS.

[WHO to issue guidance on hormonal contraceptives and HIV](#)

3 February 2012

The World Health Organization (WHO) will later this month issue further guidance on the reported link between hormonal contraceptives such as the pill, injectables, implants and HIV.

[L'OMS va publier des recommandations concernant les contraceptifs hormonaux et le VIH](#)

3 février 2012

L'Organisation mondiale de la Santé(OMS) va publier dans le courant de ce mois de nouvelles recommandations concernant le lien dont il est fait état entre contraceptifs hormonaux tels que la pilule, les contraceptifs injectables ou les implants et le VIH.

[Forgotten Sons](#)

January 2012

Rates of HIV among young black men who have sex with men continue to skyrocket, leaving people wringing their hands and asking, "What are these men doing?" But the problem is not so much what young black men are doing but rather what is being—and what has been—done to them. And what hasn't been done for them.

Announcements... / Des annonces...

REMINDER: Your ICAD Membership is Due!

Don't forget to renew your membership with ICAD for 2012-2013. To renew your membership, please login to our new online tool, ICAD Member Pages, here: <http://pages.icad-cisd.com>. You should have received your login details in December. If not, or if you have any questions, please contact Kate Alexander at [613\) 233-7440 ext 110](tel:6132337440) or kalexander@icad-cisd.com.

RAPPEL : Votre cotisation à la CISD est due!

N'oubliez pas de renouveler votre adhésion à la CISD pour l'année 2012-2013. Pour renouveler votre adhésion, veuillez ouvrir une session sur notre nouvel outil Internet, les Pages des membres de la CISD, ici : <http://pages.icad-cisd.com>. Vous devriez avoir reçu les renseignements pour ouverture d'une session, en décembre dernier. Sinon, veuillez communiquer avec Kate Alexander au [613\) 233-7440](tel:6132337440) (poste 110) ou à kalexander@icad-cisd.com.

AIDS 2012 deadline for abstract, workshop, Global Village, Youth and Scholarship submissions is WEDNESDAY February 15th - www.aids2012.org

For helpful advice and guidance, see the Guide to Community Involvement in AIDS 2012: www.aids2012community.org.

La date limite pour la soumission d'abrévés, d'ateliers, de projets du Village global et jeunesse, et de demandes de bourses pour SIDA 2012 est le MERCREDI 15 février – visitez www.aids2012.org

Pour des conseils pratiques, consultez le Guide pour la participation communautaire à SIDA 2012, à www.aids2012community.org.

AIDS 2012: [Register until 23 February to avoid late fee surcharge](#)

Delegates are encouraged to register until 23 February 2012 to avoid a late fee surcharge. All registrations for AIDS 2012 must be submitted through the online registration form. Before you can register, you need to create a conference profile from which you can enter the registration system. Your conference profile will then become your online gateway to all conference-related submissions. Delegates of previous International AIDS Conferences or IAS Conferences can use previous profile log-in information to access their profile.

Safe Poz Love: An expression of love for women living with HIV is supporting our rights to our sexuality

Please join U.S. Positive Women's Network, a project of WORLD, on February 14th at 9 am PST/12p EST for a groundbreaking tele-briefing & discussion on HIV+ women's sexual rights. PWN commemorates Valentine's Day as a day to uphold the rights of HIV+ women to have safe and satisfying sexual lives. For more information and to register for the call, visit: <http://www.pwn-usa.org/>

Invitation: Brainstorming Session - Resource Development Initiatives and Collaboration with Canadian International Development Organizations Working on AIDS

CIDA's recent decisions with respect to the Under and Over \$2 million calls for proposals has re-confirmed the need for diversification and innovation in the ways we find resources for our work. As executive directors of smaller organisations, one avenue to explore is collaborating with others on resource development initiatives. There are many possibilities and to this end, we would like to invite other international development organisations working on AIDS to a brainstorming session about resource development activities that would benefit from collaboration.

When: Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at 1 p.m. ET

Location: Toronto, ON (venue TBD) - conference call facilities will be available

RSVP to Anne Gardner at anne@braceletofhope.ca.

For more information, please contact Anne Gardner, Executive Director, Bracelet of Hope (anne@braceletofhope.ca) or Claire Holloway Wadhvani, Executive Director, CAP/AIDS

Claire@capaids.org).

Invitation : Séance de remue-méninges – Initiatives de développement de ressources et collaboration avec des organismes canadiens de développement international œuvrant dans le domaine du sida

Les récentes décisions de l'ACDI concernant les appels de propositions de plus de 2 millions \$ et de moins de 2 millions \$ ont confirmé la nécessité de diversifier nos ressources et d'innover dans notre recherche de financement. En tant que directeurs généraux d'organismes plus petits, une avenue possible est de collaborer avec d'autres, à des initiatives de développement de ressources. Comme les possibilités sont nombreuses, nous invitons d'autres organismes de développement international œuvrant dans le domaine du sida à une séance de remue-méninges sur des activités de développement de ressources pour lesquelles il serait utile de collaborer.

Quand : le mercredi 15 février 2012 à 13 h 00 (heure de l'Est)

Lieu : Toronto, ON (local à déterminer) – accès possible par conférence téléphonique

R.S.V.P. à Anne Gardner, à anne@braceletofhope.ca.

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