

Conference

# The end of Aids will not be achieved by its own!

*15 years Action against AIDS Germany. Live is a human right.*



**Date:** Tuesday November 28 2017, 10:00-17:00 h

**Place:** Berlin, Landesvertretung Baden-Württemberg, Tiergartenstr 15, 10785 Berlin

**Keynote:** Heidemarie Wiczorek-Zeul

**Background:**

Just a few years ago it seemed impossible to treat globally 18 Million people (June 2017) with live saving and preventive HIV medications. The global community has by all means the capacity to end the global Aids epidemic as a threat to public health. This would indeed be “one of the greatest achievements within our lifetimes”, as the president of the UN General Assembly rightly pointed out last year during a meeting of the General Assembly. The implementation of the Agenda 2030 of the sustainable development goals depends on overcoming the most devastating diseases, such as HIV, TB and Malaria and the realization of universal health coverage. But some heads of states and governments seem to terminate their solidarity and political common sense: the global achievements in the fight against HIV and AIDS are at stake.

Action against AIDS Germany advocates since 15 years for a solidly united response to the epidemic by standing on the side of those marginalized, threatened and living with HIV. This is the time to take inventory with our members, partner organizations and the interested general public: What are the current challenges? How can the end of AIDS be achieved? What is needed to accomplish this goal?

The conference will offer opportunities to learn from experiences of people living with HIV (PLHIV), which are very often members of marginalized groups and active members of Civil Society Organizations engaged in the fight against HIV. It is planned to invite experts from Eastern Europe and the African continent and other regions hit hard by the HIV epidemic. Important topics of the discussions will be, inter alia, the reality of life of PLHIV, human rights, the overcoming of access barriers to prevention, diagnostics and therapy and the provision of necessary financial resources by those countries affected as well as by international cooperation. The contribution of Germany and Europe for the realization of the internationally agreed development and health goals will be under close scrutiny.

At the end of the conference a declaration of our central demands will be handed over to a representative of the new Federal Governments to underline international commitments and to sensitize for a new queen bee role Germany has towards health for all and the international fight against HIV.

A simultaneous translation into English/German will be available.

### Three panes, followed by discussions

Panel I Living with HIV – Human Rights: „Zero Discrimination“

Panel II Access to diagnostics and treatment: „Zero Death“

Panel III Justice and liability: funding for global health is possible!

### Language

German and English, simultaneous translation will be available

### Organizer

Action against AIDS Germany with support of its member organizations

### Structure

3 moderated panels à 90 minutes each, followed by the delivery of political claims on occasion of the 15 years existence of Action against AIDS, Germany

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Course of action	
Moderators: <b>Astrid Berner-Rodoreda, Sylvia Urban</b>	
9:30	Welcome, Registration, Coffee
<b>introduction</b>	
10:00-10:15	<b>Welcome and introduction (Astrid Berner-Rodoreda and Sylvia Urban)</b>
10:15-10:45	Keynote: <b>Heidemarie Wiczorek-Zeul</b>  The following topics will be discussed with international guests in three panels  The Human rights situation of PLHIV and key populations with as a special focus of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the Eastern European region and the African continent</li> <li>• access to diagnostics and treatment</li> <li>• national and international financing of the HIV response</li> </ul>
Moderation	<b>Astrid Berner-Rodoreda</b>
<b>Panel I</b> <b>Living with HIV – Human Rights: „Zero Discrimination“</b>	
10:45-12:15	<b>Content:</b> The panel discussion reflects the living situation of people living with HIV (PLHIV) and groups represented by PLHIV with a particular focus on African countries and Eastern Europe. Topics addressed depend on speakers invited and what they want to bring up for further discussion. We search for a person as panelist that can reflect the work of churches.  Topics to raise may reflect the general situation in a particular country, the stigmatization faced, or the criminalization of particular groups. We want to reflect on the results of the HIV stigma index, the consequences of punitive legislation for MSM and other gay man (Russia: gay propaganda laws, death penalty for same-sex relations in some African countries), for people using drugs, for sex workers or migrants and other mobile populations. We will reflect how stigma and discrimination challenges access to treatment and to prevention services, the role of punitive laws will be discussed. It will be addressed that some countries perceive Civil Society (CS) more as a threat than a benefit and a lack of involvement of civil society.

	<p>Speakers and moderation might refer to the HIV stigma index and eventually to the list of countries with punitive laws the International Lesbian and Gay Association (ILGA) published and reflect on the effects for civil society and the vulnerability of groups affected by HIV. What impact would the realization of zero discrimination have for vulnerable populations?</p> <p><b><u>Panelists:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Stigma and discrimination against people using drugs (PuD) in the Ukraine and Russia (Alexander Delphinov, independent journalist, BerLUM, Berlin/Moscow)</li> <li>2. Stigma and discrimination faced by MSM and PLHIV in Africa countries (Ahmed Awadalla, AIDS-Hilfe Berlin, Germany)</li> <li>3. How to fight stigma and discrimination of PLHIV? What contribution can be expected by Churches? (Referent Dorothea Strauß, Berlin)</li> <li>4. Stigma and discrimination in Germany, Stigma Index (Silke Klumb, German AIDS Federation)</li> </ol>
Moderation	<b>Peter Wiessner</b>
12:15- 13:30 Lunch	
<b>Panel II</b>	
<b>Access to diagnostics and treatment: „Zero Death“</b>	
13:30 – 15:00	<p><b><u>Content:</u></b> The second panel will focus on the global situation. What is required for the achievement of the 90-90-90 goals and ultimately the overarching goal of zero death To what extent do certain groups have access to services and what are the challenges? What are – at global level – the challenges to achieve and secure live-long treatment for all? What are the obstacles to achieve universal 90-90-90 goals? What is vulnerability today and what creates vulnerability? We would like to hear about and reflect on particular vulnerabilities for young boys and men. International programs and services for this target group are rare. How can we achieve “the end of AIDS” in light of existing oppositions and gaps? What efforts are needed to translate “fast track strategies” into real action and how can the recommendations of the UN High Level meeting on access to medicines contribute to secure access for all? Beside the gaps, the session will as well reflect on the achievements related to access to medicines and the realization of the fast track goals, the role and the achievements of the Global Fund and the Medicines Patent Pool.</p> <p><b><u>Panelists:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Introduction: Access to diagnostics and medication in light of gender specific viewpoints (Astrid Berner-Rodoreda)</li> <li>2. To what extent does the medicines patent pool pragmatic offer solutions for countries in the global south or east? (Erika Duenas, Medicines Pharma Pool).</li> <li>3. Speaker from an African country (Sr. Melania, St Alberts Hospital, Zimbabwe)</li> <li>4. Situation and problems on the ground, access barriers in the Ukraine and in Russia (Alexander Delphinov, independent journalist, BerLUM, Berlin/Moscow)</li> </ol>
Moderation	<b>Christian Wagner-Ahfs</b>
15:00- 15:30 Coffee break	
<b>Panel III</b>	
<b>Justice and liability: funding for global health is possible!</b>	
15:00-17:00	<p><b><u>Content:</u></b> There are still uncertainties on how the US (and possibly the UK, in future) will possibly position itself toward the funding needs of the global HIV response. One thing is already clear: it will have tremendous impact for PLHI, TB and malaria should the global donor community reduce or withdraw their commitment. It will be a challenge for the German Government should relevant programs be underfinanced in future. So far the German Federal Government did not even succeed to secure overall financial obligations and contributes less than a third of the required grants for health. The dependency of global health funding on just a few countries might in future have fatal</p>

	<p>consequences and reverse achievements of the global HIV response and other fatal diseases.</p> <p>Using the example of the Global Fund we will discuss aspects of global health funding, particularly with regard to the situation of transitioning countries. The findings of GFANs costs of inaction paper will be reflected to demonstrate the impact of insufficient funding.</p> <p><b><u>Panelists:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Global funding by the GFATM (Norbert Hauser)</li> <li>2. BMZ: the contribution of the German government to the GFATM and global health in general (Heiko Warnken, BMZ)</li> <li>3. Civil society experiences with advocacy towards their local government to reach Abuja goals and fight for a stronger commitment related to HIV (Frank Mischo, Kindernothilfe)</li> <li>4. The real contributions of European countries to global health and HIV response, and the demands of Action against AIDS (Joachim Rüppel)</li> </ol>
Moderation	<b>Marwin Meier</b>
Closing	<b>Astrid Berner-Rodoreda</b>
17:00	<b>Get together</b>

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