

## Workshop by **Action against AIDS Germany**

As part of the conference “Shaping an African-European Partnership on Health – Perspectives from Civil Society” hosted by VENRO

### **WORKSHOP ON DEC 7, 10:30–12:00AM CET:**

# **“How can the access to prevention, treatment, care and the consideration of key populations be strengthened within Universal Health Coverage (UHC)?”**

### **Topic:**

The workshop is about some of the “hidden” key populations in the African region and their access to information, resources, prevention, treatment and care in order to turn UHC – the concept of “universal health coverage” – into reality. We will give community representatives for drug users, sex workers and then LGBTI community a voice to speak on behalf of themselves and identify how their fight relates to human rights, to criminalization, stigma and discrimination. Very often these communities are not

sitting at the table of those who have the power to speak up and to allocate resources. There is almost no information on PUD in Africa available here, some, would even deny their existence, or claiming that this is a “western” phenomena. This denial has deathly consequences and applies to other “hidden populations” too. So what are the needs of marginalised and vulnerable key populations and how can they be strengthened to enforce truly universal health coverage (UHC)?

### **Speakers:**



**Allan Maleche**, KELIN, Kenya:

*Overview of human rights and civil society on the African continent. Basics: from the “GIPA Principles” to “leave no one behind” and it’s value to achieve UHC (universal health coverage)*



**Mohammed Abdul-Wadud**, LGBT+Rights Ghana:

*Overview of the legal situation and state of discussion in Ghana*



**Daughtie Ogutu**, Kenia, Visibility Coordinator/Africa at The International Federation for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders, Coordinator for the Africa Key Populations Experts Group (AKPEG):

*Overview on living realities and access to treatment and care for sex workers*



**Richard Nininahazwe**, Burundi, AfricanPUD:

*Overview on living realities and access to treatment and care for people using Drugs in Africa (tbc)*

### **Moderation:**

Melanie Otto and Peter Wiessner, Action against AIDS Germany

### **Participation:**

To participate, kindly [register here](#) by 2 December 2021.

Download the Conference Programme [here](#).

The conference will be held in English, with simultaneous French interpretation.

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