

We invite you to join the International AIDS Society, the Ford Foundation, Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC), UNAIDS and the members of the Civil Society Task Force along with other concerned experts and advocates to strategize for the creation of more equitable policies towards HIV-positive immigrants and travelers.

**Side Meeting: United Nations General Assembly  
Special Session on AIDS, New York City  
Tuesday, June 10, 2008, 1:15 – 2:45 PM • Conference Room 4**

## **ENTRY DENIED: What You Need to Know about HIV Related Travel Restrictions**

### **SPEAKERS INCLUDE:**

**Kate Thomson**, Chief, Civil Society Partnerships Unit, UNAIDS

**Craig McClure**, Executive Director, International AIDS Society

**Gracia Violeta Ross**, Representante Alterna de las ONGs de LAC en la Junta de ONUSIDA (LAC NGO Alternate Representative UNAIDS Board), Delegada región LAC, Delegación ONGs Sur, Junta del Fondo Mundial LAC Region, Developing Countries NGO Delegation Global Fund Board

**Colin McIff**, Multilateral Organizations Officer, Office of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator

**Terry McGovern**, Program Officer, Ford Foundation

**Robert Bank**, Chief Operating Officer, Gay Men's Health Crisis

**Lillian Mworeko**, International Community of Women Living with AIDS

### **CO-CHAired AND MODERATED BY:**

**Jennifer Kates**, Vice President, Director of HIV Policy, Kaiser Family Foundation

**Ron MacInnis**, representing the Secretariat of the International Task Team on HIV-related Travel Restrictions

### **PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION TOPICS:**

- **Snapshot of current travel and immigration restrictions worldwide**
- **Impacts on individuals and families**
- **Human rights and legal aspects of travel and immigration restrictions**
- **Public health and slowing the spread of HIV/AIDS**
- **International and domestic political developments**

Since the beginning of the HIV epidemic, governments and the private sector have implemented restrictions with regard to HIV-positive persons wanting to enter or remain in a country for a short stay (e.g. business, personal visits, tourism) or for longer periods (e.g. asylum, employment, immigration, refugee resettlement, or study). In 2008, there are still 74 countries with such restrictions. Promising advances to change these discriminatory policies are being made. This forum will strengthen and expand these efforts by sharing the latest information and analysis on this issue and bringing together those who are willing to strategize and advocate for lifting discriminatory policies where they exist.

Lunch will be provided; first come first served. Sponsored by the Ford Foundation

**To receive further information about this event,  
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