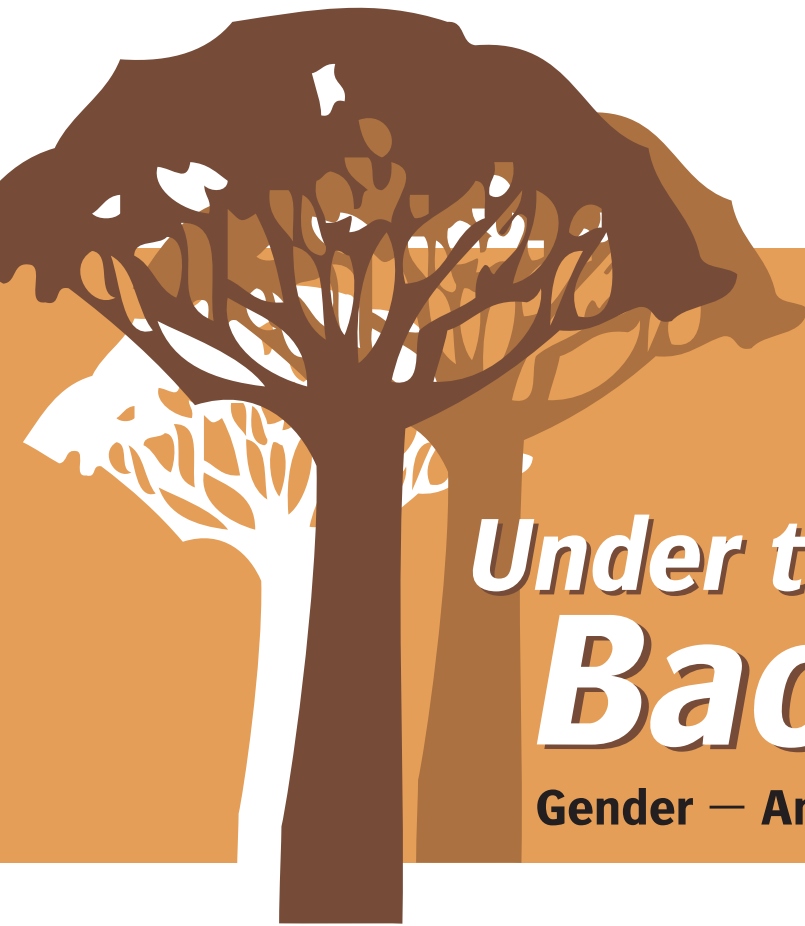


THE NATIONAL AFRICAN HIV CONFERENCE

Thursday 27 – Friday 28 March 2008

Regent's College Conference Centre, Inner Circle, Regent's Park, London NW1




Under the Baobab tree

Gender – An integrated response to HIV



**Abstract Deadline
8 February 2008**



The Baobab is called the *Tree of Life* for a good reason. As one of the biggest and oldest trees, it is capable of providing shelter, food and water for the animals and people of the African savannah regions. Many villagers traditionally meet under the Baobab tree to discuss local issues; therefore, as Africans, or supporters of Africans, in the Diaspora we plan to come together to discuss:

“Gender — An integrated response to HIV”

Introduction

The different attributes and roles African societies assign to males and females affect their ability to protect themselves against HIV and AIDS and cope with its impact. Gender-based inequalities overlap with other social, cultural, economic and racial inequalities — and affect women and men of all ages. African women’s vulnerability is compounded by their immigration status, their limited access to economic opportunities and autonomy, and the multiple household and community roles. African men, and young boys, are vulnerable too. While men may be the ‘traditional’ decision makers regarding children and the family, the socio-economical difficulties they face as a result of migration often leads to a renegotiation of their roles as partners, husbands, fathers and brothers.

Why a national conference?

‘Under the Baobab tree’ will be the 5th in the series of biennial conferences organised by the African HIV Policy Network (AHPN) as part of its sector development and facilitation programme. Led by the National African HIV Prevention Programme (NAHIP): a department of health funded programme of HIV prevention activities targeted at Africans in England. The conference aims to bring together the affected communities, providers, policy makers researchers, commissioners and other stakeholders to share good practice within the HIV sector. It also offers an opportunity to discuss what still needs to be achieved in order to reduce the rates of HIV infection within African communities and improve the care and support offered to those already living with HIV.

The AHPN is an alliance of mostly African-led organisations providing health promotion, treatment support and social care services to African communities affected by HIV. It is the leading African advocacy body on HIV and sexual health for African communities and the only nationally focused African organisation in the UK that operates exclusively at policy level.

The two-day conference will be relevant to:

Everybody with an interest in African sexual health and well-being issues



Thursday 27 March 2008

The keynote address will be delivered by Ms Elizabeth Mataka, UN Special Envoy for HIV and AIDS in Africa. This day will focus on how gender impacts on the prevention needs of Africans living in the UK. Topics will include:

- gender roles
- men, women, families and young people
- late presentation of men and women
- role of faith communities

These will be explored through drama, plenary session presentations and workshops. In addition, we will be launching the BASS Line survey report, the first sexual health survey targeting Africans living in England, and the African HIV prevention Planning framework, a collaborative strategic planning document. The day will end with the AHPN Community Awards Ceremony and drinks reception.

Friday 28 March 2008

The keynote address will be delivered by Professor Paul Hunt, UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Health. This day will look at HIV and sexual health policy issues and their impact on gender inequality. Topics will include:

- the right to health
- HIV testing
- access to treatment and deportation
- social determinants of health such as poverty, inequality and employment

In addition to presentations at plenary sessions, these themes would be further explored through paper presentations.

REGISTRATION FORM



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Title Mr Miss Ms Mrs Dr Professor other (please specify)

Forename

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Gender Male Female Other (please specify)

Category Industry and Statutory Sector Charity and Community Groups Other (please specify) Individual

Dietary requirements Vegetarian Kosher Vegan Halal Other please specify

Accessibility requirements Please specify

Conference Fees Free

- Deadline for application: **Wednesday 12 March 2008.**
- Maximum of 2 spaces per organisation.
- A refundable deposit of £25 will be required to secure free space (subject to the cancellation notice below).
- Spaces are available on a first come, first allocated basis.

15 support bursaries of £100 each are available to individuals residing outside London, living with HIV on application. To apply send an email to nahipconference@ahpn.org
Deadline for application: **Wednesday 12 March 2008.**

Payment details Please make cheques payable to: AHPN and send along with the completed registration form to **The National African HIV Conference 2008, AHPN, New City Cloisters, 196 Old Street, London EC1V 9FR.** Please note that payment must be received in full to confirm booking.

Cancellation Notice Please note that cancellations after **Wednesday 19 March 2008** will be non-refundable. Nominated delegates will be welcomed.

Data Protection Personal contact details are gathered in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. We would like to send you information about NAHIP and AHPN campaigns and events. If you do not want to receive this information, please tick here

Accommodation Overnight accommodation is not included in the conference fee. The organisers are not able to recommend or book hotel accommodation for delegates. We advise delegates to make their own arrangements.

Overseas Delegates We are not able to send out invitation letters required for visa applications.



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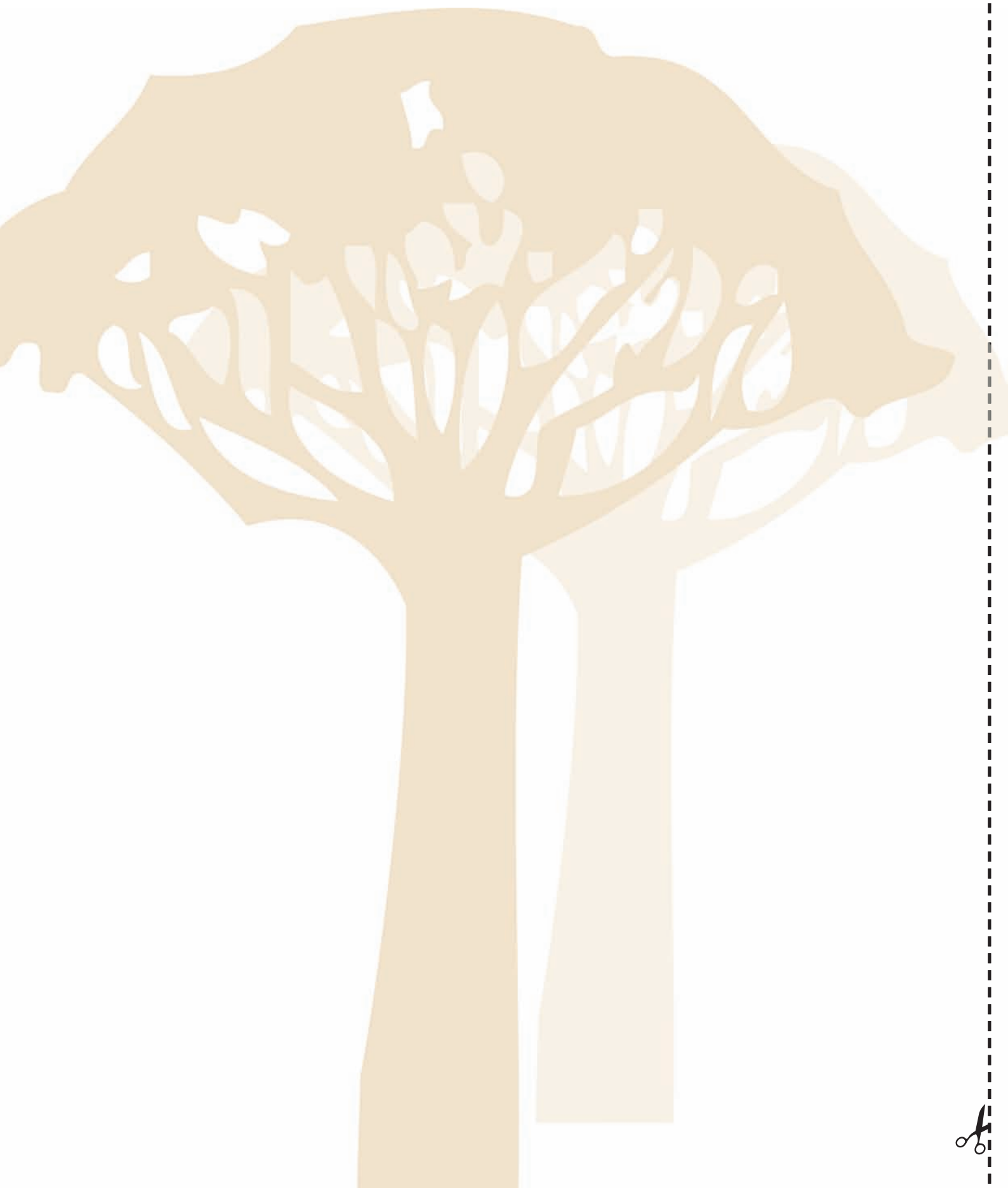
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Call for Papers

We welcome gender-focused papers based on work conducted in:

- Community and social settings
- Clinical and health service settings
- Research studies and evaluations

People interested in presenting their work are warmly invited to submit a summary or an abstract of their research. This should be no more than 200 words and include:

1. A title
2. Background objectives of the research or intervention focused on gender
3. Methodology
4. Results of the intervention or investigation
5. Conclusions and Recommendations
6. Mode of presentation – either poster or paper

The key gender issues to consider in the proposal include:

- African men and late presentation
- What are the priorities for men's sexual health work amongst organisations?
- Government policies in relation to HIV and sexual health
- Models of good practice in working with African men who have sex with men
- Implications of mental health and substance use on HIV transmission
- The leadership role of faith communities in HIV prevention
- Working with the media on HIV related stigma
- Assertiveness and condom negotiation amongst young people
- Doctor/patient relationships
- HIV in the workplace

Successful applicants will be offered the opportunity to give a 15-minute presentation about their research or work.

Applicants should include with their summary their name and the names of any other additional proposed presenters of their work, their title, the name of their organisation, their full address and telephone numbers, and e-mail address.

The submission deadline is **Friday 8 February 2008** and successful applicants will be notified by mid February 2008.

Please send applications to:

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Project Manager, NAHIP
New City Cloisters
196 Old Street
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