



ICASA 2019

Key Populations Pre-Conference

Kigali, 29-30 November 2019

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Announcing ICASA2019 Key Populations Pre-Conference

The African Key Populations Networks are pleased to announce the 3rd KP-Pre-conference that will take place on 29th and 30th November 2019, ahead of the 20th edition of the International Conference on AIDS and STIs in Africa scheduled for 2nd to 7th December 2019 in Kigali, Rwanda.

The KP Pre-conference will focus on the theme **'Rethinking Strategies and Forging Resistance: Out of the old and into the SDGs era through political will & community Investment'**.

By focusing on Strategies and Resistance for delivering SDGs among current and recently young key populations, two overlapping groups – both of whom are particularly vulnerable to HIV infection – are brought under one umbrella: key populations (KPs) and young people. KPs continue to be most affected by HIV and AIDS across the globe, and particularly in Africa. Despite evidence, KPs continue to bear the brunt of exclusion from national HIV policies, national sanctioned interventions and minimum packages of HIV services.

Exploring the link between SDGs and cross-generation strategies to address sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) needs among KPs encourages long overdue conversations that would identify priority interventions to reduce the death toll among young people and key populations.

The KP Pre-Conference goal is to develop efficient strategies for addressing HIV and SRHR needs among current and recently young key populations in Africa.



Specifically, the KP Pre-conference aims to:

- stimulate a broader conversation, located in the African context, about strategies and tactics to address the current context of elevated HIV and AIDS infection, transmission and death rate among young people and key;
- develop priority issues from the KP networks with reference to young people and other KPs in terms of sexual and reproductive health and rights' needs;
- explore avenues and spaces to introduce the Adults-Youth conversation on strategic approaches to end HIV and AIDs, including boosting political leadership around KP issues;
- identify appropriate interventions to better empower young key populations from HIV infection, taking into cognisance the cultural context of Africa;
- provide a platform for the visibility of the current and recently young KPs' participation in and contribution to the HIV response,
- Meaningfully engage and articulate a broad conversation on the state of the HIV/ AIDS
- Programming and funding and investment in communities.
- facilitate and encourage mutually enriching learning exchanges between networks, communities and researchers, policymakers, donors, and other stakeholders.
- provide a platform of networking and donors dating for increased attention to youth and KP issues;

Through plenary interactions, break-out sessions and the networking event dubbed 'Meet-the-local', the KP Pre-conference will serve as a platform for exchange, learning and awareness raising on the urgent imperative to innovate, invest in youth and KP communities and the pressing need to boost political will to address the pandemic among these groups to achieve the SDGs.

Interested entities and individuals are invited to register for the pre-conference by filling the form available [HERE](#)

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