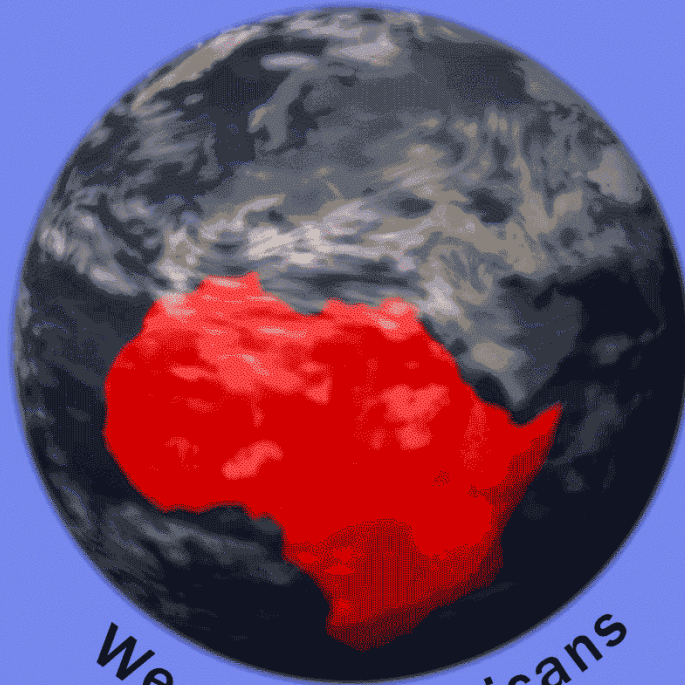


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HIV/AIDS has become one of the most formidable public health, human rights and health challenges of modern times. The AIDS epidemic in sub-Saharan Africa has overwhelmed the region and it urgently requires a concerted global effort and private/public cooperation to efficiently implement prevention and treatment strategies.

This symposium seeks to provide answers to these challenges. *The morning session* explores the meaning of the “international right to health” and its usefulness as a tool for making AIDS prevention and treatment available in Africa. Experts will give examples of concrete and workable strategies that can make a difference in the lives of African citizens. *The afternoon session* focuses on existing barriers to implementation, and explores possible actions to overcome them. The symposium culminates in the development of a “**Philadelphia Declaration**” in Defense of Health and Human Rights and the Dignity of People living with HIV/AIDS in Africa. Conference participants will join a panel of experts to discuss the provisions that should be included in the “**Declaration.**”

7:00 – 8:30 Registration

8:30 **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
Lee Cassanelli

MORNING SESSION: WORKABLE STRATEGIES

Chair: Paul J. Kaiser

8:30 – 9:00 **Conference Overview: Putting the HIV/AIDS Epidemic in Context**
Evelyne Shuster

9:00 – 9:30 **The International Right to Health: Useful or Useless in the AIDS Epidemic in Africa?**
George J. Annas

9:30 – 10:00 **Reflections on Successful Ways to Address the HIV/AIDS Crisis: The Case of Tanzania**
Theresa J. Kaijage

10:00 – 10:30 Audience Participation

10:30 – 11:00 Break

11:00 – 11:30 **Private/Public Partnership: Global AIDS and the Health Fund**
Paul Zeitz

11:30 – 12:00 **Global AIDS Action: The Role of American Residents**
Julie Davids

12:00 – 12:30 Audience Participation

12:30 – 2:00 Lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION: BARRIERS TO ACTION

Chair: Evelyne Shuster

- 2:00 – 2:20 **Grassroots Movements In Africa: AIDS Prevention and Treatment**
Rosemarie Kadende-Kaiser
- 2:20 – 2:40 **African-American Grassroots Movements and HIV/AIDS in Africa: Issues and Challenges in Building Solidarity with Africans**
Alex Otieno
- 2:40 – 3:00 **The Role of Health Professionals in the AIDS Campaign**
Leonard Rubenstein
- 3:00 – 3:30 Audience Participation
- 3:30 – 3:45 Break
- 3:45 – 5:00 *Round Table: Developing an Action Plan - The “Philadelphia Declaration”*
Chair: George J. Annas
Panelists: Julie Davids, Aranthan S. Jones, Rosemarie Kadende-Kaiser, Theresa J. Kaijage, Alex Otieno, Leonard Rubenstein, Evelyne Shuster, Paul Zeitz.
- 5:00 Adjournment

The Conference should be attended by health care and public health professionals, scientists, policy makers, attorneys, legislators, ethicist-philosophers, journalists, health and human rights advocates, AIDS activists, students in science, medicine and public health, and concerned citizens.

<p>There is no fee for attending the conference, but a voluntary contribution of \$40 would be greatly appreciated. Advance registration is encouraged.</p>

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Speakers

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Lee Cassanelli, PhD Director, African Studies Center, University of Pennsylvania

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Rosemarie Kadende-Kaiser, PhD Research Fellow at the Solomon Asch Center for Study of Ethnopolitical Conflict, and Instructor for the Women's Studies Program, University of Pennsylvania

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