

Invitation to a Side Event at the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)

"Promoting Sexual and Reproductive Empowerment"

Monday 2 March 2009, 1.15 – 2.45
Conference Room 2, the United Nations

Organized by the Governments of Norway and Sweden in conjunction with the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF). Sexual and reproductive health and rights and the involvement of men and boys are essential to achieve gender equality and women's empowerment. This event will centre on safe and self-determined abortion, sexual orientation and gender identity and, engaging men and boys.

Opening statement: **State Secretary Mr Håkon A. Gulbrandsen**, Norway
Ambassador Lennarth Hjelmaker, Sweden

Panel discussion and interactive discussion with the audience moderated by
Dr Gill Greer, Director-General, IPPF:

Monica Roa – Gender Justice Programme, Women's Link Worldwide - (Colombia)

Laura Villa - Ipas – (Mexico)

Dawn Cavanagh - Coalition of African Lesbians - (South Africa)

Bafana Khumalo - Sonke Gender Justice – (South Africa)

Satish Kumar Singh - Men's Action for Stopping Violence against Women - (India)

Javier Luis Hourcade Bellocq - The International HIV/AIDS Alliance - (Argentina)

- How can NGOs and government successfully work together to change restrictive laws on abortion?
- What further steps should be taken to ensure and advance sexual and reproductive empowerment and enjoyment of non discrimination and human rights by LGBT populations?
- What do men and boys stand to gain from women's empowerment and greater gender equality?

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