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Inter-Agency Task Team on Education

International Symposium on Sexuality Education

Scandinavia House, 58 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10016, USA
Wednesday 27th April 2011
9:00 am to 6:00 pm

About the UNAIDS IATT

Established in 2002 and convened by UNESCO, the UNAIDS IATT on Education aims at improved and accelerated education responses to HIV and AIDS, through promoting and supporting good practices and through encouraging alignment and harmonisation within and across agencies to support global and country-level actions.

Global outlook on HIV knowledge and young people

In 2001, the UN General Assembly Special Session on HIV and AIDS set a goal to empower 95% of all young people with knowledge about HIV and AIDS by 2010. As we enter 2011, however, **less than 40% of young men and women have complete and accurate knowledge about HIV transmission.** Increasing knowledge about HIV and AIDS is an essential precondition to reducing HIV infections worldwide.

The UNAIDS Inter-Agency Task Team (IATT) on Education is convening an international symposium, organized by UNESCO, on the implementation of sexuality education programmes for young people. The Symposium will focus on:

- A review of **country situations and operational plans** with regard to increasing young people's HIV knowledge, skills and behaviours through comprehensive sexuality education. Emphasis will be put on the 17 **priority countries** identified in the UNAIDS Outcome Framework business case on empowering young people to protect themselves from HIV.
- Release of the results and discussion of the implications of a ground-breaking international study on the **comparative cost and cost-effectiveness of comprehensive sexuality education programmes** in Kenya, Nigeria, India, Indonesia, Estonia and The Netherlands.
- Identification of key areas of **collaboration and ways forward** in improving HIV knowledge through comprehensive sexuality education.

All interested individuals and organizations are welcome to attend the Symposium. However, space is limited and places will be available on a first come/ first served basis. RSVP to n.chat@unesco.org.