

# VOICES OF THE CONFERENCE

"Over all, the conference was very enriching to me and Carol and I believe to others too. I got to learn a lot especially from the different cultural backgrounds and contexts. I was glad to know what ABC stands for to people from different backgrounds and this showed me that we really do not have to take any things for granted since many people interpret it in ways that can actually expose them to the HIV. For example somebody shared that to them ABC means Abstaining, Being Faithful to one partner and Using Condoms with other Partners which I thought made many vulnerable.

I loved the volunteerism spirit of the many people who took part in the different activities and the whole arrangement which gave some of us an opportunity to experience the Semi Urban setting once again! I am looking forward to working together with this team whenever possible.

Greetings from Uganda, and Keep the Promise.

Much Love:

Stephen."

**Stephan Kasoma, Straight Talk Uganda**

It was nice to have invited me to the conference, I learnt a lot and I am sure will not remain the same, I am sorry I left without meeting but will try and keep in touch as much as possible, as we continue with the fight! Please thank you and will be ready at any time to offer myself as a resource person at any other forum.

**Mike Wanyama, Kenya**

*"What a Conference!*

*How historical, unique, inspiring, fertile and challenging to bring us all together in such a grassroots and kaleidoscopic fashion! "*

***R.E. Futterer, MAAA Germany***

"..Events in this conference marked arewarding experience in US especially kenyan.

1 Foreign land, food, foreign swahili as well what we speak is similar but NOT THE SAME, TZ is more polished and humble...good.

2 Well done kenyan you made guys like Mike made our day quite educative and full of weight and gained the crst of love, he gained popularity, he was more than a christian LIVING with he virus, he shocked the whole conference as he was healththier than any of us, than even those who served the meals.

The kenyan participation was indeed good, high intergrity and well contained as well us uganda and Tanzania. the team Patrick, Nelly, Jimmy Ababa and Emily made all the conference lively.

As apastor i nearly wept as I got challenged the CHURCH has done very litle in this fight I MEAN viral war NOT SPITITUAL WAR. AND as achurch we have caused many to die without knowing what kills them and fear of preventive measures, THE CHURCH IS LIKE ADISPENSAY WITHOUT DRUGS, Yet is prescribing doses to a very sick patient, whose only hope is the HOSPITAL, if not then death is next. WHAT IS THIS says Roland ARE YOU ALOUD TO MENTION CONDOM IN THER CHURCH. NO SAYS SAMUEL I ALLOW THEIR CONCIENSE TO JUDGE. They have the choice in their hands to use it or not.

To us the deaf impact all are human beings in the church, mosque and others..thats what make me cry they all need cure and prevention.

This conference has actually opened ny eyes to BRING CHANNGE IN THE CHURCH...This is where ATTITUDE TOWARDS CONDOM MUST CHANNGE.

While church is asking why use condom, Science is asking what can I do while on HEAT....THE AMSWER IS CONDOM.

Now this is the crux we must educate faithbased org learders now...CHIFFU, JANET, WAMS, MWENDE..WHWRE ARE YOU...TOM ,HEZ....AMD ALL ..lets join hands bring youth leders and train them amd creat and bring CHANGE.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We can start by having a conference on ...RELIGION AS ANS INSTRUMENT OF ADVOCACY IN HIVAIDS.

The main objective is to give FAITHBASED ORGANISATION AN EYE TO VIEW AIDS AS ANY OTHER DISEASE NOT DEATH.

Please lets communicate on this.

DEAF IMPACT.

**Pastor Tom Ochuka, Kenya**

“.....It was great meeting with many dynamic young leaders from Kenya, Uganda, Burundi and Tanzania and their participation was brilliant in many areas they know concerning the issue of HIV/AIDS. The theme was “Highway to HIV/AIDS Awareness”. The participants committed to be good ambassadors in their community as an urgent to bring hope and better ways through strategies in combating the pandemic. We came out with an idea of making the youth network among the participants, where yahoo group will be formed shortly as well as following of our activities in action for change through exchanging of information and so on. It was great for me to be interviewed with Radio Deutche Welle, a popular Germany International media, as well as other 3 participants were interviewed, and they made a youth programme which was on air on Thursday afternoon last week. They interviewed us by call phone directly from Cologne, Germany.”

**Leonard Boniface, Oxfam Youth Parliamentarian, Tanzania**

“..... mine is just to say thanks so much for your efforts in making the above mentioned event happen even though there was some complains at the end i hope this was a learning process my warm thanks goes to Roland and MAAA NGO for the hard work they did in terms of making this event happen. Ro thanks for this opportunity this was an eye opener in east africa! nothing in this world happen without complain and to roland this was to show who is with you in this fight against hiv .

People gather because of many reasons some because of material gain and some for knowledge, so, dont give up - the highway to awareness is long and people need to buckel their seat belts because the take off is so sharp and many will not comprehend....watu wa watu, this was an eye opener and a chance to make y our people understand what awareness means so keep the fight alive and help africa!”

**Jim my Ouma, MAAAKenya**

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