

Oral Statement Link Up

Thank you, Chair, for the floor. My name is Kyaw Min Htun from Myanmar. I am a young positive MSM. I speak for the Myanmar Youth Stars Network, the International HIV/AIDS Alliance and its broad coalition of young people most affected by HIV. I am part of the world's most often excluded and marginalized people: young people living with HIV, young people engaged in sex work, young men who have sex with men, young transgender people and young people who use drugs.

Since Cairo, HIV prevalence has declined among young people. Yet, young people 15 to 24 years old still shockingly account for more than 40 percent of new HIV infections worldwide. Young people like me in my region are heavily affected. We face stigma and discrimination that prevents us from obtaining services, and from realizing our sexual and reproductive health and rights.

Information and data on people like me in many countries is completely missing. We need to collect data classified by age, gender, ethnicity, location, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity and other factors that drive our marginalization and increase our health risk.

We need strong health and community systems to ensure HIV and sexual and reproductive health and rights information and services are fully integrated, comprehensive, tailored to address young people's needs, and accessible to us in all our diversity, including young people most affected by HIV, and of diverse gender identities and sexual orientations.

The right to health is a fundamental human right, *my fundamental right*, and human rights are universal and indivisible. Yet in many countries young people, especially those most affected by HIV, are unable or afraid to go to services because of violence, discrimination, or arrest. We call on our governments to eliminate all forms of gender-based violence, discriminatory or punitive laws and other barriers to high quality, comprehensive HIV and sexual and reproductive health and rights information and services.

As the ICPD Beyond 2014 review shows, addressing HIV and realizing sexual and reproductive health and rights for all is critically important for human and sustainable economic development. Member States must ensure the post-2015 development agenda integrates fully the findings and recommendations of the Global Review and the regional conferences. The post-2015 negotiations must ensure the meaningful engagement of young people most affected by HIV, young people like me, at all levels. By listening to us and working in partnership with us, post-2015 can also be OUR future.

Thank you.