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#### By rail/public transport

The Hotel Kreuz is just a 5-minute walk from Bern main station.

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The Bernmobil stop "Bärenplatz" (tram 3/5/9, Bus 12) is a 2-minute walk from the

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Conference fee: Members of MMS/ aidsfocus.ch: 70CHF; students: 40CHF

Others: 150CHF

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Your participation will be confirmed.

### Applying Human Rights to Sexual and Reproductive Health A Reality for All?



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#### **PROGRAM**

Welcome Speech by Carine Weiss, MMS/ aidsfocus.ch

#### 9:15 - 10:55 Part 1: Human Rights Based Approaches to Programming

From global commitment to rights-based action and accountability by Alfonso Barragues, UNFPA, Geneva

A rights-based approach to sexual and reproductive health services for young people in Moldova: challenges and opportunities by Erika Placella, SDC Bern

Results of the MMS survey on human rights based approaches among its member organisations by Jana Gerold, Swiss TPH, Basel

### 11:15 – 12:15 Part 2: Importance of Advocacy on Human Rights in International Health Cooperation

The Geo-politics of sexual and reproductive rights at the United Nations – how to address the protection gaps by Stuart Halford, The Sexual Rights Initiative

Using a rights-based approach to advocate for sexual and reproductive health rights: The Kenyan experience by Tabitha Griffith Saoyo, KELIN, Kenya

# 13:30 – 14:00 Part 3: Addressing Gender Based Violence as a Human Rights Violation

Service provider and civil society actor at the same time: Challenges of rehabilitation of survivors of sexual and gender-based violence in Bosnia and Herzegovina by Jasna Zecevic Vive Zene, Bosnia and Herzigovina

#### 14:00 - 16:00 Workshops on Human Rights

Workshop A: <i>How are</i>	Workshop B: Advocacy for	Workshop C: Gender
Human Rights Based	sexual and reproductive	Based Violence –
Approaches to	health: Using human	how to overcome the
programming best	rights mechanisms	challenges?
applied?	Moderated by Janet	Moderated by Jasna
Moderated by Monika	Perkins, EdM and Stuart	Zecevic Vive Zene and
Christofori-Khadka, SRK	Halford, The Sexual Rights	Anja Baier, IAMANEH
	Initiative	

# Applying Human Rights to Sexual and Reproductive Health A Reality for All?

At this year's MMS/aidsfocus.ch conference we will address the issues of human rights to sexual and reproductive health and how a human rights-based approach to programming can be applied.

Every day, at least 800 women die needlessly during pregnancy or childbirth and many suffer from long-lasting injuries or illnesses. 222 million women still have an unmet need for modern contraceptives and many girls never finish secondary school. Globally, almost 60% of new HIV infections among 15 to 24 year olds are contracted by girls and women. Human rights violations and harmful gender norms continue to limit the effectiveness of responses not only to HIV.

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are underpinned by human rights, and will only be achieved if principles of participation, accountability and non-discrimination are respected. Human Rights institution and advocates play an important role in planning, implementation and monitoring of the SDGs. It is the time to learn from our shared experiences, replicate and scale-up successful interventions, apply new tools and skills and develop innovative processes and partnerships.

**Target audience**: national and international Public Health professionals, project leaders, researchers and all those who are interested.

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