



Oficina Regional de Cultura para
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FIRST NOTICE

International call for participation and abstracts

The Regional Office of Culture for Latin America and the Caribbean of UNESCO, based in Havana, Cuba, in conjunction with United Nations Development Program office for Cuba (the UNDP), the office of UNAIDS for Cuba and Dominican Republic, the National Center of Prevention of STI and HIV/aids and the National Center for Sexual Education of Cuba, are inviting to:

Latin-American and Caribbean Workshop on Prevention of HIV/aids from a socio cultural perspective

The organizers are inviting researchers, journalists and community leaders, civil service agents of institutions and governmental organisms, NGOs, and in general, to experienced agents working in the response to the HIV/aids epidemics to participate in this workshop, which will be held in Havana, Cuba, from the 25 to the 27 of November of 2009.

The workshop has four main objectives:

- To promote positive practices on HIV/aids from the socio cultural perspective.
- To reinforce the cultural contents and quality of media products elaborated in response to the HIV/aids subject.
- To identify audio-visual materials which may serve as a model for good practices in the socio cultural approach and, at the same time, will serve as multipliers of experiences amongst the participants.
- To create new alliances incorporating to the Network results and experiences from projects in response to the HIV/aids with a communitarian perspective.



The participants will exchange ideas and experiences on the obstacles, advances and challenges found in response to the HIV/aids epidemics from the socio cultural perspective. This can be an appropriate frame for the formulation of recommendations to national and local authorities of countries from the region.

The main subjects of the workshop are:

- Artistic borders and common spaces: the art like a daily experience in which answers in the fight against HIV/aids stigma and discrimination can be found.
- The culture like a key instrument in the change of attitudes: treatment of the approach cultural partner in relation to each public goal.
- Research conducted on the impact of cultural projects in HIV/aids prevention.
- The Intervention of the public institutions in the definition of national policies in response to the HIV/aids from a socio cultural approach.
- Public and media campaigns in response to the epidemic: marginality, stigma, health etc.. Specific experiences from each country, which may help other countries with similar characteristics.



Debates will be held in plenary sessions and modular sessions which will be held simultaneously in different halls. For this, the following activities are being scheduled:

- Presentations requested to some specialists of Latin America and the Caribbean.
- Panel of experts on specific subjects.
- Fair of projects.
- Presentation of posters and/or videos, etc.

The official languages during the working sessions will be Spanish, English, French and Portuguese with simultaneous translation.

Looking for designing the first official agenda of the workshop program, we would like to receive from you, the filled official format and an initial abstract (which is attached), **before the 30 of August 2009.**

The Workshop is open to experts, connoisseurs, activists and members of the scientific and academic community related to the HIV/aids response in Latin America and the Caribbean. An inscription fee is not needed. Nevertheless, given the limitations of space, we are asking for receiving your expression of interest by sending it officially to the Organizing Committee. More details on the workshop can be found in the Web site: www.unesco.org/cu/sidacult. The logistic aspects (travel agencies, lodging, visas, climate, currency, etc.) will be disclosed in the Web site after the 15 of August of 2009.

The Organizing Committee is asking your kind support in sending your expression of interest at your earliest disposition, and if possible, for you to share this information with other colleagues and institutions that may be interested in participating.

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