

CSW 69 Side Events Report 2025



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CSW Workshop: Championing WROS – To Tackle Gender Based Violence – Hosted by the United Kingdom

Date: 12 March 2025

Time: 09:00 – 15:30

Venue: NYC United Kingdom Mission to the United Nations, 1 Dag Hammarskjold Plaza, 885 2nd Avenue



Overview

The CSW workshop focused on championing Women's Rights Organizations (WROs) and their critical role in tackling Gender-Based Violence (GBV). The session highlighted the unique and indispensable contributions made by WROs in combatting GBV and supporting survivors. The United Kingdom, as the host country, underscored the importance of collaboration, funding, and capacity-building for WROs to continue their transformative work. Key stakeholders, including government representatives, civil society leaders, and activists, came together to share best practices, discuss challenges, and propose strategies to strengthen the efforts of WROs in addressing GBV globally.

Key Presentations and Discussions



1. **The Role of WROs in Addressing GBV**

A series of presentations were made by leading WROs who shared their experiences and strategies for tackling GBV. These organizations discussed various methods, including advocacy, grassroots mobilization, and the provision of direct support services such as counseling, legal aid, and shelter for survivors. The presenters also highlighted the importance of taking a survivor-centered approach, ensuring that survivors' voices and needs are at the forefront of all interventions.

2. **Challenges Facing WROs**

Participants discussed the numerous challenges faced by WROs, including insufficient funding, political instability, and the increasing scale of GBV due to factors such as conflict, displacement, and economic insecurity. WROs also noted the difficulties in working in contexts where GBV remains normalized or inadequately addressed by legal systems. The need for sustained and flexible funding was emphasized, as many WROs struggle to secure long-term financial support for their work.

3. **Strategies to Strengthen WROs**

Several strategies were proposed to enhance the capacity of WROs in addressing GBV:

- **Strengthening Legal Frameworks:** Advocating for stronger laws and policies that protect survivors and hold perpetrators accountable.
- **Capacity-Building:** Providing WROs with training on advocacy, legal issues, and fundraising to increase their effectiveness and sustainability.
- **Increased Funding and Resources:** Ensuring that WROs have access to sufficient resources, including both financial and technical support, to scale their interventions.
- **Collaboration:** Encouraging greater collaboration between WROs, governments, and international organizations to ensure a coordinated and holistic response to GBV.



4. Best Practices and Success Stories

Participants shared success stories and innovative approaches that have made a tangible impact in the fight against GBV. This included community-led initiatives, partnerships with the private sector, and the use of technology to raise awareness and provide support to survivors. These examples illustrated the power of grassroots efforts and the importance of creating a supportive ecosystem for survivors of GBV.

Legacy of Action: Advancing the Beijing +30 Declaration to Combat GBV in Africa and Honouring Mandisa Monakali

Date: 13 March 2025

Time: 12:30 – 14:00

Venue: The Chapel , Church Center for the United Nations, 777 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017



Overview

The event aims to highlight the intersection of global frameworks, such as the Beijing Declaration, with local grassroots activism. Through reflective discussions and actionable recommendations, the session seeks to strengthen global partnerships and amplify community-driven solutions to advance gender equality and combat GBV. will celebrate the legacy of the late Ms. Mandisa Monakali, the visionary founder of Ilitha Labantu, whose pioneering efforts contributed significantly to integrating the principles of the Beijing Declaration into the South African and African contexts.

Moderator's Opening Remarks – Dr. Sindy Zamura-Bernard



Dr. Sindy Zamura-Bernard set the tone for the session, emphasizing the profound significance of the gathering. She acknowledged the legacy of Mam Mandisa Monakali as a fearless advocate for gender justice and the founder of Ilitha Labantu.

“We are here today not only to honour the legacy of Mam Mandisa Monakali but to reaffirm our commitment to the fight she led so courageously. This is a moment of reflection, learning, and most importantly—action. Her work was not just about advocacy; it was about transformation, about ensuring that no woman or girl suffers in silence.”

She highlighted the intersection of historical struggles and contemporary gender justice efforts, underscoring that Ilitha Labantu remains a living testament to resilience, grassroots activism, and institutional change.

“Mam Mandisa was a pioneer, a warrior for justice. But she was also a strategist—someone who understood that real change happens when communities, policymakers, and activists work together. Today, as we reflect on Beijing +30, we must ask ourselves: How do we move from commemoration to implementation? How do we carry forward her legacy in ways that bring tangible change?”

Opening Remarks – Ella Mangisa, Executive Director of Ilitha Labantu

Ella Mangisa delivered a opening, highlighting the urgency of action beyond reflection.

“It is a profound honour to stand before you today at CSW69, in the presence of so many champions of gender equality, as we reflect on the past, confront the present, and shape the future. This gathering is not just another

conversation—it is a declaration of commitment to a world free from gender-based violence (GBV) and injustice.”

She stressed that 30 years after the Beijing Declaration, GBV, discrimination, and exclusion persist, calling for a shift from commitment to real, systemic change.

“For Ilitha Labantu, this moment carries immense significance. Today, we gather not only to discuss the way forward but to honor a towering figure in this movement—the late Mam Mandisa Monakali. Mam Mandisa was not just an activist; she was a force of nature, a warrior who never wavered in her mission to defend the rights of women and girls.”



Ella reflected on Mam Mandisa's lifelong dedication to systemic change, ensuring that laws protected women, survivors received essential services, and justice became a lived reality.

“For 35 years, she built Ilitha Labantu into a beacon of hope for survivors of gender-based violence. She walked alongside the women in our communities, fought in courtrooms and policy chambers, and stood unapologetically against systems that sought to silence and oppress.”

Most importantly, she emphasized Mam Mandisa's belief in mentorship and leadership development for young African women.

“Perhaps Mam Mandisa's greatest act of leadership was her unwavering belief in passing the baton. She made it her mission to ensure that young women were not only present but central in spaces of power and influence, including here at CSW. She brought young voices into policy discussions, into activist movements, and into leadership roles, ensuring that the next generation was not waiting in the wings but actively shaping the future.”

She concluded with a call to action:

“Mam Mandisa passed us the baton. What we do with it now is up to us.”

- ✓ Mentor and uplift young women, ensuring they have access to leadership spaces.
- ✓ Hold policymakers accountable to the promises of Beijing +30.
- ✓ Challenge harmful systems that enable gender-based violence to persist.
- ✓ Strengthen solidarity among African women, because together, we are unstoppable.

Dr Nthabiseng Sepanya-Mogale – Ilitha Labantu as a Case Model for Resilience



Dr Sepanya-Mogale focused on Mam Mandisa's resilience and how Ilitha Labantu serves as a case model of survival against systemic challenges.

"Mam Mandisa's resilience is reflected in Ilitha Labantu itself—a model of survival against all odds. This organization is proof that when women lead with vision and commitment, even the most entrenched systems of oppression can be dismantled."

She urged the audience to study how Ilitha Labantu navigated political, financial, and social challenges while maintaining its commitment to grassroots women's empowerment.

"Her legacy reminds us that our fight is not just about resistance but about building structures that outlive us and continue to empower future generations."

Dr Litha Musyimi-Ogana – The Legacy of Women Peacebuilders

Dr Litha Musyimi-Ogana spoke about the Women Peace Trail and its role in ensuring that pioneers like Mam Mandisa Monakali are remembered for their impact.

"Your words captured the essence of this pivotal moment—reminding us of the legacy of action that pioneers like Mandisa Monakali have left behind. Your reflections on the Women Peace Trail and your enduring commitment to advancing gender equality resonated deeply with all in attendance."

She shared personal recollections of her journey with Mam Mandisa and emphasized the need to carry forward her work in tangible ways.

"We were especially moved by your personal recollections of Mandisa, the depth of your shared journey, and your continued dedication to ensuring her work lives on."



Reverend Dionne Boissiere – Grief as a Teacher and a Call to Action

Reverend Boissiere's reflection on grief offered a profound perspective on loss, resilience, and justice.



“Your reflection on grief as both an unwelcome guest and a profound teacher resonated deeply with us. In honouring the legacy of Mama Mandisa Monakali, you reminded us that our journey toward justice is paved with the resilience and tears of those who came before us.”

She invoked the Black National Anthem, spoke on womanist theology, and called for action through movements such as Thursdays in Black, reinforcing the importance of collective solidarity in fighting GBV.

“Your invocation of the Black National Anthem, your reflections on womanist theology, and your call to action through movements like Thursdays in Black reinforced the urgent need for collective solidarity in the fight against gender-based violence.”

She urged participants to transform discussions into action, challenging everyone to persist, listen, and uplift the voices too often silenced by history.

“You reminded us that our work must not be confined to conversations, but must instead manifest in tangible actions that dismantle oppressive structures.”

She concluded with a powerful call to honour Mam Mandisa's legacy through commitment and action.

“We are inspired by your leadership and your spirit, which continues to fuel this movement. Your words challenged us to persist, to listen, and to uplift the voices that history too often seeks to silence. Thank you for standing with us, for carrying this legacy forward, and for reminding us that justice is both a calling and a commitment.”

Dr Nyaradzayi Gumbonzvanda Deputy Executive Director (DED) – Closing Remarks

Dr Gumbonzvanda delivered the closing remarks, emphasizing that Mam Mandisa Monakali's legacy is not just a memory but a movement that must continue to shape policies, programs, and grassroots interventions.

“Mandisa Monakali was not just a commemoration of her life but a rallying call to sustain her legacy. Your words—celebrating a sister, a mother, a writer, and a fearless advocate—echoed the very essence of what Ilitha Labantu stands for.”

The DED reinforced the importance of continued solidarity and cross-regional collaboration, urging tangible pathways for justice and community-rooted interventions.

“Mam Mandisa’s impact transcends borders, villages, and institutions; her legacy is woven into the fabric of global women’s rights advocacy. Your call for continued solidarity, cross-regional collaboration, and a sustained voice for grassroots activism reaffirms the urgency of our mission.”

The session concluded with a renewed commitment to ensuring that the values Mam Mandisa fought for—dignity, justice, and empowerment—remain central in the global struggle against gender-based violence.



Key Recommendations from the Event:

1. Institutionalizing Mam Mandisa Monakali’s Legacy at CSW
 - o Advocate for an annual Mam Mandisa Monakali Memorial Session at future CSW events.
 - o Establish a global fund for grassroots GBV organizations in her honour.
2. Strengthening Grassroots and Regional Collaborations
 - o Expand cross-border partnerships to share best practices on GBV response.
 - o Strengthen community-centered justice mechanisms to support survivors.
3. Enhancing Survivor-Centered Policy Advocacy
 - o Push for policy reforms that center survivors’ experiences and ensure holistic support.
 - o Promote public awareness campaigns to shift societal perceptions and end victim-blaming.

Conclusion

Ilitha Labantu’s side event at CSW69 served as both a tribute to Mam Mandisa Monakali and a strategic call to action. The diverse voices in the room—from policymakers and activists to faith leaders and trauma specialists—highlighted

the urgency of ensuring that Mam Mandisa's legacy remains an active force in the global fight against GBV.

Her resilience, as reflected in Ilitha Labantu's continued work, reminds us that our fight must go beyond remembrance. It must be action-driven, community-centered, and justice-oriented. By amplifying the voices of women peacebuilders, grassroots leaders, and survivors, Ilitha Labantu continues to uphold Mam Mandisa's vision—one that is unwavering in its demand for justice, dignity, and equality.



Ilitha Labantu Side Event Report – CSW69: Healing Together: Advancing Trauma-Informed Care for Gender Equality and Survivor Empowerment

Date: 14 March 2025

Time: 12:30 – 14:00

Venue: The Chapel, Church Center for the United Nations, 777 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017

Overview

Trauma-informed care remains essential to fostering healing, resilience, and empowerment for survivors of VAWG. Despite the global recognition of the *Beijing Declaration's* survivor-centered approach, significant gaps persist in the implementation of comprehensive support systems. As part of the *Beijing +30* agenda, this session underscores the critical need for trauma-informed approaches to advance gender equality and eradicate systemic violence.

Opening Remarks by Moderator, Ella Mangisa

As we commemorate Beijing +30, it is crucial to acknowledge both the progress made and the gaps that remain in achieving gender equality and survivor-centered justice. Trauma-informed care is not simply a response to violence but a framework essential for fostering healing, resilience, and empowerment, while dismantling the systemic barriers that perpetuate gender-based violence (GBV) and inequality.

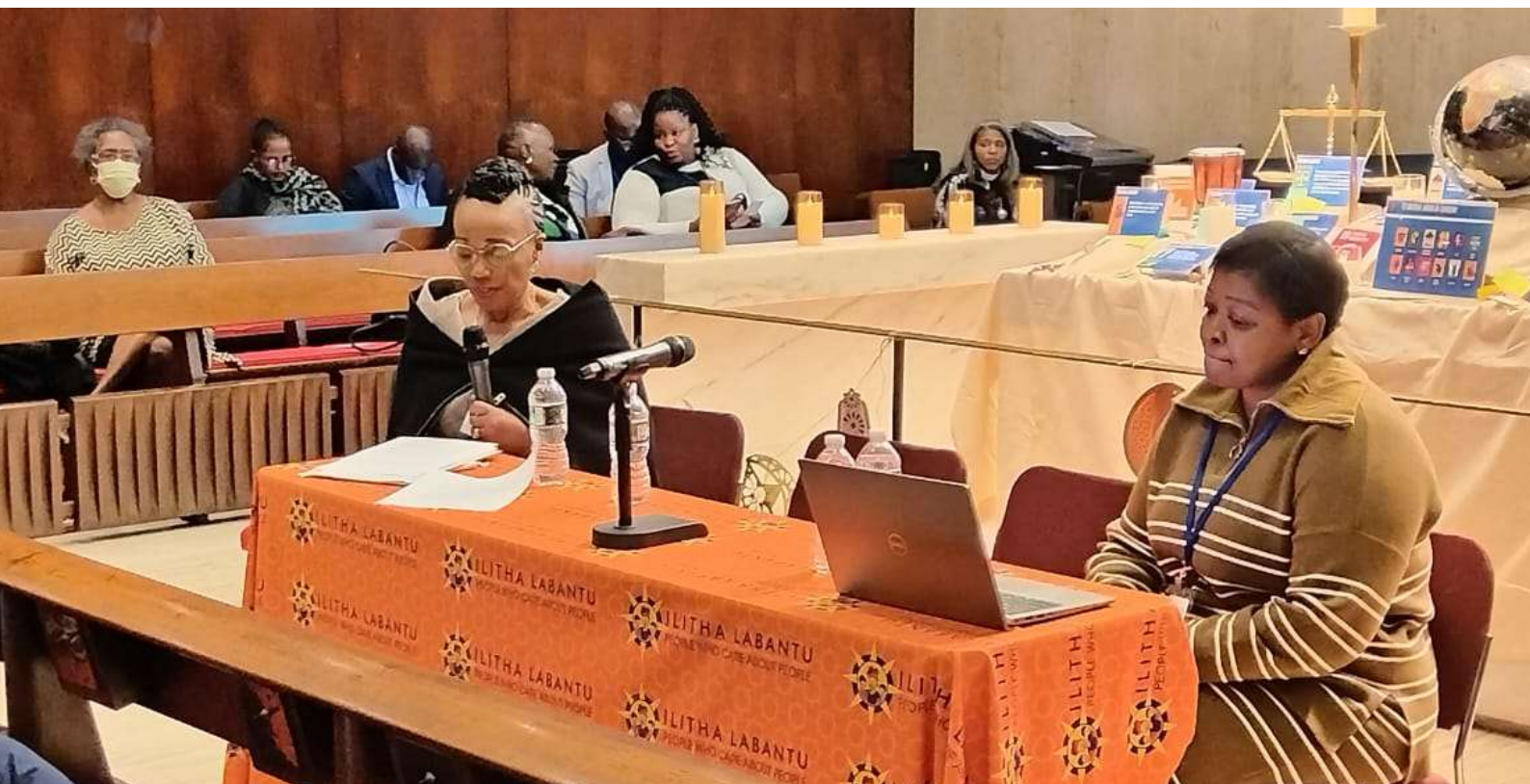
This discussion aligns with several critical areas of the Beijing Platform for Action, including:

- **Violence Against Women** – Emphasizing the need for comprehensive, survivor-centered support systems that ensure justice, protection, and dignity.
- **Women and Health** – Recognizing trauma as a public health issue and advocating for accessible, **gender-responsive psychosocial** and mental health services.
- **Human Rights of Women** – Ensuring that trauma-informed approaches uphold women's rights, autonomy, and access to justice, while preventing re-victimization.
- **Women and Armed Conflict** – Addressing conflict-related sexual violence and the role of trauma-informed interventions in helping survivors rebuild their lives.

For over 35 years, Ilitha Labantu has been at the forefront of violence prevention and survivor empowerment in South Africa. Through its Clinical Program, the organization provides crisis intervention, counselling, and trauma support, ensuring survivors receive specialized care. The Policy and Advocacy Initiative works to strengthen community-based justice responses, ensuring survivors have access to legal, emotional, and social support while holding perpetrators accountable.

In preparation for this event, on February 28th, Ilitha Labantu hosted a Pre-CSW gathering, which brought together over 40 organizations to propose key recommendations for strengthening trauma-informed responses to GBV. Some of the main discussion points included:

1. Prioritizing Mental Health in GBV Response
2. Scaling Community-Led Trauma Interventions
3. Strengthening Legal and Policy Frameworks
4. Economic Empowerment as a Trauma Response
5. Multi-Sectoral Collaboration for Holistic GBV Interventions



Keynote Address by Minister Sindisiwe Chikunga

Minister Chikunga began by addressing the widespread impact of trauma, noting its presence in various spheres of society, such as schools, workplaces, and homes. She emphasized the importance of holistic, intersectional, and reparative approaches to healing. Her focus on culturally relevant psychosocial interventions and the need to dismantle systemic barriers, including poverty, cultural stigma, and lack of education, was a key highlight.

The Minister also highlighted the importance of counter-storytelling in amplifying marginalized voices and shifting societal norms. She reinforced the idea that healing begins with memory, calling on individuals and communities to remember their collective strength, history, and ability to shape a future free from oppression.

She called for the implementation of resolutions beyond global conferences, ensuring that commitments made at CSW69 lead to tangible, local action. Minister Chikunga's leadership and advocacy continue to play a vital role in the fight for gender equality.

Speakers Highlights

Caryn Dasah

Caryn Dasah underscored the significance of creativity, continuous learning, and the pivotal role of strong women organizers in shaping a better future for survivors. She acknowledged the dedication of those working tirelessly to uplift and empower others and stressed the importance of striving for excellence and professionalism in trauma-informed care.

Her insights on resilience and empowerment provided inspiration to both survivors and advocates, offering hope and strength in the face of adversity. Ms. Dasah's emphasis on the need for survivor-centered approaches left a lasting impact on the audience.



Helene Forsberg-Madsen

Helene Forsberg-Madsen's discussion on the intersection of GBV and trauma within legal and societal contexts was particularly impactful. She emphasized the need for comprehensive trauma-based approaches and legal support for women experiencing GBV, particularly in navigating the legal system.



Her personal experience with sexual violence and her leadership as CEO of the Women's Council Denmark, particularly in initiatives like the National Observatory of Violence and the Women's Peace and Security Network, brought added depth to the conversation. Ms. Forsberg-Madsen's advocacy for national and regional solutions that respect cultural contexts while advocating for universal human rights was inspiring.

Sherna Alexander Benjamin

Sherna Alexander Benjamin's testimony highlighted the importance of empowerment and transformation. She shared that she did not allow her traumatic experience to keep her in a place of disempowerment but used it as a catalyst for change.

Her advocacy for people-centered trauma-informed care was a central theme. She emphasized the need to strengthen protective factors, invest in mental health, and create safe environments for survivors. Ms. Benjamin's call to action for trauma-sensitive policies, better data accessibility, and more support for survivors resonated deeply with the audience.

Dr Tirhani Manganyi

Dr Manganyi shared valuable insights on South Africa's national efforts to combat GBV and femicide, particularly through the national policy launched in 2020. She highlighted the importance of cross-sectoral collaboration between government, the private sector, and civil society in tackling GBV.

Dr Manganyi's work in advocating for one-stop centers and expanding support services in rural areas is a model for holistic survivor care. Her recognition of GBV's intersectionality with issues like HIV, sexual and reproductive health, and the safety of women and children aligns with Ilitha Labantu's mission to ensure survivors receive the care and protection they deserve.

Key Recommendations from the Session

The Healing Together session at CSW69 brought forward several key recommendations for advancing trauma-informed care and survivor empowerment. These recommendations are pivotal in ensuring gender equality and addressing the needs of survivors. They include:

1. **Prioritize Mental Health in GBV Response**

Governments should integrate trauma-informed mental health services into national GBV prevention and response strategies, ensuring accessible, culturally responsive care for survivors.

2. **Scale Community-Led Trauma Interventions**

There is a need for greater investment in community-based organizations that offer localized, survivor-centered support, especially in marginalized and rural populations.

3. **Strengthen Legal and Policy Frameworks**

Advocate for stricter enforcement of GBV laws, better survivor protection measures, and mandatory trauma training for law enforcement, judicial officials, and healthcare providers.

4. **Economic Empowerment as a Trauma Response**

Policies should include job training, placements, credit access, safe housing, and workplace protections to help survivors regain financial independence and break cycles of abuse.

5. **Promote Multi-Sectoral Collaboration for Holistic GBV Interventions**

Governments, civil society, the private sector, and international bodies must work together to create a comprehensive, coordinated, and survivor-centered approach to combating GBV.

Conclusion

Ilitha Labantu's Healing Together side event at CSW69 highlighted the critical need for trauma-informed care and survivor-centered approaches to address gender-based violence and promote gender equality. The session underscored the importance of community-led initiatives, mental health integration, economic empowerment, and multi-sectoral collaboration to ensure survivors receive the care, justice, and dignity they deserve. The recommendations made during this session will guide policy advocacy and efforts to provide comprehensive, supportive responses to GBV.



An Investment case for girls' health and well-being in Sub-Saharan Africa – Girls as unstoppable forces of change

Date: 13 March 2025

Time: 15:00 – 17:00

Venue: Millennium Hilton New York One, UN Plaza – Skylineroom

Overview

Tiko (Host NGO) supports young women and girls to take charge of their sexual and reproductive choices and embrace the freedom to shape their lives. Tiko gathered experts during the CSW69 in a side event to explore the investment case for adolescent girls and young women. The event was also an opportunity to reflect on the devastating impact that the withdrawal of the United States Presidential Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief has on programmes that support young women and girls, i.e, DREAMS (Determined, Resilient, Empowered, AIDS-free, Mentored and Safe)

Setting the Scene: by Redi Tlhabi

This session was moderated by Redi Tlhabi, an author and journalist. She played a 3-minute video that showcased Tiko's work with young women and girls in Sub-Saharan Africa. The video demonstrated the power of integration of services by addressing the critical "Triple Threat": early pregnancy, HIV, and sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV). Leveraging a technology-enabled, community-driven approach, Tiko collaborates with local and national health systems to drive sustainable, transformative change



Key Highlights by Speakers:

Dr Oby Ezekwesili, Founder of Human Capital Africa, highlighted the importance of empowering young women and girls and reflected on the need to make education fashionable.

Phinah Kodisang, Soul City Institute CEO and Redi Tlhabi

Redi hosted a fireside conversation with Phinah, asking her Questions relating to funding cuts by the US Government:

Redi asked Phinah how she felt when she first heard the news of the US Government's decision to cut foreign aid. Phinah responded by saying it was expected; it has been coming for a long time. As Soul City Institute, they have not been receiving funding from the US government for the past 10 years. However, they do empathise with communities who are directly impacted by this decision. She also highlighted that hosting governments are trapped through the Bilateral agreements they sign with foreign governments and agree to log frames with unrealistic indicators as they feel compelled to accept the aid.

The conversation between Phinah and Redi explored predictions for the future of health services in South Africa and the broader economic implication of these funding cuts. Phinah reported it is not clear at the stage of this discussion what measures the South African government is taking to mitigate the impact of funding cuts for the HIV response



Lastly, SCI presented a feminist fund they have just launched, which responds to the urgent need for a fund that responds and is centered on the experience, expertise, and needs of young feminist organizers across the region. The Fund aims to be a movement solution that equips feminist movements with the resources to lead their activism against the patriarchal oppressions experienced by young feminist activists.

Serah Malaba, Chief Impact Officer at Tiko

Serah highlighted the need for further investment in women and girls' programmes. She reflected on the need for Tiko to scale up its programmes to include young women and girls who have been receiving services from US-funded partners and the need for TIKO to absorb these girls by enrolling them in TIKO programmes for continuity. She admitted that the current gap in services provision is overwhelming even for TIKO

The High-Level Panel on the “Nexus Between Beijing+30 and UNAIDS+25 at CSW69: Championing and App to Protect the Rights of People Living with HIV

Date: 14 March 2025

Time: 14:30 – 17:00

Venue: UNAIDS 801, 2nd Avenue between 42nd and 43rd Street

Overview

The High-Level Panel at CSW69 focused on the intersection between the Beijing+30 Platform for Action and the UNAIDS+25 agenda, advocating for stronger mechanisms to protect the rights of people living with HIV (PLHIV). The session explored how to leverage technology, policy advocacy, and global frameworks to ensure a future where PLHIV can live with dignity, free from discrimination and stigma. A central feature of the conversation was the development of an innovative mobile application aimed at safeguarding the rights of PLHIV, providing accessible resources, and promoting awareness around HIV-related issues.

Welcoming Remarks by the Chairperson of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights

The Chairperson of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, Advocate Nabil Ahmed Saleh, opened the panel with a powerful address on the importance of human rights in the context of HIV. The Chairperson emphasized that HIV remains one of the greatest human rights challenges facing Africa and the world today. In their remarks, they underscored the critical need for a unified, rights-based approach to tackling the challenges faced by people living with HIV, highlighting the Commission's ongoing commitment to ensuring that the rights of vulnerable populations, particularly women and girls, are protected and promoted. The Chairperson also affirmed the African Commission's support for initiatives that seek to amplify the voices of those living with HIV and address the stigma and discrimination they face.

The Chairperson called on all stakeholders, including governments, civil society, and the private sector, to collaborate more closely to ensure that policies and interventions align with international human rights standards. They also welcomed the innovative mobile app being discussed at the panel, recognizing it as an important tool for promoting awareness, advocacy, and empowerment for PLHIV.

Opening Remarks by Dr. Litha Musyimi-Ogana

Dr. Litha Musyimi-Ogana, a renowned advocate for HIV rights and health equity, delivered the opening remarks, setting the tone for the panel discussion. Dr. Musyimi-Ogana highlighted the significant progress made over the past three decades in the fight against HIV, but also acknowledged the persistent challenges that remain. She underscored the need to continue advocating for the rights of people living with HIV, especially marginalized groups such as women and girls, who face heightened risks of discrimination, violence, and limited access to healthcare.



She emphasized the importance of ensuring that HIV policies are fully aligned with the Beijing+30 and UNAIDS+**25** frameworks, noting that these international commitments must work in tandem to address the structural barriers that perpetuate the marginalization of PLHIV. Dr. Musyimi-Ogana also introduced the focus of the panel on the innovative mobile application that aims to support PLHIV by providing easily accessible information about their rights, legal resources, and HIV-related services. She called for continued collaboration across sectors—governments, civil society, and the private sector—to ensure the app reaches those who need it most.

Dr. Musyimi-Ogana concluded by stressing the urgency of a rights-based approach to HIV care, where technological innovations, legal protections, and survivor-centered support systems are fully integrated into global and national HIV responses.

Key Speaker Highlights:

1. Highlighted the ongoing challenges faced by women and girls living with HIV, particularly in relation to access to healthcare, stigma, and legal protections. The speaker stressed the importance of robust national policies that incorporate gender equality and HIV rights.
2. Discussed the technical innovation of a new mobile app designed to empower PLHIV with knowledge, resources, and legal support. The app, aimed at promoting rights awareness and improving access to HIV treatment, was positioned as a critical tool in the fight against stigma.
3. The speaker Shared the experience of civil society organizations working on the front lines to provide support for PLHIV. The speaker emphasized the need for governments and the private sector to support these efforts through funding and legislative action.
4. Provided a governmental perspective, underscoring the role of national governments in aligning their policies with international commitments such as the Beijing Platform and UNAIDS targets. The speaker also acknowledged gaps in the enforcement of rights for PLHIV and called for a collective effort to address these issues.

Key Recommendations and Action Points:

- **Policy Integration:** Governments should integrate gender-responsive HIV policies into national action plans, ensuring that the rights of women and girls living with HIV are prioritized.
- **Technological Innovation:** Further investment in the development and scaling of mobile apps and digital platforms to provide accessible, real-time information and support to PLHIV, especially in underserved areas.
- **Global Collaboration:** Strengthening partnerships between governments, civil society, and the private sector to ensure a multi-sectoral approach to HIV rights protection.
- **Community Empowerment:** Encouraging grassroots movements and local organizations to lead the charge in advocating for PLHIV rights and providing survivor-centered support services.
- **Human Rights Advocacy:** Advocate for a human rights-based approach to HIV policy, where the voices of PLHIV are at the forefront of decision-making processes.

Conclusion

The High-Level Panel provided a powerful forum for discussing the intersectionality of gender, HIV, and human rights, marking a significant moment in advancing the Beijing+30 and UNAIDS+25 agendas. By leveraging technology, strengthening policies, and amplifying the voices of communities, the panel underscored the critical role of innovation and collaboration in

ensuring the rights and well-being of people living with HIV. The proposed app stands as a promising tool in empowering individuals and ensuring that their rights are protected and respected globally.

