Transforming over 88,000 lives: Empowering women in high HIV burden settings

Date: 17 May 2016       Time: 7.00 – 8.00 AM       Room: B5

Poverty, gender inequality and social exclusion continue to pose major challenges to HIV prevention efforts. Between 2011 and 2016, the ILO, in partnership with Sida, implemented an innovative economic empowerment programme amongst hard-to-reach populations in transport corridors and vulnerable communities in Southern and East Africa, with the aim of reducing their vulnerability to the HIV epidemic.

The event will offer a platform to hear inspirational stories directly from the women who have benefited from the programme, and to appreciate the positive effects of the economic empowerment approach on their health and socio-economic outcomes.

The discussion will also generate ideas for future action under Sustainable Development Goals: 3 (Health for well-being); 5 (Gender Equality); and 8 (Employment and decent work).
Programme

7:00- 7:05  Welcome/ snapshot of the economic empowerment programme
           Alice Ouédraogo – Chief, ILOAIDS

7:05 – 7:10  Screening of a video on the programme

7:10 – 7:30  Inspiring stories - Women from Malawi share their stories

Maggie Nyama,
Alinafe Women Group

Ivy Njati,
Mzuzu Youth Association

7:30 - 7:42  Panellists share their perspective

Kim Sundstrom  Regional Team for Sexual and Reproductive Rights,
               Embassy of Sweden

Daniel Lee  Executive Director, Levi Strauss Foundation; and

Nazneen Damji  Policy Advisor, Gender Equality, Health and
               HIV/AIDS, UN Women

Recommendations/ Ideas for action under Sustainable Development Goals:

7:42 – 7:55  Interventions from the floor

7:55 – 8:00  Responses from panellists