Using the Law to Defend Human Rights in the HIV Epidemic: Courts in Action

Leadership & Accountability Development Workshop (MOWS11)

Monday, 21 July 2014 - 14:30 - 17:30

Room 109-110

Through interactive dialogue and practical, hands-on exercises, this workshop will familiarize judges, legal advocates, HIV and human rights activists and community leaders with a range of HIV-related human rights—including labour rights—and how to implement them. The workshop will engage participants through:

- Activities aimed at identifying and addressing different forms of stigma and discrimination in workplaces, healthcare and other settings;
- Sharing best practice examples of judgments that have applied the law to safeguard HIV-related human rights in different settings;
- Addressing structural and procedural barriers that impede access to justice for people living with or affected by HIV and members of key populations; and
- Defining the role of the courts and national human rights institutions in upholding the human rights of people living with or affected by HIV in regional/national legal systems.

- Defending the human rights of people living with or affected by HIV and key populations – Richard Elliott, Executive Director, Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network
- Addressing HIV-related human rights violations at work: regional and national court decisions – Anna Torriente, Senior Legal Officer, ILOAIDS, International Labour Organization
- The evolution of South African case law on HIV and AIDS – Urmila Bhoola, former South African Labour Court Judge, currently Executive Director of International Women’s Rights Action Watch Asia-Pacific Region and UN Special Rapporteur on Contemporary Forms of Slavery
- The role of National Human Rights Institutions in defending the rights of people living with HIV and other key populations: the experience of the Australian National Human Rights Commission – Tim Wilson, Australian National Human Rights Commission
- Structural and procedural barriers in accessing justice for people living with or affected by HIV and other key populations – Priti Patel, Deputy Director and HIV Programme Manager, Southern Africa Litigation Centre