

## Culture and condoms: Integrating approaches to HIV and AIDS

Evaluation of the Conference, 6 May 2009

	<b>Yes</b>			<b>no</b>
<b>Overall impression:</b>	++	+	-	--
1. Were you satisfied with the content of the conference?	15	9	1	0
2. Did you gain new insights?	6	17	1	0
3. Was the conference useful?	9	15	0	0
<b>Inputs in the morning:</b> How do you evaluate the presentations?	<b>Good</b>		<b>insufficient</b>	
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4. Glodagh Miskelly	4	12	6	1
5. Noël Thibangu	10	15	1	0
6. Shariful Islam	5	13	5	1
7. Christo Greyling	19	07	0	0
<b>Afternoon sessions:</b>	<b>Yes</b>			<b>no</b>
8. The Forum theatre is a good medium for communication	12	11	1	0
9.a. The workshop with Ch. Greyling was a great opportunity for learning or	8	2	0	0
9.b. The workshop with V. Schoeffel was a great opportunity for learning	7	5	1	0
<b>Methodology:</b>	<b>Yes</b>			<b>no</b>
10. Good mix of presentation and opportunities for participation	13	9	0	0
<b>11. What did you learn about yourself?</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Culturally biased are we all, so am I. and very much so.</li> <li>• Culture is an important aspect in the field of HIV/AIDS and one cannot afford to neglect it</li> <li>• Showing own uncertainties with others helps a lot</li> <li>• J'ai appris beaucoup de chose surtout avec la religion et la medicin (traditional et moderne. Et expérience (7) était intéressante</li> <li>• Find time to understand a country's culture</li> <li>• I am already sensitive to this topic</li> <li>• Still lots of pre-conceived ideas...</li> <li>• I am still very motivated to continue to deal with HIV/AIDS and cultural aspects.</li> <li>• Exercises about/ on ourselves are very fruitful</li> <li>• The more I discuss and reflect on culture and HIV/AIDS I realize how little I really understand the complexity</li> <li>• Auseinandersetzung mit den eigenen Einstellungen und Stereotypen ist sehr wichtig und schliesslich hilfreich für die HIV-Präventionsarbeit</li> </ul>				

- As anthropologist I have lacking knowledge on intercultural communication (WS Schoeffel)
- Workshop: prejudices, stigmatisation is not totally absent, when "playing" in groups we do not "think"
- I have also preconceived opinions, influenced by culture, upbringing and conventions
- "let go!" – to be flexible for new situation
- To express own/personal statement concerning the issue HIV/AIDS – workshop Véronique; self – knowledge, no – judgement
- Learn to accept and respect indirect communication
- That I am still full of (false?) pictures culturally conditioned
- Theatre is a great instrument!
- That my past experience in international cooperation was still useful although needing some refreshing!
- That my perspective on culture differs lightly from others. I do not have to fullfill organisation's values or aims and concentrate on qualitative data.
- Concept of culture used by the speakers and conference far more limited than my concepts as social anthropologist; need to spread knowledge in development community; social anthropologists are expert of culture concepts

## **12. What did you learn for implementation in your field of work?**

- Confront people with them being as vulnerable as their environment.
- Complexity of cultural background and difficulty of coping with cultural differences and priorities
- Innovative ideas such as the cola nut approach as ice-breaker
- Reflection on attitudes, values in different cultures
- get going with the clarification of the concept of culture in view of practical application
- To be open to FBOs
- Reflection! Be aware of self perception, show empathy, be culturally sensitized Find an entry point (with local people) to get discussion started
- Increase networking
- It was very well organized and a good mixture of presentations. Good presentations
- It was interesting to learn about all the variety presented
- A lot of inputs
- Too many powerpoint readings
- Even in Switzerland we have various cultures to be considered in public engagement
- The experience with the religious leaders – links with world vision
- Being cultural sensitive while discussing sensitive issues related to HIV/AIDS. Being aware of my own limitations.
- How to use mediating, cultural relevant objects in order to enter discussion about sensitive issues
- Gave me ideas for further thought and reflection for my research work
- New insights in AIDS prevention / NGO work will shape my view of foreign aid
- Addressing leaders in the community makes high impact
- Do not develop one concept for a too big cultural context. Each cultural context has to be addressed differently
- Different strategies (especially out of the presentation of Christo Greyling)
- Channel of hope –approach
- Forum theatre approach – for awareness rising for sensitive issues
- Use cola nuts with condoms
- Had the chance to meet people and connect – this will continue
- As I teach subjects f.i. around fgc or other sensitive themes around Health and migration, I learned a lot
- Not directly applicable in my work (which is rather political lobby/advocacy)

towards decision-makers in Switzerland), but the topic was very interesting (personal motivation) and opportunity to know other members of aidsfocus.ch

- I enjoyed the workshop on intercultural communication and will concentrate more on the values of other cultures and want to listen more to the need of people.
- New tools for partner organisations in HIV prevention form channels of hope. Positive impact of World vision; importance of work with traditional healers

#### **14. What else did you want to say?**

- Thank you for the occasion to exchange and think!
- Well done!
- Very good organisation and facilitation!
- THANKS
- I appreciated the diverse approaches to the topic
- It was a well organized conference
- Thank you very much for the very nice atmosphere
- Great conference. Thank you!
- Thank you all for offering, organising, facilitating this conference
- Thank you very much. This was a good and interesting topic.
- The conference was very varied
- Well done!
- Thank you!
- Thank you, it was very interesting – führt mich zum Weiterdenken
- I spent a nice day, thanks for organizing this event
- I liked the atmosphere; very kind people and listeners
- Would be useful to learn culturally sensitive action research methods
- Maybe more practical application models such as par ex. The presentation of M. Greyling
- Ils ... pas insisté par la drogue et la maladie
- Cultural definitions of Glodagh not reflected enough from a socio-anthropology angle; concept of culture not covered sufficiently; Forum Theater and Afrimedia zuviel Platz eingenommen für deren Relevanz und Qualität.

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