PROGRESS 2026 PROGRAMME

Reclaiming Autonomy:
Advancing Sexual and Reproductive Justice in the Face of Resistance

12-14 AUG '26

MOMBASA, KENYA

3 DAYS | 4 TRACKS

PROGRESS 2026 builds on the 2024 symposium, bringing together advocates, researchers, faith and cultural leaders, and youth movements from across the continent to counter SRHR pushback, strengthen youth participation, and advance bodily autonomy.

LINK — **Forging Powerful Connections**
Educates individuals, communities, organizations, and communities.

LEARN — **Knowledge is Power**
Research, evidence, lived experience, shared learning.

IMPROVE — **Building a Stronger Movement**
Promotes collaboration, accountability, and implementation.

INFLUENCE — **Shaping the Future**
Policy, advocacy and systems change.

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PROGRESS 2026 OPENING CEREMONY

Reclaiming Autonomy:
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11 AUGUST 16:30 – 19:00 — Johari Conference Hall

Jude Thaddeus Njikam | **Bafana** Khumalo | **Ekenia** Chifamba | **Wilson Muthomba** Ntwi | **Dr Remmy** Shawa | **Maria** Ogiyamih | **H.E. Hilton** Abesson | **Moderator: Bunyarero** Muterinwe

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08:30 – 10:00 — OPENING PLENARY

The "Culture&Faith" Summit: A Tripartite Dialogue between Traditional Chiefs, Religious Leaders, and Men's Groups

A "Fishbowl" style conversation where these three distinct groups discuss harmonizing cultural values with SRHR and Gender Equality, rather than a standard presentation

Conveners: Fos Feminista, UNAIDS, My Age | **Venue:** Johari Conference Hall

10:00 – 11:00 — CONCURRENT SIDE SESSIONS

TRACK 1: LINK
Rewriting Masculinity in the Digital Age
Shujaaz
Johari 2 Conference Hall

TRACK 2: LEARN
Youth as Researchers, Advocates and Agents of Change Change Our Rights Our Lives Our Future
UNESCO
Tanzanite Conference Hall

TRACK 3: IMPROVE
Unpacking Intersectionality & Inclusion
UN Women
Johari Conference Hall

TRACK 4: INFLUENCE
From Missed Opportunity to Strategy: Sexuality Education Evidence Informed Platform for Engaging Boys and Men as Champions of GBV Prevention
Moving The Goalposts
Mokutano Hall

11:00 – 11:30 | COFFEE BREAK & NETWORKING

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11:30 – 13:00 — CONCURRENT SIDE SESSIONS

TRACK 1: LINK
Amita: Journey to Identity & Truth
Hug Media Concept
Johari 3 Conference Room

TRACK 2: LEARN
From Commitment to Country Action: Advancing Adolescent and Youth SRHR through the ESA Commitment
UNESCO
Johari Conference Hall

TRACK 3: IMPROVE
Level Up: Youth Innovation Shifting Norms
Youth Hub Africa
Tanzanite Conference Hall

TRACK 4: INFLUENCE
Gender & Social Norms Influencing SRHR
Mokutano Hall

13:00 – 14:00 | LUNCH

14:30 – 16:00 — ORAL ABSTRACT PRESENTATIONS

TRACK 1
Sexual Diversity and Rights: Inclusive SRHR work in hostile environments
A Hidden Football Crisis: A Model for Sexual Reproductive Health Rights/HIV Engagement Among Transgender Women Sex Workers in Mombasa
(Judith Mahal Mjomba)

TRACK 2
Norms Transformation and Community Led Action:
Transforming Community Norms and Expanding Adolescent Contraceptive Choice: Lessons from Community Co-creation The Safe Haven Innovation in Uganda
(Martha Kasuma)

TRACK 3
Bodily Autonomy and Inclusive Service Delivery
Reclaiming Bodily Autonomy Through Engaging Youth Men in Contraceptive Decision Making in youth - led Model by AAWHAT in Nairobi County
(Kelvin Njoroge)

TRACK 4
Youth-led SRHR Advocacy, including stories of resilience and resistance
Advancing Sexual Reproductive Justice Through Youth-Led Research on Comprehensive Sexuality Education in Uganda
(Catherine Nakachwa)

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14:30 – 16:00 — ORAL ABSTRACT PRESENTATIONS (CONTINUED)

Beyond Silence and Stigma: Advancing Sexual Diversity and SRHR Justice in Hostile Urban Settlements **(Dr Ibrahim Sangala)**

Decomposing trend changes and inequalities in modern contraceptive use among sexual active women in Nigeria 2013-2024
(Dr Nebechukwu Henry Ugwu)

Safe, seen and included: advancing SOGIESC-inclusive sexuality education in diverse and restrictive contexts
(Sylvain Segny, Remmy Shawa)

Countering Backlash and Shrinking Civic Space
Lessons Drawn The Centralized Effect of the PVO Bill Enacted Act on Women's Movements and Civic Space in Zimbabwe
(Donna Nyadzo)

Bridging Cultural Norms and Digital Engagement: Lessons from Community-led Intervention for Adolescent Empowerment through the A360 Digital Platform in Northern Nigeria
(Abdul-Muhammad Shehu)

Level Up: A Card Game Approach to Transforming Masculinities
(Onwangu Medujoh)

Integrating Male Engagement to Advance Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights: A Strategic Imperative **(Zikrah Nanyanga)**

Faith Champions as Catalysts of Gender Norm Transformation: Community Accountability Approaches in Kenya
(Suhaatina Kwetu)

Reclaiming Bodily Autonomy: Inclusive Contraceptive Choice and Delivery in Uganda **(Nakakawa Doreen)**

Reclaiming Autonomy: Advancing Sexual Reproductive Justice in the Face of Resistance through the LLO Approach **(Henry Omolodi)**

Beyond Access: Reclaiming Bodily Autonomy through community led LGBTQI inclusiv SRHR Service Delivery in Urband and Informal Settlements in Nairobi, Kenya **(Josephat Karlaki)**

Beyond Access, Reclaiming Bodily Autonomy for Women with Disabilities in Public Health Systems in South Africa **(Thato Mphahlé)**

Ai for autonomy: Advancing Confidential, Inclusive Sexual Health Services through the ask Rhino Chatbot in Uganda
(Bulorje Aidah Nakarajeko)

From Passive Recipients to Architects of Change: Girl-led Accountability as a Model for SRHR Advocacy in Rural Zimbabwe
(Felicia Mangwanda)

From Silence to Safe Spaces: Youth and Community Co-creation of SRHR Solutions in Kosgolo and Kinandani **(Christine Otieno)**

Helping Trans Refugees Get Health Rights in Kenya: A Youth-led Approach
(Emmanel Omondi)

Paying for Safety: How Queer Youth in Dandora Found Their People Building Support Networks for Queer Youth Living with HIV in Dandora **(Suma Richie)**

16:00 - 16:30 | TEA BREAK | DAY END

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08:30 – 10:00 — OPENING PLENARY

Youth Voices, Real Change: Insights from Youth Participatory Action Research on Comprehensive Sexuality Education

Sonke Gender Justice, UNESCO
Johari Conference Hall

10:00 – 11:00 — CONCURRENT SIDE SESSIONS

TRACK 1: LINK
Seen, Heard, Served: Advancing SRHR at the Intersection of Disability and Inclusion
Lvcthealth
Johari 2 Conference Hall

TRACK 2: LEARN
From Pushback to Possibility: Feminist Strategies for Reframing Abortion Conversations with Young Men
Kenya Comms Hub
Mokutano Conference Hall

TRACK 3: IMPROVE
Scaling Localization: An Integrated Community Development (ICD) Approach Linking SRHR, Climate Justice, and Inclusive Peacebuilding
Tamra for Social Development Organization, Sonke Gender Justice
Tanzanite Conference Hall

TRACK 4: INFLUENCE
Reclaiming Autonomy in Africa: Localizing the Melbourne Declaration for Stronger SRHR Accountability and Movement Building
Sonke Gender Justice, Women Deliver
Johari Conference Hall

11:00 – 11:30 | COFFEE BREAK & NETWORKING

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11:30 – 13:00 — PLENARY

The Silent Recolinisation of Global Health: Unpacking the Implications of the America First Global Health Strategy

Fea Feminista
Johari Conference Hall

14:00 – 14:30 — POSTER PRESENTATION

POSITIVE MASCULINITIES AND ACCOUNTABILITY
Promoting Positive Masculinities in Rural Advocacy and Community Engagement by the Association of Women Lawyers of Congo
(Masika Kaponwa Esperance)
Mobilizing male allies: Young Men Strenghten Campus Ecocystems for Young Women's Sexual Reproductive Health **(Banele Mandaza)**

SEXUAL DIVERSITY AND RIGHTS. INCLUSIVE SRHR WORK IN HOSTILE ENVIRONMENTS
Resilience in Resistance: A Self Help Group Model for Advancing Sexual Diversity and Rights in Rwanda **(Muhire Gustave)**

COUNTERING BACKLASH AND SHRINKING CIVIC SPACE
Building Support for Comprehensive Sexuality Education in Contexts of Backlash and Shrinking Civic Space **(Remmy Shawa/Sylvain Se`guy)**

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14:30 – 16:00 — CONCURRENT SIDE SESSIONS

TRACK 1: LINK
Strengthening Movements and Accountability in Current Funding Environment
Sonke Gender Justice , MEA SC
Johari Conference Hall

TRACK 2: LEARN
From Storytelling to Systems Change: Lessons from the Foundations of Truth Toolkit to advance SRHR and end FGM
African Female Voices
Tanzanite Hall

TRACK 3: IMPROVE
Safe Haven:Harnessingg the Power of Co-creation to Improve Access to Contraception by Youth
Reproductive Health Uganda
Tanzanite Conference Hall

TRACK 4: INFLUENCE
Open Space on CSE: What Must Change for Quality, Trust and Scale? UNESCO ROSA, AHIYA
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Mokutano Hall

16:00 – 16:30 | TEA BREAK | DAY END

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14 AUGUST | DAY THREE PROGRAMME

08:30 – 10:00 — OPENING PLENARY

Masculinities and Gender Equality: Improving access to SRHR by Men and Boys

UNAIDS
Johari Conference Hall

10:00 – 11:30 — ORAL ABSTRACT PRESENTATIONS

TRACK 1
Sexual Diversity and Rights: Inclusive SRHR work in hostile environments
Unlocking Informed Choices - A Systems Approach to Transforming Family Planning Uptake in Rural Pastoral County **(Wahine Uaqi)**

Co-creating Culturally Responsive SRHR Learning Pathways Through Traditional Initiation Systems in Kenya **(Martha Kasuma)**

Transforming Health Systems through Gender Responsive Implementation Research: Lessons from Adapting and Implementing a Health Ethics and Gender Integration Approach in Sierra Leone **(Moses J. Kharpha)**

TRACK 2
Positive Masculinities and Accountability
Positive Masculinity and Partner Support: Lessons from Community Based Male Engagement
(Aisha Muhammad Shehu)

Men, Mining and Masculinities: A Social Ecological Approach to Gender Violence in Zimbabwe **(Donna Nyadzo)**

From Reflection to Responsibility: Embedding Accountability in Positive Masculinity Programming in Kenya
(Suhaatina Kwetu)

Decades of Evidence One Landmark Ruling: How Fatherhood Research Shaped Kenya's Law
(Julian Brown/JW Muturi/otis)

Faith-led Regional Counter-narratives: Engaging FAC Institutions to Protect SRHR Civic Space
(Suhaatina Kwetu)

TRACK 3
Knowledge, Data and Evidence for Advocacy
Access to Sexual Reproductive Health Information Among Adolescents: A case study of Reproductive Health Uganda
(Kasumba Geoffrey)

Data Justice for Reproductive Justice: Lessons from Gender Based Violence in Eastern Cape **(Tobi Ismail)**

Integrating Traditional and Digital Trace Data to Monitor Abortion Safety in Cameroon **(Bakali Victorine Nomolongo)**

TRACK 4
Bodily Autonomy and Inclusive Service Delivery
Women's Bodies, Men's Theology: Christian Interpretations of Abortion and Women's Access to Justice in Zimbabwe
(Donna Nyadzo)

Access to Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Services for Migrant Women in South Africa: Barriers and Pathways to Equity
(Tsakani Ndlovu)

10:00 – 11:30 — ORAL ABSTRACT PRESENTATIONS (CONTINUED)

Intergenerational & Intersectional Movement Building

Period Partner, Intergenerational, Feminist-Informed Community Spaces for Gender Equity: A Model for Mentoring and Intergenerational SRHR Movement Building in Rural Cameroon
(Ngang Godwill Nkfi)

Knowledge, Data and Evidence for Advocacy
(Syvain Se`guy/Remy Shawa)

Financing and Resource Justice for SRHR

Integrating Community Financing Mechanisms to Advance Resource Justice for SRHR Among Young People in Eastern Uganda **(Lubel Twesigye)**

High Impact and Returns from Investing in Adolescent Girl Learners from advocacy and stakeholder Engagement Across Countries
(Lucklene Lelei)

SRHR and Climate Justice:Connections, Tensions, and Approaches

Bridging Climate Justice and SRHR: Community-Led Gender Transformative Approaches in Uganda **(Nakakawa Doreen)**

Youth-led SRHR Advocacy including stories of resilience and resistance

Bunour, Camera, Action! Kalangala's Youth Turn Contraceptives Myths into Media Gold (Bakirye Aidah Nakarajeko)

Johari Conference Hall | Remembrance Conference Hall | Mokutano Conference Hall | Johari 2 Conference Hall

11:30 – 12:00 | COFFEE BREAK & NETWORKING

12:00 – 13:00 — CLOSING PLENARY

The Future of the SRHR Movement - A Collaborative Version. Makutano Conference Hall

Johari Conference Hall

13:00 – 14:00 | LUNCH & CLOSE

14:00 – 14:30 — FILMING OF YOUTH VOICES — TV Show Recording: SRHR Champions - A Conversation with Leading Advocates