Gender inequalities and human rights violations have been widely recognized as key determinants of HIV transmission in women and girls, as well as significant threats to the gains made on HIV prevention and access to treatment. Although some programs have integrated gender equality approaches into planning and programming, in Latin America the specific needs and rights of women and girls in the context of HIV has received limited attention and the funding allocation for this purpose is spare.

Bringing together voices from women involved in advocacy, research, training, planning and programming and technical assistance, this panel will focus on:

- Examining the situation of needs and rights of women and girls in the general population and specific groups in the context of HIV.
- Analyzing the gaps and progress in the HIV/AIDS national and regional responses in relation to gender equality, women and girls.

**Speakers and Topics**

**Dinys Luciano (Development Connections):** Available data on women and HIV/AIDS in Latin America—What do we know and what are the main gaps?

**Arely Cano Meza (International Community of Women Living with HIV/AIDS/ICW Latina):** Situation analysis of women living with HIV/AIDS in Latin America.

**Hilary Anderson (Inter-American Commission of Women, CIM/OAS):** Project “Human rights, HIV and violence against women in Central America”—Progress, challenges and lessons learned.

**Mabel Bianco (Fundación para Estudio e Investigación de la Mujer):** Strategies on HIV, gender equality and women’s rights in South America.

**MariJo Vazquez (Salamander Trust):** Ethical considerations for integrating policies and programmes on HIV and VAW from a human rights approach.

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