

ANSER Conference

“Leveraging evidence to safeguard SRHR on the policy agenda”



SCIENTIFIC DAYS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

COLOUR CODE:

Overall on conference theme
Theme 1: Integration of SRHR in Primary Care and Health Systems
Theme 2: Narratives, power dynamics and politics of SRHR
Theme 3: SRHR in humanitarian and climate-related crises

	The Albert II Auditorium	The Rubens Auditorium	Albert I Room
8:30	Registration		
9:00	Welcome Olivier Degomme - Chair ANSER		
9:20	Keynote address Petra De Sutter - Rector Ghent University, gynecologist & former deputy prime Minister of Belgium		
9:45	Moderated panel: 'Global SRHR beyond the 2030 Agenda: Priorities and actions' Moderators: Anna Kågesten & Elin Larsson - Karolinska Institutet (Sweden) Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Onikepe Owolabi - Guttmacher Institute (USA) Olivier Degomme - Ghent University (Belgium) Muriel Kahane - SheDecides (UK) 	Individual presentations: 'Leave no one behind: Inclusive approaches to SRHR' Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dismas Ouma - ICRH Kenya <i>Impact of community engagement and enhancement of social capital to improve uptake of SRH among sex workers and young transgender in Kilifi County.</i> Pranto Paul - Simon Fraser University (Canada) <i>Gender norms and reproductive health: A qualitative study of adolescent girls' SRHR experiences in an urban slum in Sylhet, Bangladesh</i> Elizabeth Kemigisha - Mbarara University of Science and Technology (Uganda) <i>Addressing the nexus between SRH and mental health challenges of adolescents and young refugee or migrant women in Uganda and Ecuador</i> 	Workshop: 'Beyond risk and rules: Transforming adolescent SRHR counselling in primary care' Moderator: Alejandra López-Gómez - Universidad de la República (Uruguay)
10:45	Coffee Break		
11:15	Plenary address: 'They want us out' Poppers Fairy		
11:45	Moderated panel: 'Nothing about us without us! Addressing SRHR of refugees through participatory research and context-adapted intervention design' Moderator: Tahmina Taghiyeva - BRAVA-NGO (Switzerland)	Individual presentations: 'Intersectionality in SRHR' Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anneleen De Cuyper - University of Antwerp (Belgium) <i>From exclusion to inclusion: Rethinking sexual harassment in higher education through an intersectional lens</i> Tamirat Getachew Woldemariam - Ghent University (Ethiopia) <i>Why Women Still Experience Catastrophic Outcomes: Intersecting</i> 	Workshop: 'Developing and evaluating chatbots for SRHR: To bot or not to bot?' Moderators: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simone Storey - University of Cape Town (South Africa)

11:45	Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Milena Wegelin – Bern University of Applied Science (Switzerland) • Marianne Cense – Rutgers (Netherlands) • Jordanos Tewelde McDonald – Karolinska Institutet (Sweden) 	<i>Vulnerabilities (the Role of Access and Care) and Severe Maternal Outcomes in Ethiopia</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ella Van Landeghem – Institute of Tropical Medicine (Belgium) <i>Beyond individual risk: an intersectional analysis of HIV PrEP disparities among migrants in Belgium</i>	
12:45	Networking Lunch		
13:45	Moderated panel: 'Innovation for SRHR: interdisciplinary perspectives, challenges, and opportunities' Moderator: Elie De Paepe – Ghent University (Belgium) Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manon Kayser – Deutsche Stiftung Weltbevölkerung, DSW (Germany) • Málica de Melo – ICRH Mozambique • Susan Ontiri – ICRH Kenya 	Individual presentations: 'Climate change and SRHR' Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andreia Oliveira – Countdown 2030 Europe/IPPF EN (Portugal) <i>SRHR and climate resilience: An overview of the European policy and funding landscape</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anne Karam – KIT Institute (Netherlands) <i>Addressing the interlinkages between climate, SRHR, gender, and education: Perspectives from Malawi, Zambia, and Mozambique</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eline Holvoet – Ghent University (Belgium) <i>The WARM Study: Women's Awareness & Resilience to Maternal, fetal, neonatal and infant Heat-Health Risks</i>	Workshop: 'Strategic foresight for sexual and reproductive rights in the digital age' Moderators: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Åsa Nihlén – WHO HRP (Switzerland) • Tina Purnat – Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health (Slovenia) • Alanna Galati – WHO HRP (Switzerland)
14:45	Poster fair (Marble Room)		
15:15	Coffee Break		
15:45	Moderated panel: 'Navigating and responding to anti-SRHR movements' Moderator: Swetha Sridhar – Fòs Feminista (India) Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lise Rosquin – KU Leuven (Belgium) • Miranda Van Reeuwijk – Rutgers (Netherlands) • Souvik Pyne – CommonHealth (India) • Noa Vreven – University of Antwerp (Belgium) 	Individual presentations: 'Advancing SRHR quality of care' Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shelly Makleff – University of Melbourne (Australia) <i>Developing a tool to document experiences of obstruction along the abortion care pathway in Australia</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elin Larsson – Karolinska Institutet (Sweden) <i>Effectiveness of a Quality Improvement Collaboration on choice of effective postpartum contraception in Sweden</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aline Semaan – Institute of Tropical Medicine (Belgium) <i>Unraveling the link between the mistreatment of women during childbirth and postpartum depression in Ethiopia and Guinea</i>	Workshop: 'Images as evidence: Strengthening SRHR research through Photovoice' Moderator: Isabelle Lange – London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (UK)
16:45 17:00	Closing Olivier Degomme – Chair ANSER		
17:00 19:30	Site visits to SRHR organisations in Brussels		

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THURSDAY, MAY 7

	The Albert II Auditorium	The Rubens Auditorium	Albert I Room
9:00	Welcome Olivier Degomme – Chair ANSER		
9:10	Keynote address Birgit Van Hout – Director UNFPA Representation Office to the EU and Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States		
9:30	Moderated panel: 'SRHR misinformation in digital spaces: impact, drivers and solutions' Moderator: Åsa Nihlén – WHO HRP (Switzerland) Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tina Purnat – Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health (Slovenia) Swetha Sridhar – Fòs Feminista (India) Ines Keygnaert – Ghent University (Belgium) 	Individual presentations: 'SRHR in humanitarian and conflict-affected contexts' Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Odile Habimana – Health Development Initiative (Rwanda) <i>Accessing adolescent sexual reproductive health and rights in humanitarian crisis: Barriers and facilitators in Mahama and Kiziba refugee camps</i> Dushime Orly Shanice – Burundian Association for Family Welfare (Burundi) <i>Beyond proximity: How long distance and poor road conditions underpin climate-maternal health for high-risk pregnancies in Musenyi refugee site</i> Mamadou Ouedraogo – Institute of Tropical Medicine Antwerp (Burkina Faso) <i>Trajectories of oral PrEP discontinuation among female sex workers (FSWs) in Burkina Faso</i> 	Workshop: 'The importance of a good communication strategy in times of resistance' Moderator: Hester Van Soest – Rutgers (Netherlands)
10:30	Coffee Break		
11:00	Moderated panel: 'Supporting SRHR in migration contexts: Rights, protection, and inclusive care' Moderator: Ines Keygnaert – Ghent University (Belgium) Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elin Larsson – Karolinska Institutet (Sweden) Johanna Marquardt – German Federal Institute of Public Health, BfÖG (Germany) Konstantinos Protopapas – Attikon University Hospital (Greece) 	Individual presentations: 'From evidence to legislation: Shaping SRHR policies' Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simone Storey – University of Cape Town (South Africa) <i>Exploring factors leading to progressive abortion law and policy reform in six countries in Africa, Asia, and Latin America</i> Dorcus Achen – Mbarara University of Science and Technology (Uganda) <i>From evidence to policy in a contested setting: Experiences of a decade of adolescent SRHR and sexuality education research in Uganda</i> Jil Molenaar – Institute of Tropical Medicine (Belgium) <i>Who pays and who counts? The changing funding landscape for international-level maternal and neonatal health measurement</i> 	Workshop: 'Co-creating a research agenda for Sub-Saharan Africa to protect SRHR from coordinated anti-rights actors' Moderator: Joshua Amo-Adjei – University of Cape Coast (Ghana)
12:00	Networking Lunch		

13:00	<p>Moderated panel: 'Investment in R&D for SRHR'</p> <p>Moderator: Sander Spanoghe – Flanders Chancellery and Foreign Office (Belgium)</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lisa Goerlitz – DSW (Belgium) • Dismas Ouma – ICRH Kenya • Marleen Temmerman – Aga Khan University (Kenya/Belgium) • Gilda Sedgh – Consultant (USA) 	<p>Individual presentations: 'Strengthening health workforce responses to SRHR'</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nele Vaerewijck – Ghent University (Belgium) <p><i>Integration of gender-based violence and postpartum depression screening in primary care: Opportunities and barriers within the Palestinian context</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manuela Costa Real – Universidad de la República (Uruguay) <p><i>Beyond detection: Cross-Sectoral gaps in Uruguay's response to commercial sexual exploitation of children and adolescents</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anna Galle – Ghent University (Belgium) <p><i>Disrespect, abuse, and the workforce response: how frontline health care workers can drive respectful maternity care in challenging healthcare contexts</i></p>	<p>Workshop: 'Feminist knowledge translation: Shaping SRHR narratives through art and affect'</p> <p>Moderators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicole Moran – Share-Net & KIT Institute (Netherlands) • Maria Codina López – Share-Net International & KIT Institute (Netherlands)
14:00	<p>Sofa talk with Wannes Van Hoof – Sciensano (Belgium)</p> <p>Interviewer: Emilie Peeters – Ghent University (Belgium)</p> <p>Speaker: Wannes Van Hoof – Sciensano (Belgium)</p>		
14:30	<p>Coffee Break</p>		
15:00	<p>Moderated panel: 'Understanding and addressing heat-related risks in pregnancy and newborn care: Findings from HIGH Horizons'</p> <p>Moderator: Veronique Filippi – London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (UK/France)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elizaveta Fomenko – Ghent University (Belgium) • Varvara Mouchtouri – University of Thessaly (Greece) • Veronika Tirado – Karolinska Institutet (Sweden) • Giorgia Gon – London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (UK/Italy) 	<p>Individual presentations: 'Empowering change through narrative shifts in SRHR'</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carrie Purcell – The Open University (UK) <p><i>Framing a feminist abortion: Imaging the future of abortion with the SISSDAA principles</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jolien Inghels – University of Antwerp (Belgium) <p><i>Negotiating medicalization: How practitioners reframe female genital cutting among the Maasai in Kenya</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lucia Cucchi – University of Milan (Italy) <p><i>Sex Education for a Gender Transformative Curriculum</i></p>	<p>Workshop: 'Teaching sensitive SRHR topics in higher education: From discomfort to learning'</p> <p>Moderators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Johanna Blomgren – Karolinska Institutet (Sweden) • Elin Larsson – Karolinska Institutet (Sweden)
16:00	<p>Closing & ANSER Poster Award ceremony</p> <p>16:30 Olivier Degomme – Chair ANSER</p>		

16:30 18:00	<p>ANSER members' meeting 2026 (by invitation only)</p>
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