

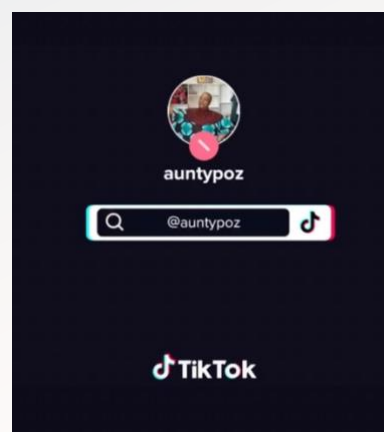
News and information by and for The Coalition

March Spotlight

Joyce/WACI Health, Def and Imelda/PZAT, Yvette/APHA, and Dr Lillian presented The Choice Manifesto at the Population Council/IPM meeting on the DapiRing. Johannesburg, 30-31 March.

And Navita/AVAC, Joyce/WACI Health and Yvette/APHA presented the Manifesto at the MOSAIC webinar titled “Championing choice in a multi-product HIV prevention market.” See [Slides](#) / [Recording](#) 14 March.

Also...Check out @auntypoz on CASPR’s first-ever [TikTok!](#)



A Look Back

Angelo and Kay/AVAC, Ethel/IAVI, Rosemary/WACI Health and Chaacha/Internews all participated in the **Africa Health Agenda International Conference (AHAIC)** in Kigali. The conference provided an opportunity to showcase the work of African journalist associations who are part of the [Media science café program](#) and to discuss the sustainability of the program. 5 - 8 March

As a part of the **International Women’s Day 2023** campaign, [#EmbraceEquity](#), CASPR, AVAC and PHASES launched [Advancing HIV Prevention Research in Pregnant and Lactating People \(PLP\): Think Tank Report & Action Plan](#), a new action plan to advance the responsible study of HIV prevention in pregnant & breastfeeding/lactating people and pops (PLP) See [Blog](#) and [Tweet](#). March 7

Yvette/APHA and Cindra/AVAC are both part of the newly formed **Medicines Patent Pool (MPP) Community Advisory Panel (CAP)** to support the implementation of the organisation’s new strategy. The CAP will provide critical insights and guidance to MPP. Geneva. 22 March

Yvette/APHA and Kennedy/UNASO attended the **PEPFAR COP23** in Johannesburg. CASPR and many partners advocated strongly with PEPFAR Ambassador John Nkengasong for the ring and injectable PrEP, and for PEPFAR to prioritize HIV prevention in their programming. See [tweet](#)

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Cleo/PZAT and colleagues trained 35 **HIV prevention champions** from 7 tertiary institutions across 6 provinces in Zimbabwe. This training will help HIV prevention champions to escalate issues that emerge from their consultations and engagements with AGYW to relevant college authorities, to address emerging barriers and advocate for the introduction of biomedical HIV prevention products at their college clinics. 22 March

Been There, Did That: Research Reflections from CROI 2023. Webinar featuring Monica Gandhi, UCSF and CROI 2023 Community Educator Scholars. Recording [here](#) slides [here](#). 23 March

Mitchell/AVAC and Shakirah/UNASO spoke at a **webinar hosted by the International AIDS Society, IAS**. They shared the latest on long-acting injectable PrEP, civil society's perspective on the evolving PrEP landscape, and on-the-ground approaches to increase access to long-acting PrEP. [Recording and slides here](#). 30 March

Miliswa and Khadija/Wits RHI hosted a webinar: **How to communicate clinical trial updates**. The webinar had over 100 participants, and Ida/Internews and Devi Leena Bose/Kantar Public and formerly with IAVI presented. Recording [here](#). 30 March

In their roles as part of the [MATRIX](#) project, Nandi and Daisy/AVAC and Def/PZAT led calls with three **product developers from the MATRIX project** (Population Council, Conrad, and OakCrest), as part of stakeholder engagement work in early-stage research. While this is not a CASPR-funded activity, the shift of the R&D pipeline to more early phase and pre-clinical work, including (and especially!) the MATRIX pipeline, is a key focus for CASPR, and many CASPR partners have been engaged in MATRIX stakeholder engagement work. 30 March

Mitchell/AVAC attended the [Coalition to Accelerate Access to Long-Acting PrEP](#) conveners' meeting in Geneva. This was preceded by a call with the civil society caucus (e.g. TALC, APHA, WACI Health, PZAT, UNASO and others) to discuss key updates and current issues in CAB for PrEP rollout. 31 March

Rosemary/ WACI Health is now part of the **Civil Society Policy Forum (CSPF) Working Group of the World Bank and the IMF!** She emerged as the successful candidate representing Eastern and Southern Africa, and will serve a 2-year term (2023 - 2024). See the Working Group's ToR [here](#).

Looking Ahead

WitsRHI will host the **3rd Good Participatory Practice (GPP) Implementation Symposium** in person during the 11th SAAIDS Conference 2023, Durban, 20-23 June. Submit your abstract by completing this [form](#) by 14 April 2023. Full or partial scholarships will be offered to 2 or 3 presenting authors. For more information, email GPPSymposium@wrhi.ac.za

WitsRHI Webinar: **How to disseminate official clinical trial results**. 20 April at 14:00 SAST. Register [here](#)

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The **Domestic Resource Mobilization (DRM) Learning Collaborative** hosted its first meeting focused on the need to invest in local vaccine manufacturing in Africa; a recording is forthcoming.

The **AVAC Advocacy Fellows** team kicked off the first [Advocacy Navigator program](#) with an orientation for mentors and advocates. The first three months involve structured, self-paced coursework, followed by a Community Advocacy Project for the following three months.

Upcoming webinars, see <https://www.avac.org/blog/look-ahead-webinars-2023>

Field Highlights

MPP [announced](#) the **granting of sublicences** with Aurobindo, Cipla and Viatris to produce generic versions of injectable cabotegravir for PrEP. All three are based in India; One of them, Cipla, is planning to also manufacture CAB in South Africa.

Conferences

Webcasts and other materials from **CROI 2023** are now publicly accessible on the CROI website: www.CROIconference.org.

INTEREST <http://interestworkshop.org/>, Maputo, 9-12 May

SAAIDS The [11th SA AIDS Conference 2023](#), Durban, 20-23 June.

IAS The [12th IAS Conference on HIV Science](#), Brisbane, 23–26 July

ICASA [International Conference on AIDS and STIs in Africa](#), Harare, 4-9 December

Read, Watch, Listen

[AVAC statement](#) about the draconian anti-LGBTQ law (so-called “the Anti-Homosexuality Act”) passed by the Ugandan parliament. If the president signs it it will become law. Related content:

- Yvette/APHA [spoke up](#) on TV about the new Uganda anti-LGBTQ Bill
- *TheBodyPro* article quotes Brian/APHA and Mitchell & Jim Pickett/AVAC: [Uganda Passes Severe Anti-LGBTQ Law—Again](#)

PxPulse podcast: [PPPR Advocacy 101](#) with Chris Collins, President of Friends of the Global Fight Against AIDS, TB and Malaria; Karrar Karrar/ Save the Children; and Samantha Rick/AVAC.

[Can PEPFAR End Global AIDS in the Coming Decade?](#) Quotes Mitchell/AVAC: PEPFAR has made consistently upward progress in keeping people healthy and alive.”

New York Times [commentary](#) from Barney Graham, former NIH Vaccine Research Center director. “Having next-generation #vaccine technology without adequate systems for implementation and distribution to all people is a waste.”

[Why Diverse Clinical Trial Participation Matter](#). NEJM article

Photos

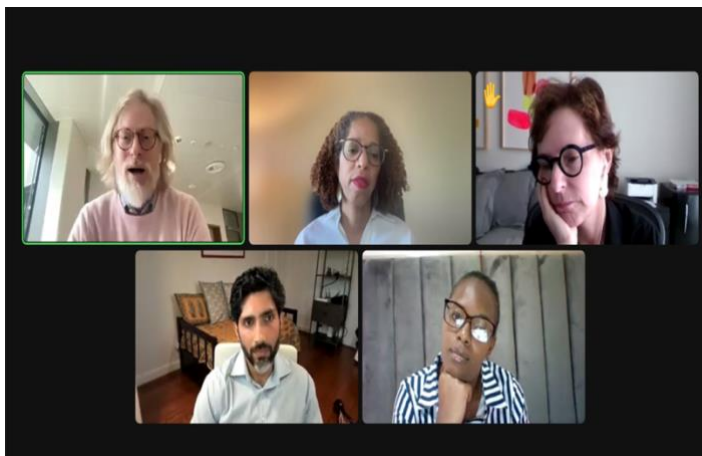


MPP Community Advisory Board



PZAT training of HIV prevention champions





International AIDS Society, IAS webinar on on long-acting injectable PrEP



Africa Health Agenda International Conference





PEPFAAR COP 23



IWD campaign



Useful links

CASPR Calendar [here](#)

CASPR Year 7 consolidated work plan and logframe [here](#)

Previous editions of CASPRiffic

[CASPRiffic - February 2023](#)

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CASPR: <https://www.avac.org/coalition-accelerate-support-prevention-research-caspr>