



PEPFAR Swaziland – Civil Society Engagement: COP16

Tuesday, February 26, 2016

ICAP Conference Room, 10:00 am - 11:15am

Background

The engagement of civil society in our annual planning is critical to the success of PEPFAR and the global effort to combat HIV. Civil society has been a leading force in the response to HIV since the beginning of the epidemic, and this longstanding involvement has resulted in expertise and relationships with local communities that are critical for an effective HIV response. Civil society organizations (CSOs) provide services that are crucial.. They work closely with and advocate on behalf of beneficiary populations, promote human rights including combatting stigma and discrimination, help identify challenges to and gaps in health care delivery, collect data, provide independent oversight of programming and processes, and promote transparency.

For PEPFAR, it is important to hear from civil society and to hear the voices of marginalized groups in order to understand their perspectives and ideas with regard to a more effective HIV response.

Objectives of the meeting are to:

1. CSO stakeholders are familiarized on COPI6 process and deliverables.
2. CSO stakeholders participate and meaningfully make input into COPI6 process.

AGENDA

Time	Item	Presenter
10:00-10:15 AM	Introductions and purpose of the meeting	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening Remarks 	Dr. Caroline Ryan
10:15-11:00 AM	PEPFAR – COP presentation	
Kent Rock, US Embassy, Public Diplomacy Conference Room	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to PEPFAR • PEPFAR 3.0 • Clinical cascade • Why CSO engagement? • Discussion – key questions 	Mduduzi Dlamini Tony / Caroline Patrick Kunen