

# HIV/AIDS in prison settings:

## *A comprehensive response*

Satellite Session  
XVI International AIDS Conference  
Toronto, Canada

Monday, 14 August  
18:00 to 20:00  
Skills building room 4

HIV infection rates in prisons are usually higher than in the community. This is due to the use of contaminated injection equipment, unsafe sex, use of contaminated tattooing equipment and joint use of razor blades. Overcrowding, violence and corruption all contribute to HIV vulnerability of prisoners.

With a worldwide annual turnover of 30 million prisoners, prisons remain a breeding ground for HIV epidemics. Comprehensive responses to HIV/AIDS in prisons are urgently necessary.

In this satellite, we intend to share information on what works in prisons to reduce HIV vulnerability and make available new resources on HIV/AIDS in prisons.

### *Objectives*

- Raise awareness on HIV/AIDS in prison settings
- Share good practices
- Stimulate policy debate
- Foster knowledge transfer
- Make available new resources

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### *Programme*

- 18:00 **Opening**  
**Ms. Sumru Noyan**  
Deputy Executive Director, UNODC
- Ms. Françoise Bouchard**  
Director General, Health Services Branch, Correctional Operations and Programs, Correctional Service of Canada
- 18:10 **Introduction: A framework for an effective national response in prisons**  
Mr. Christian Kroll
- 18:25 **Country perspectives**
- Estonia**  
Igor Sobolev,  
Chairman of the Board  
Estonian Network of people living with HIV/AIDS
- Kenya**  
Mary Chepkonga,  
Senior Superintendent of Prisons,  
Head, Prisons AIDS Control Unit
- Nigeria**  
Regina Akpan Clement  
Director of Lifelink Organization
- India**  
Kiran Bedi,  
Director General, Indian Police
- 19:15 **Plenary discussion**
- 19:45 **Summary and conclusions**  
Andrew Ball, WHO
- 19:55 **Closing**

