

## Risky Behaviours

The risky behaviours working group began by sharing experiences, participants explaining the issues and obstacles they have to face and success stories in this matter.

The issues raised were the following:

- Poverty
- Insufficient Information Education and Communication materials
- Insufficient support from the governments
- Ignorance
- Inappropriate and/or insufficient means
- No investment in youth HIV AIDS projects
- STDs
- Drug and substance abuse (sometimes creating road traffic accidents)
- Insufficient funds
- Lack of sex education among Youth (e.g. transfer the Ugandan national strategy of taking sex education to the whole youth, from 0 years of age upwards)

The working group wishes to address a few recommendations to the World Bank:

- The WB should establish special funds for youth programmes
- The WB should also grant money to local industries in Africa to enable them produce HIV AIDS medicine which has recently been exempted from a copyright.  
As a result there will be massive production and everyone will be in a position to get access especially to those in rural areas.
- To facilitate the support of youth forums at all levels
- Capacity enhancement of youth lead organizations e.g. project proposals
- Institutional strengthening (administrative capacity)
- Youth with disabilities should also be allowed/involved in decision-making structures
- Youth should be represented on selection boards at country level
- Sharing information
- Identify youth contact region by region
- To intervene in reducing vulnerability in risky behaviours
- To establish a follow-up mechanism
- Information on contact process with the WB

The working group also took its part of responsibility, urging youth to:

- Use existing network facilities
- Improve analyses and documentation on results
- Set up cost effective projects
- To use youth and youth with HIV as a resource
- Be a partner in the process of project identification (e.g. the Big Seven initiative)