

Evidence-based HIV/AIDS Control in South Asia: What do we know, what do we need to know?

The South Asia Region features a complex, heterogeneous HIV epidemic with considerable variation within and between countries. In this session we review the diversity and heterogeneity of HIV, what has worked, and discuss the methods needed to monitor progress to better inform policy and programming. We will present what we know – and don't know -- about the epidemic dynamics and prevention efforts to date, and discuss what we need to know in order to effectively scale up coverage of preventive interventions.

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Presentations in this session:

David Wilson (World Bank, Global HIV/AIDS Program) and **Jamie Blanchard** (University of Manitoba, Canada)

Understanding and responding to a heterogeneous epidemic in South Asia.

Rajesh Kumar (PGIMER)

Declines in HIV-1 in young adults in South India.

Bimal Charles (CDC, Tamil Nadu, India)

The reality of scaling up prevention programs.

Prabhat Jha (Centre for Global Health Research):

South Asian network for HIV-1 prevention.

Discussants: Sujata Rao, Project Director National AIDS Control Organization -

Denis Broun, Country Representative, UNAIDS India - **Julian Schweitzer**, Director, Human Development, South Asia Region, World Bank

Scaling up coverage: What are the gaps in knowledge to achieve 100% coverage of prevention?

Minister of Health (TBD)

Closing Remarks



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