8:30 AM Registration, Exhibits and Refreshments

9:00 AM **Opening Session**

"Barrie Singers", The Barrie School, Silver Spring, MD

Greetings

Joseph Wright, MD, MPH, Chairman, Department of Pediatrics and Child Health, Howard University

Anthony K. Wutoh, Ph.D, R.Ph., Provost and Chief Academic Officer, Howard University

Welcome

Michael Kharfen, Senior Deputy Director of the HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, STD and TB Administration in the DC Department of Health

Sohail Rana, M.D., Professor of Pediatrics and Child Health, Howard University *The Trumpet of the Swan*

Recognition

Outstanding Stigma Warriors: Lisa Fager Bediako, Paul Grant, Patricia Houston, Vicki Hoverman

9:35 AM Morning Session: From Grassroots to National: Fighting HIV Stigma

Moderator: Jesse Milan Jr., JD, President and CEO, AIDS United **Panelists:**

Patricia Nalls, Founder and Executive Director of The Women's Collective Shayla Schlossenberg, Outreach and Mobile Coordinator, HIPS Brandon Primus, JD, MPA, Director of Corporate Compliance and Lead Manager, Harlem United

10:45 AM Morning Break, Posters and Exhibit Tables

11:05 AM Research Updates

Presentation of Winning Scientific Abstracts, Vicki Hoverman, Ph.D.

Elizabeth Pfeiffer, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Rhode Island College, Providence, Rhode Island

Leickness Simbayi, **Ph.D.**, Human Sciences Research Council and Department of Psychiatry & Mental Health, University of Cape Town, South Africa

Daniel Grace, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, University of Toronto

11:40 AM Keynote Address

Phill Wilson, President and Chief Executive Officer, Black AIDS Institute, Los Angeles, CA, How to make Gumbo out of Stigma

12:00 PM Promising Futures Youth Performance with Maranda Ward

12:10 PM **LUNCH, Posters, Exhibit Tables, Entertainment**

Rick Parma, Acclaimed jazz saxophonist and vocalist

Mary Bowman, Internationally recognized motivational speaker, singer, and poet

1:10 PM Afternoon Session: Coming Home: Making Way for Members of the HIV Community to 'Return' to the Church -- The Creation of Pathways by the International Stigma Index Project and the Framework for Dialogue on Faith-based Initiatives

Moderators:

Vanessa Johnson, JD

Steering Committee Member, U.S. People Living with HIV Caucus, Ribbon Consulting Group, A DBA of Just Cause Consulting LLC

Reverend Michael Schuenemeyer, MDiv

Executive for Health and Wholeness Advocacy, Wider Church Ministries, United Church of Christ

2:15 PM BREAK / REGROUP

2:30 PM CONCURRENT WORKSHOP SESSIONS

TRACK 1: Researchers Needed! Nuts and Bolts of Studying Stigma

Location: Ballroom, Main Stage

Coordinators: Ezer Kang, Ph.D. and Patricia Houston, MS

Moderator: Anne Stangl, Ph.D, Senior Behavioral Scientist, International Center for

Research on Women, Washington, DC

Panelists:

Chris Beyrer, M.D., MPH, Desmond M. Tutu Professor, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Director, Center for Public Health and Human Rights, Associate Director, JHU Center for AIDS Research

Ezer Kang, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Psychology, Howard University

Victor Reyes, Lead Teacher, New York Kids Club

Rodney Butler, B.S., Harm Reduction Counselor, Harlem United

TRACK 2: Addressing Stigma and Risk Among Incarcerated Women Living with HIV/AIDS

Location: Blackburn First floor, The Forum

Coordinator: Eric Grossman, LCSW Moderator: Eric Grossman, LCSW

Panelists:

Kathy Curtis, Manager of Prison-Based Services, Women's Prison Association **Rita Felton**, Linkage and Navigation Specialist, Women's Prison Association **Rose Harris**, Counseling and Services Coordinator, Women's Prison Association

Eric Grossman, LCSW, Program Director, Women's Prison Association

TRACK 3: Leadership and Change Through Storytelling

Location: Blackburn First Floor, 148

Coordinator: Loretta Jay, MA Moderator: Loretta Jay, MA

TRACK 4: Unpacking Stigma in The Trump Era—Youth Focused Workshop

Location: Blackburn First Floor, Digital Auditorium

Coordinator: Valora Bishop, HU SHOP

Moderator: Akiv Dawson

Speaker: Gabrielle Martinez, Assistant Manager, Planned Parenthood DC

Panelists: Arelia Johnson, Sadia Coleman, Seraiya Wright, Anjerrika Bean, Howard

University Students

TRACK 5: Cultural Competency and Stigma: Is There a Connection? Mid-Atlantic AIDS Education and Training Center Sponsored Workshop

Location: Blackburn First Floor, Room 150 Coordinator: Latica Hayden and Deborah Chin

Speaker: Guy-Oreido Weston, MA, Executive Director, DC Care, Washington, DC

3:55 PM Personal Perspectives Panel Town Hall

Moderator: Khafre Kujichagulia Abif, MLS, Community Organizer, Southern AIDS Coalition

Panelists:

Tracey Dannemiller, Advocate, Mother, and Founder, Straight from the Heart of Florida, Inc

Jada Mercedes Cardona, HIV/STD Health Equity Specialist, Louisiana Department of Health, New Orleans, LA.

Christopher Johnson, Associate Director of Communications, AIDS Healthcare Foundation

4:55 PM Call to Action, Closing Remarks and Candlelight Ceremony

Sohail Rana, M.D., Professor of Pediatrics and Child Health, Howard University and **Khadijah Abdullah-Lardas**, RAHMA