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**“Putting Violence Against Women
on the HIV&AIDS Agenda:
A Dialogue Between Women’s Rights and
HIV&AIDS Activists and Policy Makers”**

**-May 30, 2006-
3:00PM to 6:00PM**

At the Church Center, 777 UN Plaza, NY, NY

Panelists Include:

Mabel Bianco, Foundation for Studies and Research on Women (FEIM, Argentina)

Charlotte Bunch, the Center for Women’s Global Leadership

Khensani Mavasa, Treatment Action Campaign

Dianne Stuart, The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

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TBA, Representative from UNAIDS

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At least one in every three women, or up to 1 billion women, have been beaten, coerced into sex, or otherwise abused in their lifetimes. Violence against women increases women’s vulnerability to HIV infection and compromises their access to a range of health-related services, including care and treatment for HIV&AIDS.

Around the world, women have been at the forefront of advocacy efforts to expand mainstream discourse on HIV&AIDS to include a focus on how violence against women is directly fuelling, and feminizing, the HIV&AIDS epidemic.

Now we must ask how violence against women can be addressed in the mainstream HIV&AIDS agenda. Does the universal access to prevention, care, and treatment paradigm meaningfully address violence against women as a cause and consequence of HIV&AIDS? What can be done now to further integrate women’s rights in HIV&AIDS policy and programming and mitigate the impact of the epidemic on women and girls?

Please join us for this important discussion.

*Seating is Limited. Please RSVP to Ilana Solomon, ActionAid International USA
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