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Media Advisory

Tanzania Leaders Meet to Discuss Women's Access to HIV and AIDS Services

Select parliamentarians, civil society organizations, health care providers and community leaders will attend the Parliamentarians for Women's Health national workshop on Feb. 20 at Movenpick Royal Palm Hotel, Dar es Salaam, to discuss steps they can take to improve women's access to HIV and AIDS services in Tanzania.

The Parliamentarians for Women's Health project is a three-year initiative through a consortium of international partners to work with select parliamentarians in Botswana, Kenya, Namibia and Tanzania to improve women's and girls' access to health care services, particularly HIV and AIDS treatment, prevention, care and support services. The partners include: International Center for Research on Women (ICRW); European Parliamentarians for Africa (AWEPA); Centre for the Study of AIDS at the University of Pretoria (CSA); International Community of Women Living with HIV/AIDS (ICW); and Realizing Rights: The Ethical Globalization Initiative (EGI).

HIGHLIGHTED SPEAKERS:

- Dr. Geeta Rao Gupta, president of the International Center for Research on Women (ICRW)
- Hon. Gertrude Mongella, MP and president of the Pan African Parliament
- Mary Robinson, former president of Ireland and president of Realizing Rights: The Ethical Globalization Initiative (EGI)

TANZANIA PARLIAMENTARIANS PARTICIPATING IN THE PROJECT:

- Hon. Omary Shabani Kwaangw'
- Hon. Anne Semamba Makinda
- Hon. Lediana Mafuru Mng'ong'o
- Hon. Getrude Ibengwe Mongella
- Hon. Sophia Mattayo Simba

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Date: Monday, Feb. 20, 2006

Time: Opening Session: 0830 – 0900 hrs; Closing Session: 1715 – 1800 hrs

Venue: Movenpick Royal Palm Hotel, Dar es Salaam

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The International Center for Research on Women (ICRW) is a leading Washington, D.C.-based international research organization that works to improve the lives of women and girls in developing countries.

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