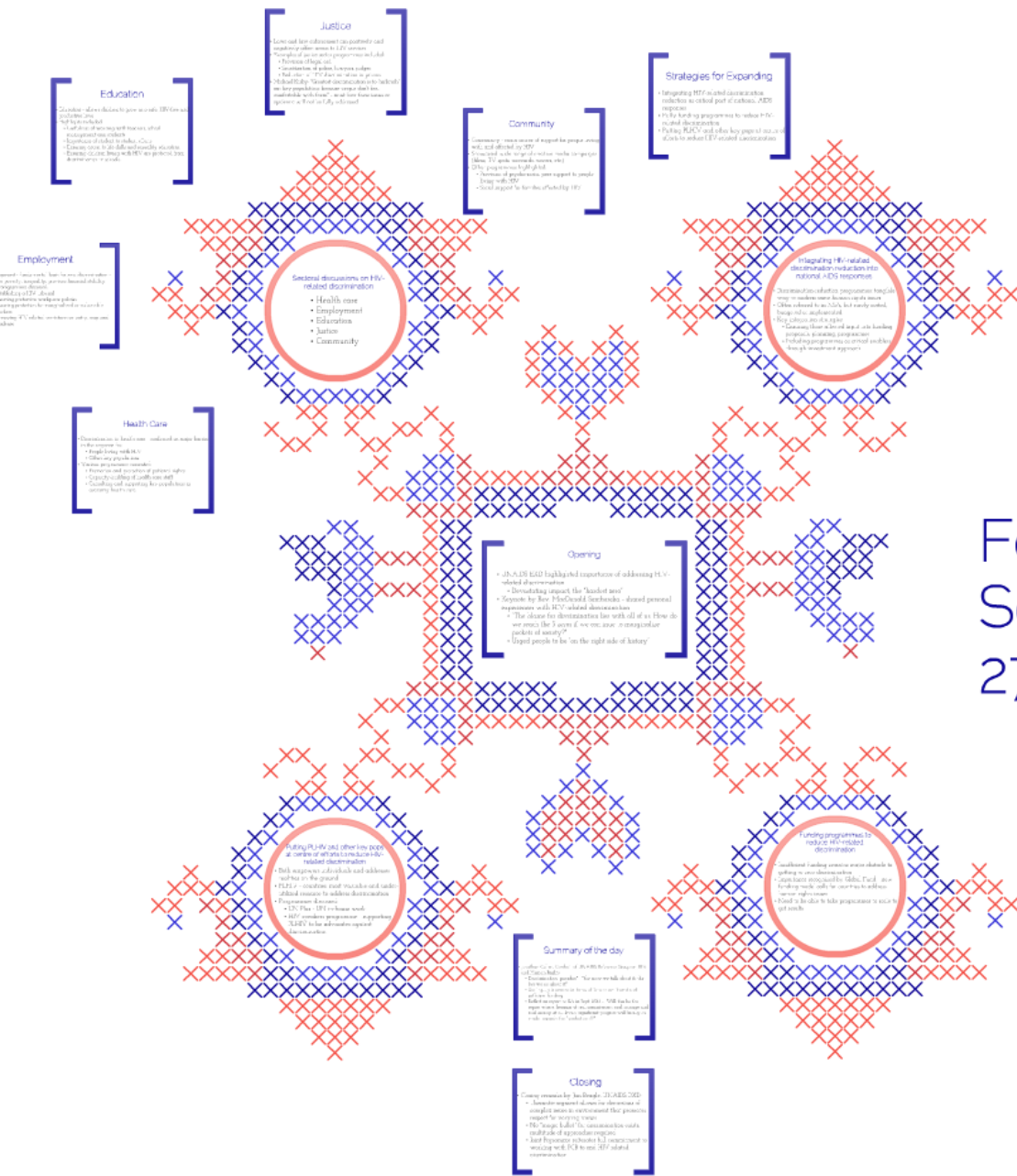


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Opening

- UNAIDS EXD highlighted importance of addressing HIV-related discrimination
 - Devastating impact; the "hardest zero"
- Keynote by Rev. MacDonald Sembereka - shared personal experiences with HIV-related discrimination
 - "The blame for discrimination lies with all of us. How do we reach the 3 zeros if we continue to marginalize pockets of society?"
 - Urged people to be "on the right side of history"



Sectoral discussions on HIV-related discrimination

- Health care
- Employment
- Education
- Justice
- Community

Health Care

- Discrimination in health care - confirmed as major barrier in the response for:
 - People living with HIV
 - Other key populations
- Various programmes presented:
 - Promotion and protection of patients' rights
 - Capacity-building of health care staff
 - Consulting and supporting key populations in accessing health care

Employment

- Employment - fundamental basis for zero discrimination - reduces poverty, inequality; provides financial stability
- Some programmes discussed:
 - Establishing a HIV tribunal
 - Enacting protective workplace policies
 - Ensuring protection for marginalized or vulnerable workers
 - Removing HIV-related restrictions on entry, stay and residence

Education

- Education - allows children to grow into safe, HIV-free and productive lives
- Highlights included:
 - Usefulness of working with teachers, school management and students
 - Importance of student to student efforts
 - Ensuring access to life-skills and sexuality education
 - Ensuring children living with HIV are protected from discrimination in schools.

Justice

- Laws and law enforcement can positively and negatively affect access to HIV services
- Examples of justice sector programmes included:
 - Provision of legal aid
 - Sensitization of police, lawyers, judges
 - Reduction of HIV discrimination in prisons
- Michael Kirby: "Greatest discrimination is to 'airbrush' out key populations because people don't feel comfortable with them" - must face these issues or epidemic will not be fully addressed

Community

- Community - main source of support for people living with and affected by HIV
- Showcased wide range of creative media campaigns (films, TV spots, postcards, posters, etc.)
- Other programmes highlighted:
 - Provision of psycho-social peer support to people living with HIV
 - Social support for families affected by HIV

Strategies for Expanding

- Integrating HIV-related discrimination reduction as critical part of national AIDS responses
- Fully funding programmes to reduce HIV-related discrimination
- Putting PLHIV and other key pops at centre of efforts to reduce HIV-related discrimination

Integrating HIV-related discrimination reduction into national AIDS responses

- Discrimination-reduction programmes: tangible way to address some human rights issues
- Often referred to in NSPs, but rarely costed, budgeted or implemented
- Key integration strategies:
 - Ensuring those affected input into funding proposals, planning, programmes
 - Including programmes as critical enablers through investment approach

Funding programmes to reduce HIV-related discrimination

- Insufficient funding remains major obstacle to getting to zero discrimination
- Importance recognized by Global Fund - new funding model calls for countries to address human rights issues
- Need to be able to take programmes to scale to get results

Putting PLHIV and other key pops at centre of efforts to reduce HIV- related discrimination

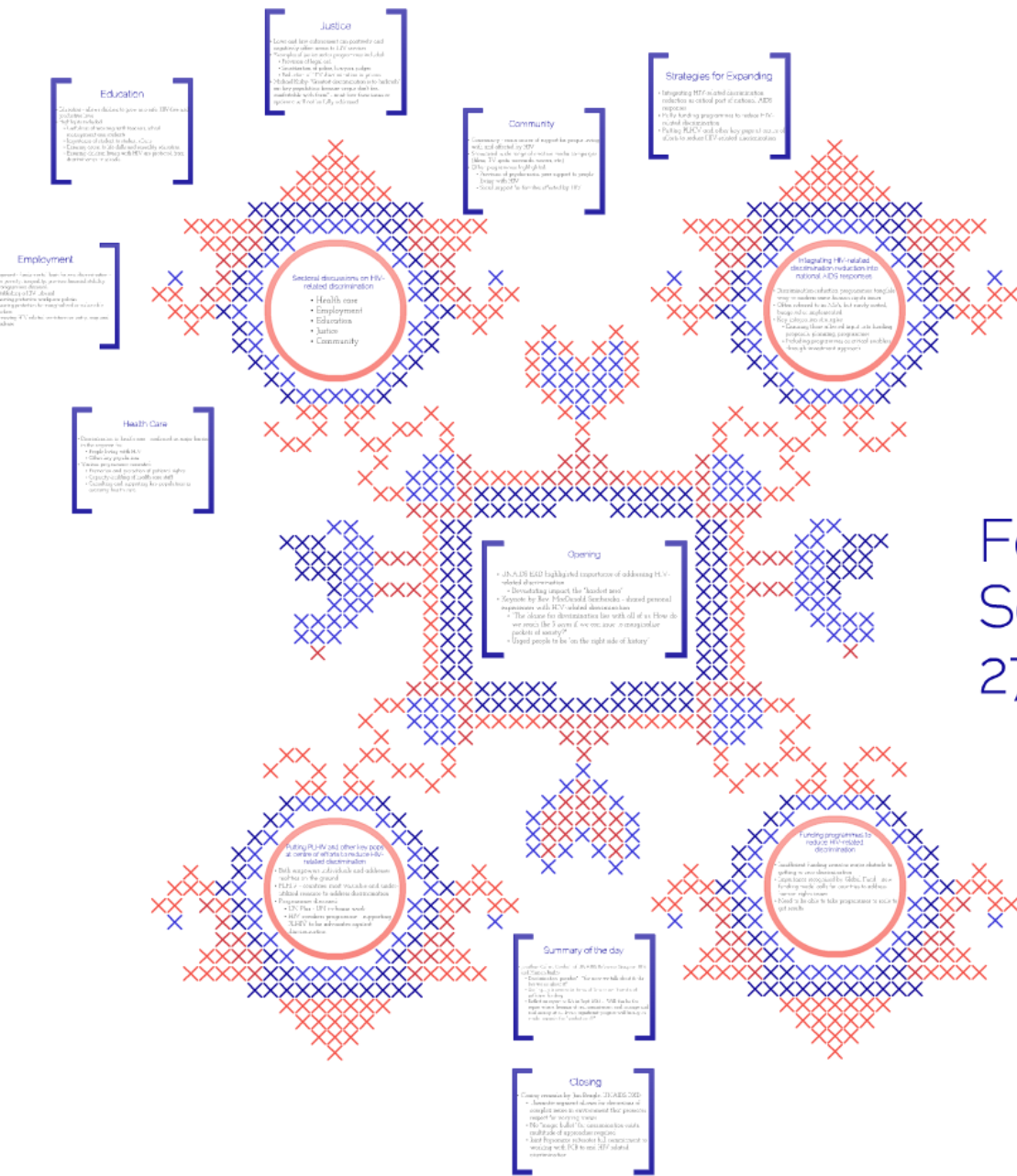
- Both empowers individuals and addresses realities on the ground
- PLHIV - countries' most valuable and under-utilized resource to address discrimination
- Programmes discussed:
 - UN Plus - UN in-house work
 - HIV speakers programme - supporting PLHIV to be advocates against discrimination

Summary of the day

- Jonathan Cohen, Co-chair of UNAIDS Reference Group on HIV and Human Rights:
 - Discrimination "paradox" - "the more we talk about it, the less we do about it"
 - Scaling-up is needed in terms of firm commitment and sufficient funding
 - Reflect on report to GA in Sept. 2013 - "Will this be the report where, because of real commitment, real courage and real money at all levels, significant progress will finally be made towards the 'hardest zero'?"

Closing

- Closing remarks by Jan Beagle, UNAIDS DXD:
 - Thematic segment allows for discussions of complex issues in environment that promotes respect for varying views
 - No "magic bullet" for discrimination exists; multitude of approaches required
 - Joint Programme reiterates full commitment to working with PCB to end HIV-related discrimination



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