



# Fast Track Cities Amsterdam Satellite Program Proposal

**Title:** Examining the impact of anti-gender opposition on the health rights of trans and gender diverse people.

**Date:** Monday, 25 September

**Time:** 17:45 - 18:45

## **Materials**

Audiovisual: large screen and connected audio output for presentation slides/videos

Audio: microphones

## **Program Type and Participants:**

Open

100+ participants

## **Target Audience:**

Policy makers, Health care providers, pharmaceuticals, donors, communities

## **Purpose:**

## **Background**

1. The anti-gender movement is a group of individuals and organizations who oppose gender theory and seek to maintain traditional gender roles and identities. They believe that there are only two distinct and unchangeable genders, male and female and that any attempt to challenge these binaries is a threat to traditional values and societal order. Their rhetoric and actions often contribute to a hostile environment, leading to increased discrimination, stigmatization, and marginalization. This can have a profound negative impact on the mental and physical health of trans and gender diverse communities, exacerbating existing health disparities and hindering access to vital healthcare services and support networks. It can lead to barriers in accessing gender-affirming healthcare, including hormone therapy, surgeries, and mental health support. Trans individuals may face increased rates of mental health issues such as anxiety and depression due to societal rejection and invalidation. Additionally, the denial of their gender identity can result in a lack of appropriate healthcare screenings and interventions, exacerbating health disparities and compromising overall well-being.
2. The current backlash against access to gender affirming health care must be seen in terms of the broader attack on the right to bodily autonomy and

access to health rights, particularly sexual and reproductive health rights. The anti-gender movement is one facet of a broader anti-human rights movement, which seeks to reverse the gains made in past decades towards the realization of rights for marginalized communities. It threatens important public health programmes, including HIV responses, harm-reduction programmes, and access to sexual and reproductive rights for women and girls. It is therefore vital that we build cross-movement solidarity and work together to address the inequality, stigma and discrimination that continues to be the driver of poor health outcomes.

The session will **illustrate the current anti-rights atmosphere and demonstrate how the anti-gender movement links inextricably to restrictions to healthcare access for trans and gender diverse people**. Panelists will showcase how the growing anti-gender movement affects the response to HIV, harm reduction, and sexual and reproductive rights services overall.

### Learning Objectives:

By the end of the session, participants will be able to:

1. Understand what the **antigender movement** is.
2. Learn how the anti-gender movement **impacts healthcare access for trans and gender diverse people**.
3. Identify how they can contribute to **safeguarding the health rights** of trans and gender diverse people.

### Agenda:

0 - 05 mins	Welcome & Setting the Scene	Erika Castellanos
06 - 12 mins	The anti-gender movement	Anwar Ogrm
12 - 20 mins	WHO updated KP guidelines (with a focus on TGD chapter)	Annette Verster & Antons Mozalevskis
21 - 30 mins	Anti-gender movement and its impact on HIV	Anil Padavatan
31 - 39 mins	Responding to AG opposition	Masen Davis
40 - 48 mins	TGD, antigender, anti rights in the Global AIDS response	Cleiton Euzebio De Lima
48 - 55 mins	Q & A	
55 - 60 mins	Closing remarks	Erika Castellanos