

Join the Stephen Lewis Foundation at historic HIV/AIDS gathering in Vancouver *Media are invited to attend African Grandmothers Tribunal at Chan Centre on September 7*

VANCOUVER, BC, September 3, 2013 – Media are invited to join the Stephen Lewis Foundation, front-line African experts, eminent judges Gloria Steinem, Joy Phumaphi, Theo Sowa and Mary-Ellen Turpel-Lafond, and special guests David Suzuki and Stephen Lewis at the first-ever African Grandmothers Tribunal in Vancouver on September 7.

The gathering – a Peoples’ Tribunal – will see six grandmothers from across sub-Saharan Africa present their personal testimonies about the struggle to support communities devastated by HIV/AIDS. Based on the testimonies, and the testimonies of other international experts on the HIV/AIDS pandemic in Africa, the Tribunal will issue a call for action aimed at charting a new path forward for advancing African grandmothers’ rights. More than 1,000 people are expected to attend, including members of the Stephen Lewis Foundation’s Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign from Vancouver and across Canada. Tickets are \$30 (plus service charge and fees) at www.ticketmaster.ca.

Here are the details:

Canadian Grandmothers Welcome African Grandmothers to Vancouver (Westin Bayshore)

60+ Canadian grandmothers to welcome African Grandmothers
Friday, September 6, 2013, 11:00 am
Entrance to the Westin Bayshore Hotel
1601 Bayshore Drive, Vancouver BC

African Grandmothers Tribunal (University of British Columbia)

Saturday, September 7, 2013, 9:55am – 4:10pm [SEE COMPLETE DETAILS BELOW]
Chan Centre for the Performing Arts
6265 Crescent Road, Vancouver BC

Media Accreditation

All media must complete a media accreditation form [<http://africangrandmotherstribunal.org/contact/>] to cover the Tribunal. If you are a freelance journalist, please include a letter from the media outlet you’re working for. If you are a blogger, please include three articles published in 2013 with your by-line. Please e-mail your completed form and any supporting documents by Wednesday, September 4, 2013, to jeremy.twigg@fleishman.ca.

About the Stephen Lewis Foundation

The Stephen Lewis Foundation (SLF) works with community-level organizations which are turning the tide of HIV/AIDS in Africa by providing care and support to women, orphaned children, grandmothers and people living with HIV and AIDS. Since 2003, we have funded over 700 initiatives, partnering with 300 community-based organizations in the 15 African countries hardest hit by the pandemic.

African Grandmothers Tribunal: www.africangrandmotherstribunal.org

Stephen Lewis Foundation: www.stephenlewisfoundation.org

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AFRICAN GRANDMOTHERS TRIBUNAL – RUNNING ORDER

Saturday, September 7 at the Chan Centre at UBC

9:55–10:00 Grandmothers Campaign members welcome

10:00–10:30 Welcome by David Suzuki, opening remarks by Stephen Lewis

10:30–10:45 Testimony 1: Thulisile Dladla

10:50–11:05 Testimony 2: Immaculate Nakyanzi

11:10–11:25 Testimony 3: Mama 'F'

11:30–11:45 Expert Testimony 1: Robina Ssentongo

11:50–12:00 Performance by d'bi.young anitafrika

12:00–1:00 Lunch

1:00–1:15 Testimony 4: Zodwa Hilda Ndlovu

1:20–1:35 Testimony 5: Magret Ongwen

1:40–1:55 Testimony 6: Mariam Mulindwa

2:00–2:15 Expert Testimony 2: Sipiwe Hlophe

2:15–2:45 Break

2:45–3:45 Judges' Recommendations

3:50–4:10 Closing remarks and call to action by Ilana Landsberg-Lewis and African grandmothers