## ENDING ABUSE AND NEGLECT: ACCOUNTABILITY STRATEGIES TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS

From Kenya to Chile the reproductive rights of women living with HIV/AIDS are often ignored and many times violated. It is time to break the silence and hold governments accountable for such rights violations. In this panel, reproductive rights and HIV/AIDS advocates will discuss various strategies being developed at the national and international levels to protect the rights of women living with HIV/AIDS. The Center will launch its new fact-finding report *At Risk: Rights Violations of HIV-positive Women in Kenyan Health Facilities.* In addition, the Center and the Chilean organization Vivo Positivo will present the case of an HIV positive woman who was sterilized without her consent. This case was just filed before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.

## **Topics & Speakers:**

- O Welcome and Introduction Luisa Cabal, Center for Reproductive Rights
- O Breaking the silence: violations to reproductive rights of women living with HIV/AIDS Esther Sheenama, AWOMI
- The power of fact finding missions and reports to hold governments accountable Launch of the report At Risk: Rights Violations of HIV-Positive Women in Kenyan Health Facilities, Elisa Slattery Center for Reproductive Rights
- Women's reproductive rights at stake: strategies to protect the reproductive rights of women in Chile - Vasili Deliyanis, Vivo Positivo
- O Raising awareness and empowering women to claim their rights Maria de Bryun, IPAS

Date: Wednesday, March 4, 2009

**Time:** 12:00pm

**Venue:** Church Center of the United Nations 777 United Nations Plaza, Grum Room

