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# HUMAN RIGHTS, MATERNAL MORTALITY AND HIV/AIDS IN NIGERIA

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*Hosted by the Women Advocates Research and Documentation Centre, Nigeria and the Center for Reproductive Rights*

This panel addresses the overlapping issues of HIV/AIDS, human rights, and maternal mortality and the ways in which each issue negatively affects the dire status of reproductive health in Nigeria. The speakers are part of a delegation led by the Women Advocates Research and Documentation Centre (WARDC), a Nigerian non-governmental organization dedicated to facilitating gender equality for all Nigerians in terms of access to resources, legal rights, cultural participation, and social relations. In 2008, WARDC and the Center for Reproductive Rights produced an extensive report documenting the devastating intersection of human rights abuses and maternal mortality in Nigeria.

## Topics & Speakers:

- **Welcome and Introduction:** *Abiola Akiyode Afolabi, Executive Director, WARDC*
- **Success: Gender, Human Rights Accountability and HIV/AIDS in Nigeria -** *Eyitope Adekunle, Program Officer, WARDC*
- **Primary Health Care and Maternal Mortality in Nigeria: Lagos as Case Study -** *Toyin Odukoya, Head of Nursing Service and Primary Health Care, Lagos Local Government*
- **Legislation and HIV/AIDS in Nigeria -** *Abiola Adesemowo, Director of Public Prosecutions, Osun State, Nigeria*
- **Nigerian Religious Groups and Reducing Maternal Mortality: Lagos as a Case Study -** *Pastor Victor Imana, Lawyer and Pastor of the Redeemed Church of God, Mushin Lagos*
- **Findings from CRR and WARDC joint report *Broken Promises: Human Rights, Accountability, and Maternal Death in Nigeria* -** *Onyema Afulukwe, Legal Fellow for Africa, Center for Reproductive Rights*

**Date:** Friday, March 6, 2009

**Time:** 2:00pm

**Venue:** Nigeria House, Consulate General of Nigeria  
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