



Positive Action for Children Fund Collaborathon

July 17, International Conference Centre

Overview

The Positive Action for Children Fund (PACF) Collaborathon is a full day pre-conference meeting at the International Conference Centre in Durban that will bring together about 400 community representatives from at least 200 organisations. It is expected that half of the participants will be current PACF grant recipients and the other half from community organisations that are either PACF Community members or other interested community groups.

The Collaborathon will challenge groups to think beyond their specific communities, to share best practices, to understand how their work fits within national and global frameworks and ultimately to identify opportunities to collaborate with like minded groups.

Purpose

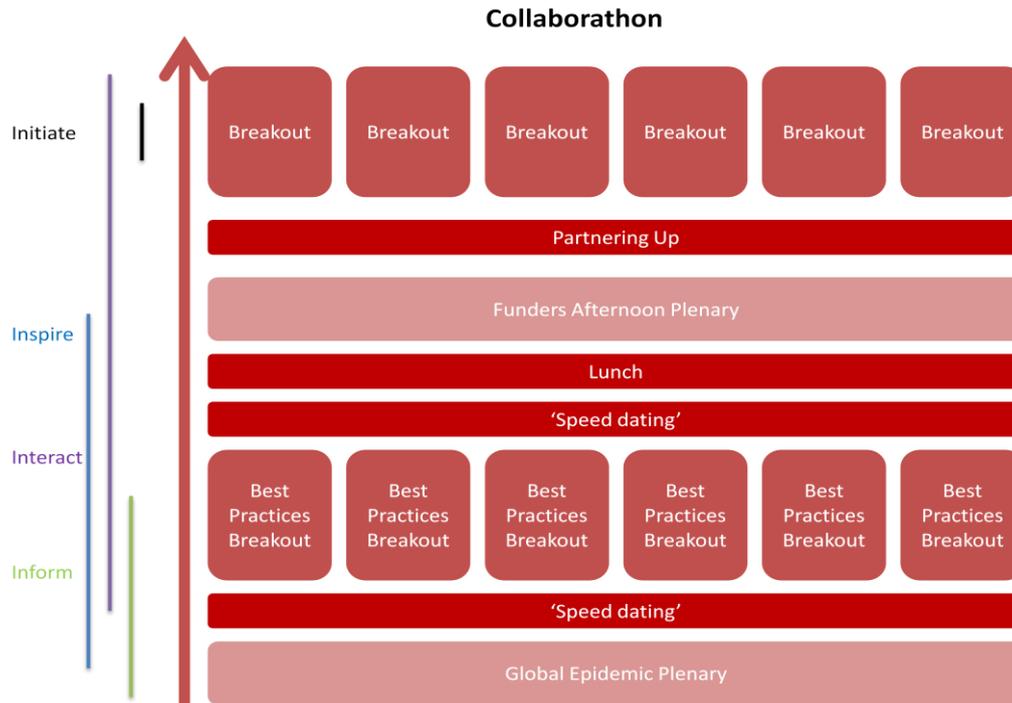
The Collaborathon has four core objectives.

- (1) **INFORM – Global Epidemic Update:** to provide an update on the state of the paediatric HIV epidemic including addressing mother to child transmission, highlighting key successes and challenges, and discussing areas of greatest need including tracking children to 18 months for testing, early infant diagnosis (EID) and adolescent-friendly care.
- (2) **INSPIRE - Link Global Strategy To Local Interventions:** to link the work of local communities to the national and global paediatric HIV strategy, both to demonstrate the impact of community interventions in tackling the epidemic and to help community groups understand how their programming fits within these frameworks.
- (3) **INTERACT - Build Networks, Share Best Practices and Learnings:** to build networks, share best practices and learnings within paediatric HIV programming priority areas across regions, countries and communities.
- (4) **INITIATE - Develop Collaborative Initiatives:** to foster an environment for groups to identify other community organisations doing complementary work from which to develop joint project proposals. Collaborations of 3+ organisations will be invited to submit 2-year proposals with funding of up to £50,000 per organisation available. Select proposals will be funded by the PACF whilst others may be supported by other funders invited to attend the Collaborathon.

The Day

The Collaborathon will begin with a high level panel discussion, featuring global leaders in HIV to contextualise the epidemic and the work of communities. The morning will feature a series of breakout discussions and 'speed dating' sessions where groups will both discuss and share perspectives on key issues within the HIV arena, as well as present an overview of themselves with the aim of identifying compatible partners.





The afternoon will build on these discussions and formed relationships via working sessions that bring community groups together in small groups to develop collaborative project proposals that will be entered directly entered into the Salesforce application system. Proposals submitted by 2pm on Tuesday 19th July will be reviewed with the grant awards being announced on Friday 22nd July.

