The role of police champions in generating police leadership, support and multi-sectoral partnerships in the response to HIV

Police are the critical determinants of the HIV risk environment for most communities at higher risk of HIV infection. We know a lot about the way in which police practices can create barriers to access to HIV prevention and treatment – but what if they are working with you, on your side in the HIV response?

“In HIV prevention and treatment, police can be your best friend, or your worst enemy”

Police from five countries in Asia will describe recent efforts and achievements in building effective partnerships between police and civil society to address HIV. After a commentary on the role of governments and development partners in supporting the engagement of police as champions and agents of change in HIV responses, there will be an open panel discussion.

The Law Enforcement and HIV Network (LEAHN) brings together police supportive of harm reduction approaches to policing communities at risk of HIV, and supports them in building these partnerships.