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# ARSRC: The Journey So Far

The Africa Regional Sexuality Resource Centre (ARSRC) was established in October 2002 with a mandate to promote a better understanding of human sexuality on the continent. In keeping with our mandate, the ARSRC's work in 2004 emphasised three strategic priorities - improving access to sexuality resource materials; promoting information exchange and public education, and providing capacity building and leadership development opportunities.

Over 1,000 volumes of sexuality publications are now available in the ARSRC's collection and a listing of these materials is accessible at the ARSRC's website. The site was launched in January 2004 and every month, an average of 3,500 visitors from around the world, come to the site in search of sexuality-related information. Furthermore, four editions of the quarterly *Sexuality in Africa Magazine* were published and widely disseminated through a growing database of hardcopy subscribers and free downloadable copies on the World Wide Web.

The ARSRC also organised four public education seminars in 2004- three in Nigeria and one in South Africa. These seminars were meeting points for academics, policy makers, and diverse development professionals who sought to learn from, and share with each other, as well as, discuss strategies to address priority sexuality issues on the continent.

In addition to these, the past year marked the commencement of the ARSRC's flagship capacity-building and leadership development programmes -the *Sexuality Leadership Development Fellowship* and the *Sexuality Institute* and a total of thirty-two women and men selected from our four focal countries (Egypt, Kenya, Nigeria and South Africa) were beneficiaries of these initiatives.

In a few words, one may say that, much progress was made. However, I am intensely aware that so much still remains to be accomplished especially, with bridging chasms and building common ground with diverse stakeholders across the region. Success in this field will depend on the quality of partnerships and initiatives we are able to engender in support of a more holistic and positive view of sexuality. It has been invigorating for me to see an increase in the number of sexuality professionals across Africa and beyond, who identified with and willingly contributed to the ARSRC's work in significant ways. We are inspired by this progress and intend to build on it in the forthcoming years.



Nike O. Esiet  
Executive Director  
Action Health Incorporated



The ARSRC's Library in Lagos, holds a unique collection of Africa - focused sexuality publications and is fast-becoming an important resource for researchers, teachers, programme managers and other professionals.



# Improving Access to Sexuality Resource Materials

## Resource Centre-Based Collection

The past year witnessed considerable growth in the sexuality publications collection at the ARSRC's library in Lagos; there are now over 1,000 volumes of books and journals available to library users. These materials are essentially Africa-focused literature on sexuality, sexual health/rights and allied subjects areas. The library now subscribes to major sexuality-related journals/periodicals, as well as, to the African Universities' (AAU) Database of African Theses and Dissertations. Efforts are also ongoing to identify and acquire more gold-standard publications and grey literature.

The ARSRC's library facilities are set-up to meet the needs of today's sophisticated researcher and library user: comfortable furniture, state-of-the-art computers with fast internet connectivity and uninterruptible power supply. The resource centre facility is cool, quiet and conducive for research and writing while staff are at hand to provide back-up service and respond to enquiries with minimum delays. The library registration system was also updated during 2004 to simplify the process of collecting facility users' profile.

The number of library users increased to 212 during 2004 and they included researchers, teachers, students and other professionals. For those who can not physically visit the ARSRC in Lagos, a database of materials currently available in the library can also be accessed online through the ARSRC's website -[www.arsrc.org](http://www.arsrc.org).

## Online Information Clearing House

The ARSRC's website - [www.arsrc.org](http://www.arsrc.org) is an online clearing house for Africa-focused sexuality, sexual health and rights information and resources. The site provides access to breaking news, publications, bibliographic databases, training opportunities and sexuality-related events around Africa, as well as, links to kindred sites globally.

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New Sexuality & Well-Being Seminar Series Paper

ISSUE IN FOCUS

Demography, Sexuality, and Sexual Behavior Research in Nigeria

By Prof. I.O Orubuloye

When HIV was first reported in 1981, there was very little concern that the disease will spread to Nigeria. Nevertheless, there have been apprehensions about the incidence and prevalence of sexually transmitted disease long before the advent of HIV/AIDS. Despite the near universal knowledge of STDs, earlier studies on the incidence and prevalence of the disease were clinically based. Hence research needs and the intervention strategies were also clinically oriented. [Read full article](#)

Past issues

**Muslims' Perspectives on Key Reproductive and Sexual Health Issues**  
By Ahmed Rageb, MD, Ph.D [Read full article](#)

**Contradictions in Constructions of African Masculinities**  
By Kopano Ratele, Ph.D [Read full article](#)

**Sex Work and the Politics of Researching Gender and Culture**  
By Richard Ssewakiryanga [Read full article](#)

**Silence, AIDS and Sexual Culture in Africa**  
By Dr. Suzanne Leclero-Madlala [Read full article](#)

Seminar Spotlight

Sexuality & Well-being Seminar Series

The ARSRC in collaboration with the departments of Sociology and Community Health, University of Lagos held its second seminar in a series on the subject of Sexuality and Well-being, on 2nd December 2004. [Read full article](#)

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News

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Events

Upcoming Events

[ReproRising Family Planning in Western Africa](#)  
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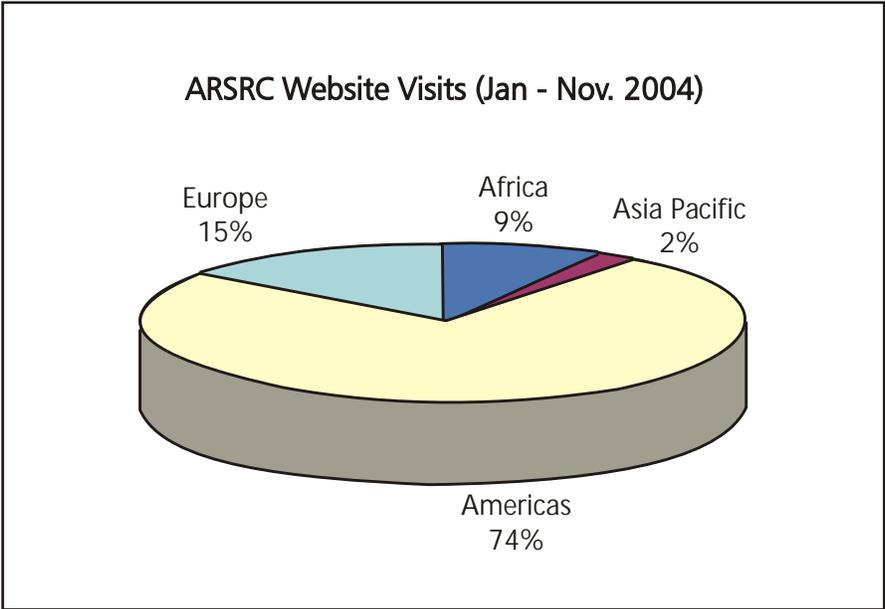
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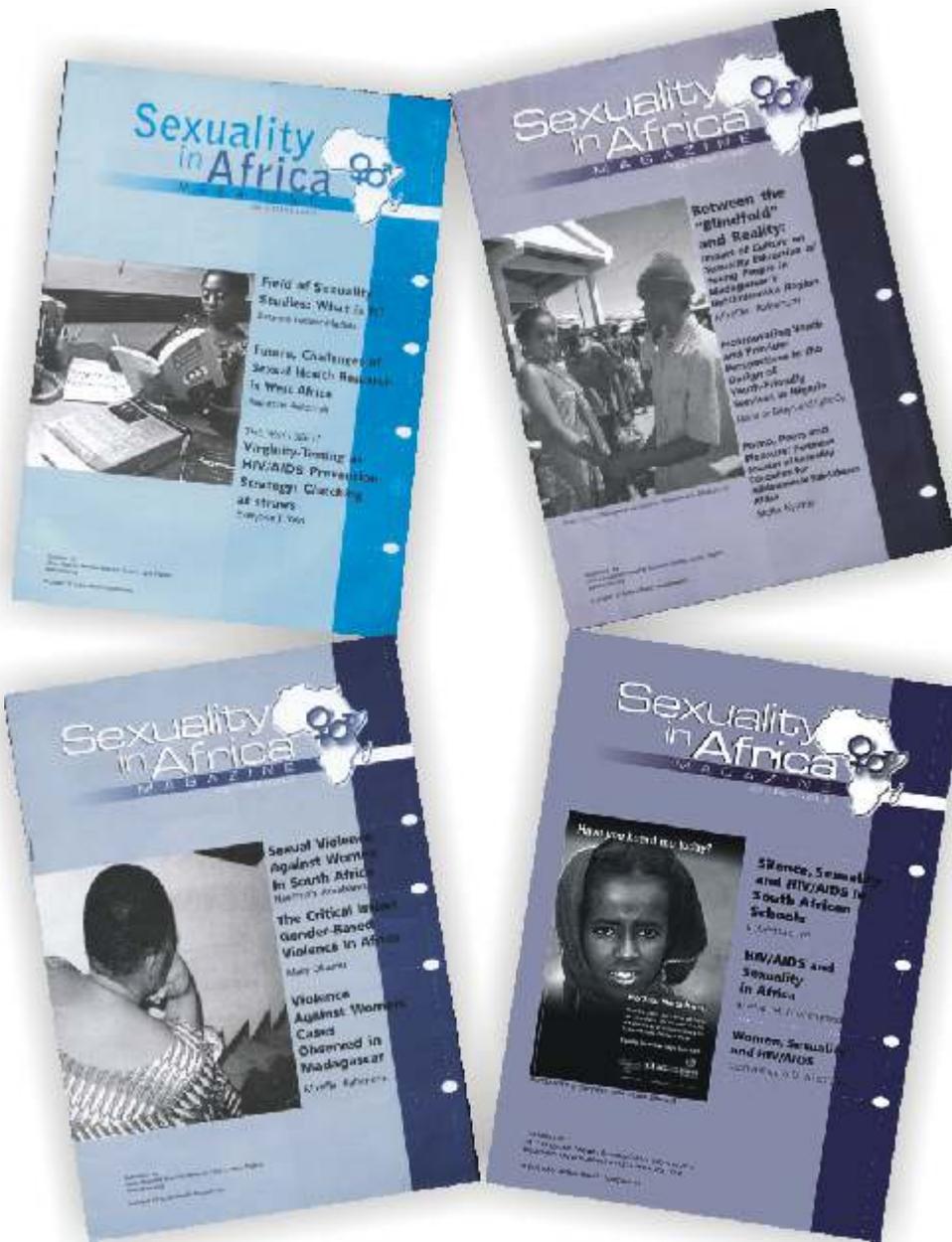
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[Jul]

[14th International Conference on HIV/AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Infections in Africa](#)  
[Dec 5-9]

The website was launched at the beginning of 2004 and has since attracted an increasing number of visitors. For example in November alone, the site received 49,576 hits and 3,692 visitors, and between the visitors recorded 30,007 page views. 293 of the visitors downloaded different documents which included - Sexuality in Africa Magazine, Understanding Human Sexuality Seminar Series Papers, Abstract on Sexuality Issues in Africa, 2003 Annual Report, Sexuality Leadership Development Fellowship announcement and application forms, Annotated Bibliography on Sexual Rights, Census of Human Capacity Survey form, and Sexuality Institute announcement and application forms.

Analysis of the site visitors in November showed they came from 65 countries, 23 of which were African countries. The chart below shows the trend in geographic statistics from January to November 2004. Further analysis of visitors from Africa shows a predominance of users from Southern Africa. However, by the end of November 2004, the number of visitors from North and West Africa had increased appreciably. It should be noted that in Africa, the geographic distribution of visitors may be a reflection of the level of access to and use of the internet by these sub-regions, but the ARSRC is now working on strategies to attract more users from beyond Southern Africa.





## Sexuality in Africa Magazine

This Sexuality in Africa Magazine is a quarterly publication of the ARSRC featuring objective, and analytical articles that mirror current/contemporary issues and debates in the areas of sexuality, sexual health and rights in Africa. Articles reflect a holistic /comprehensive approach to sexuality; taking sexuality discourse beyond health to incorporate broader issues of the expression of sexuality without guilt, fear or ill health.

The introductory edition, Issue 1, explored the question “Sexuality Studies: What is It?” and also examined the challenges of sexual health research in the West Africa sub-region. Issue 2 focused on “Adolescents' Access to Sexuality Education”. Highlights included a critical appraisal of practices in a region of Madagascar, as well as, a best practice from Nigeria on the design of youth-friendly services. Issue 3 examined “Violence Against Women and Girls” featuring an overview of the South African experience, as well as, other illuminating articles on sexual violence in Africa. The last edition for 2004, Issue 4, addressed the problem area of HIV/AIDS in Africa.

The magazine has attracted contributions not only from across the African continent, but also from the United Kingdom and the United States.

In 2005, the magazine will spotlight the knotty issues around masculinities, sexuality and religion, as well as sexuality and the media. Find the call for articles for 2005 issues in Appendix C. Sexuality in Africa Magazine is disseminated in hard copy, while electronic copies are also available for reading or download from the ARSRC website-[www.arsrc.org](http://www.arsrc.org)



It's Question Time at the "Research and Capacity Building for the Promotion of Sexual Health and Well-being" seminar held in Johannesburg, South Africa. The ARSRC's Sexuality Seminars provide a forum for the exchange of ideas to expand and shape the discourse, thinking and action on sexuality issues in Africa.

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## Promoting Information Exchange and Public Education

### Research and Capacity Building Seminar

To what extent is the available body of sexuality research shaping what we do around sexuality? And, to what extent are actions and needs in the field, influencing the research agenda in Africa? To answer these questions and more, the ARSRC hosted a panel on “Research and Capacity Building for the Promotion of Sexual Health and Well-being” during the First Congress for the Advancement of Sexual Health and Rights in Africa, in Johannesburg, South Africa from February 26-28, 2004.

Speakers at the panel included Dr. Hind Khattab, an Egyptian anthropologist with over forty years research experience; Dr. Evasius Bauni, a demographer with the Kenya Medical Research Institute/Wellcome Trust Research Laboratories in Kilifi; Dr. Augustine Ankomah, a Ghanaian researcher with the Society for Family Health Abuja, Nigeria and Ms. Bev Russell, Managing Director, Social Surveys (Pty) Ltd. Johannesburg, South Africa. The panel was chaired by Prof. Helen Schneider, of the Centre for Health Policy, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa.

One of the key recommendations that emerged from the seminar is the need to institutionalize sexuality and sexual health research, and create linkages between these institutions and different levels of stakeholders including, families, government, religious and social groups so that those conducting research or interventions in the area of sexuality can network and share their findings/experience for greater impact.

### Understanding Human Sexuality Seminar Series

This Seminar Series organised by the ARSRC, in collaboration with Department of Sociology and the Department of Community Health, University of Lagos, held in July and December. The goals of the *Understanding Human Sexuality Seminar Series* are to:

- ▶ Provide a forum for the exchange of ideas to expand and shape the discourse, thinking and action on sexuality;
- ▶ Contribute to the documentation of sexuality research and programming from an African perspective;



and rights issues in their respective regions at a panel organised by the ARSRC on October 15, 2004, in Lagos. Participants at the panel titled, "Promoting Sexual Health and Well-Being: Cross-Cultural Perspectives," included academics, media practitioners and development professionals.

(L-R) Dr. Richmond Tiemoko (Africa), Dr. Sergio Carrara (Latin America),  
Speaks at the Seminar: Prof. Gilbert Herdt (North America), Ms Radhika Chandiramani  
(Asia), and Prof. Abdul Fatai Folawiyo who chaired the event.

The theme of the first seminar held in July, was “Understanding Human Sexuality in Nigeria.” The main papers were presented by two distinguished scholars from the University of Lagos.

Dr. Eno Blankson Ikpe, Senior Lecturer in Social and Economic History in her paper titled - “Human Sexuality in Nigeria: a Historical Perspective” submitted that, in Nigeria, sexuality is conceived ultimately within the context of reproduction and fully supports Foucault’s argument that sexuality is negotiated within society and is not a natural given.

Prof. Gboyega Alaba of the Department of African and Asian Studies in his paper titled, “Understanding Sexuality in Yoruba Culture”, examined the way of life the Yoruba in South Western Nigeria. He outlined facts about diverse expressions of sexuality, drawing from folklore, oral poetry, songs and other aspects of their ways of life. Both papers were discussed by Prof. Felicia Oyekanmi, Department of Sociology and Dr. Kofo Odeyemi Department of Community Health, respectively.

The second edition of the seminar held in December, 2004 and featured three speakers and three discussants. The main presentations were by:

- ▶ Dr. Chimaroke Izugbara of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Uyo, Akwa Ibom State - “Patriarchial Ideology and Discourses of Sexuality in Nigeria.”
- ▶ Dr. Sanya Osha of the Centre for Civil Society, University of KwaZulu Natal, Durban, South Africa “A Post-Colonial Scene: On Girls’ Sexuality”
- ▶ Dr. Fatai Badru of the Department of Sociology, University of Lagos “Sexual Violence and Youths in Nigeria.”

The papers were discussed by Dr. Kayode Taiwo, Department of Sociology, and Dr. Adunola Adepoju, Department of Curriculum Studies, of the University of Lagos and Ms. Josephine Effah-Chukwuma of Project Alert on Violence Against Women, Lagos.

Hard copies of the main papers and reports of all the ARSRC’s seminars are available on request while electronics copies are downloadable from our website-[www.arsrc.org](http://www.arsrc.org)



2004 Sexuality Leadership Development Fellows. The fellowship is structured to expose fellows to cutting-edge conceptual, theoretical and programmatic issues in the field of sexuality, thus facilitating the emergence of a new generation of leaders.

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## □ Capacity Building and Leadership Development

### Sexuality Leadership Development Fellowship

The 2004 Sexuality Leadership Development Fellowship had 16 participants drawn from the ARSRC's focal countries - Egypt, Kenya, Nigeria, and South Africa. The fellowship is designed to catalyze development in the field of sexuality by:

- ▶ Providing exposure to cutting-edge conceptual, theoretical and programmatic issues in sexuality, sexual health and sexual rights;
- ▶ Providing opportunities to conduct research or action projects on sexuality issues;
- ▶ Promoting mentoring of young African professionals by experts in the field; and
- ▶ Facilitating the emergence of a new generation of leaders.

Fellows were exposed to current trends, thinking, concepts and methodologies in sexuality studies. They had crossregional discussions and brainstorming sessions on sexuality issues critical to the various sub-regions as well as the continent as a whole. Participants also had the opportunity to share with leaders in the field in and out of the training rooms. Field trips were organized to strategic and leadership organizations, thus, exposing participants to leaders in the field of sexuality. Participants shared with and benefited from the wealth of experience of sexuality practitioners who have made their mark as pioneers in often very difficult contexts. Some of the institutions visited were a battered women's shelter run by Project Alert in Lagos and AIDS Alliance, a non-governmental organization staffed largely by people living with HIV/AIDS. The fellowship also provided skills-building opportunities in public speaking, communicating with the media, research and report writing

The research/ action projects developed by fellows under the supervision of faculty members were perhaps the most important, in terms of leadership development. While developing their proposals, fellows worked individually and also shared their ideas with colleagues and faculty during plenary sessions. The plenary sessions provided participants the opportunity to acquire crucial research skills. On approval of their proposals and award of seed grants, fellows returned to their respective home bases to carry out their research or action-oriented project over a 6-month period during which they continued to receive supervision from designated in-country mentors.



Mohammed Ali Mohammed  
Egypt



Nancy Nteere  
Kenya



Olufunke Osindele  
Nigeria



Thando Cengimbo  
South Africa

## 2004 Fellows Research/Action Projects

### Understanding Secret Marriages in Egypt

In his research project carried out in Cairo, Mohammed conducted focus group discussions with Egyptian youth aged between 15 and 24 years to explore the growing trend of secret marriages which has become such a controversial issue in the country. His research examines the magnitude and scope of the problem as well as the impact of this kind of marriage on issues of women's rights.

### Examining Transactional Sex in Kenya

In examining the issue of prostitution among underage girls and boys in the coastal areas of Kenya, Nancy conducted in-depth interviews with respondents aged between 12 and 16 years who are prostitutes. She notes in her research report that: “the common person on the street despises the word 'prostitute'. During the day, the customers of the underage prostitutes look down on them and talk ill of them and the same critics are seen in the night clubs scouting for them...”

### Media Coverage of Sexuality in Nigeria

Olufunke organised a media forum in Lagos for journalists and media personnel from the major media organisations in the country, to mobilize support for sexuality education programming. News and feature reports of the forum were later broadcast on three local television channels and four radio stations including the popular Silverbird Television and the Nigerian Television Authority (NTA) Channel 10.

### Dialoguing About Sexuality in South Africa

In order to break the silence on issues of sexuality in the Umtata community, Cengimbo provided the forum for parents and their children; community leaders, health workers and others to discuss pertinent issues relating to their sexual and reproductive health. Cengimbo says: “I have found the methodology of focus group discussions most liberating because it has helped to overcome the challenge of getting young people to open up and talk frankly about sexuality issues in spite of formidable cultural constraints”.



South African participants at the 2004 Sexuality Institute in Lagos, Nigeria. Small working group sessions enabled country teams to develop strategies for addressing priority issues in their cultural contexts.

## Sexuality Institute

Seventeen participants drawn from academia, civil society and government from the ARSRC's focal countries - Egypt, Kenya, Nigeria and South Africa, attended the 2004 Sexuality Institute. The theme for the 2004 Institute was "Adolescents" Access to Sexuality Education in Africa". The ARSRC's Sexuality Institute's goal is "to strengthen African intellectual resources and reshape sexuality research, discourse and action on the continent in favour of healthy, pleasurable, responsible and respectful sexuality". The Sexuality Institute's strives to actualize this goal by:

- ▶ Providing a forum for sexuality professionals in Africa to share ideas on cutting edge issues, set the agenda and devise strategies for dealing with priority issues of concern on the continent.
- ▶ Building beneficial professional networks and constituencies among sexuality professionals in Africa.

In keeping with the institute's goal, the 2004 programme was designed for senior to middle level African professionals working in the area of sexuality, sexual health and rights. The introductory sessions were structured to focus on conceptual and theoretical issues to enable the professionals arrive at a consensus or common ground regarding these conceptual issues. Special panels were held to examine issues relating to policy and programming, resource mobilization, research on adolescents, as well as, programming for sexuality education. Challenges and risk factors affecting healthy social and sexual development of adolescents were explored in five plenary sessions: "Married Adolescents", "Targeting Out-of School Adolescents", "Adolescents in Particularly Difficult Circumstances", "Culture, Religion and Adolescent Sexuality" and "HIV/AIDS and Adolescents".

While discussions and debates were the focus of plenary sessions and the special panels, small working group sessions were structured to enable country teams map out strategies that would be relevant, meet culture-specific needs, as well as, engender commitment on the part of the key actors in their countries.

Both the formal evaluation and feedback from participants indicated that the 2005 Sexuality Institute was a huge success. Majority of the participants were very satisfied with the course content, mode of presentations and training facilities.

The next Sexuality Institute's thematic focus will be "Addressing Sexual Violence in Africa" and is scheduled to hold in South Africa, in October 2005.



2004 Sexuality Institute participants and faculty members. Programme directors, activists, policy makers and academics shared ideas and experiences thus sowing the seeds for networking in their future work.

# Capacity Building Programme Beneficiaries

## Sexuality Leadership Fellows 2004

Olufemi Steve Adebayo (Nigeria)  
Moawad Ashraf (Egypt)  
Roshdy Ahmed Aziz (Egypt)  
Lucy Wambui Kangara (Kenya)  
Lilian Nabwala Kilwake (Kenya)  
Joyce Njoki Mbugua (Kenya)  
Ali Mohamed Mohamed (Egypt)  
Nancy Nteere (Kenya)  
Uchenna Rowland Onyeizu (Nigeria)  
Jacinta Agbarachi Opara (Nigeria)  
Olufunke Abike Osindele (Nigeria)  
Victor Nnamdi Sebastian (Nigeria)  
Shezi Sizwe (South Africa)  
Fatima Mary Taidi (Nigeria)  
Cengimbo Thando (South Africa)

## Sexuality Institute 2004

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Fatai Adesina Badru (Nigeria)  
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Mary Yuanita Okumu (Kenya)  
Abimbola Olayinka Olasode (Nigeria)

## ARSRC Stakeholders



A meeting of the ARSRC's stakeholders (Ford Foundation representatives, Action Health Incorporated and its sub-regional Partner Institutions) was convened in Lagos from July 30-31, 2004, to review progress made thus far, and chart the course for the next two years. Participants at the meeting: (L-R) Carla Sutherland (Kenya), Nike Esiet (Nigeria), Richmond Tiemoko (Nigeria), Mervat Mohammed (Egypt), William Okedi (South Africa), Don Balmer (Kenya) Nomonde Bam (South Africa), Uwem Esiet (Nigeria), Maha El-Adawy (Egypt) and Babatunde Ahonsi (Nigeria).

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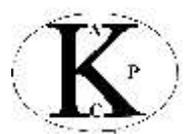
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Department of Community Health, University of Lagos, Nigeria



International Islamic Centre for Population Studies and Research, Al Azhar University, Cairo, Egypt



Kenya Association of Professional Counsellors, Nairobi, Kenya

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Don Balmer (Kenya)

Wangoi Njau (Kenya)

Nomonde Bam (South Africa)

Mary Crewe (South Africa)

'Nike Esiet (Nigeria)

## 2004 Resource Persons

We are grateful to the following individuals across Africa for their technical input and

Amal Abdul-Hadi	Petrida Ljumba
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Fatai Badru	William Okedi
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Evasius Bauni	Abimbola. O. Olasode
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Maria de Bruyn	Israel. O. Orubuloye
Mary Crewe	Akin Osibogun
Josephine Effah-Chukwumah	Grace Osakue
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Maha El-Adawy	Mireille Rabenoro
Uwemedimo Esiet	Ahmed Ragaa Ragab
Omololu Falobi	Kopano Ratele
Yinka Falola-Anoemuah	Graeme Reid
Nike Grange	Bev. Russel
Eno B. Ikpe	Helen Schneider
Chimaroke Izugbara	Tunde Segun
Akin Jimoh	Gamal I. Serour
Hind A. S. Khattab	Carla Sutherland
Stephen Kwankwe	

# 2005 Sexuality Leadership Development Fellowships: Call for Applications

The Africa Regional Sexuality Resource Centre (ARSRC) calls for application to its annual Sexuality Leadership Development Fellowship (LDF) programme. The Fellowship is scheduled to take place in Lagos, Nigeria from July 3-22, 2005.

**Objectives:** The fellowship is designed to catalyze development in the field of sexuality by:

- ▶ Providing exposure to cutting-edge conceptual, theoretical and programmatic issues in sexuality, sexual health and sexual rights;
- ▶ Providing opportunities to conduct research or action projects on sexuality issues;
- ▶ Promoting mentoring of young African professionals by experts in the field; and
- ▶ Facilitating the emergence of a new generation of leaders.

**Course Methodology:** Incorporating both rigorous intellectual work and social activities, the fellowship promotes sharing of ideas, team building and collaborative work amongst participants in order to nurture relationships that last beyond the fellowship period. All participants will implement a postfellowship, mini project that will be supervised and funded.

**Eligibility:** Applicants should be junior to middle-level African professionals, aged 35 years and below, and resident on the African continent. The minimum qualification is a Bachelor's degree or the equivalent of a Higher National Diploma (HND).

**Scholarships:** The ARSRC offers a few highly competitive, fully-funded scholarships that are open to qualified citizens of Egypt, Kenya, Nigeria or South Africa, who are resident on the continent. ARSRC scholarships cover tuition fees, post-fellowship grant, roundtrip travel expenses as well as accommodation, meals and incidental expenses. Interested citizens of other African countries are encouraged to apply but will need to seek funding to support their participation from other donors. ARSRC will waive tuition fees for these applicants.

**Requirements for Application:** Applicants are requested to submit the following fully completed applications forms (free copies are available for download from [www.arsrc.org](http://www.arsrc.org)); two (2) reference letters and a detailed Curriculum Vitae.

**Deadline for the Receipt of Applications:** All duly completed application forms and other documentary requirements should be sent to the address below. To be considered, the application should be received by ARSRC before or on March 31, 2005.

The 2005 Sexuality Resource Leadership Development Fellowship  
Africa Regional Sexuality Resource Centre  
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Fax: 234-1-3425470 E-mail: [opportunities@arsrc.org](mailto:opportunities@arsrc.org)

# Sexuality In Africa Magazine: Call For Articles

The ARSRC calls for articles for publication in the Sexuality in Africa Magazine on the African Continent. Articles should be objective, analytical and mirror current /contemporary issues and debates in the areas of Sexuality, Sexual Health and Rights in Africa. They should also reflect a holistic /comprehensive approach to sexuality; taking sexuality discourse beyond health to incorporate broader issues of the expression of sexuality without guilt, fear or ill-health. While priority would be given to articles that have not been previously published, already published material may be considered depending on how relevant the subject area and focus are to ARSRC's work. However, for already published articles, full details of previous publication and where to seek permission for reprint must accompany the article.

We particularly welcome articles related to our thematic focus for 2005:

- ▶ Rethinking Masculinities
- ▶ Sexuality and Religion
- ▶ Sexuality and the Media
- ▶ Sexual Violence and HIV/AIDS

## Length

Feature articles : 1,000 1,500 words

Research issues : 800-1,000 words

Opinion articles : 400 500 words

## Photos

We welcome photos with or without articles and will give appropriate credit when photo is used.

All correspondence should be addressed to The Editor, Sexuality in Africa, Africa Regional Sexuality Resource Centre, 17 Lawal St., off Oweh St., Jibowu, PO Box 803, Yaba, Lagos, Nigeria. E-mail [info@arsrc.org](mailto:info@arsrc.org)

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9. How many years in total have you worked in the field of sexual/Reproductive Health and Rights?

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10. With which type of organization are you primarily affiliated (Select one only):

- Local NGO
- International NGO
- Governmental Organization
- Private Sector
- UN/Multilateral Organization
- Academic Institution/Research Agency
- Others. Please specify

11. Academic Qualification(s): Please select those that apply and fill in area of specialty

Bachelor's  \_\_\_\_\_

Master's  \_\_\_\_\_

Doctorate  \_\_\_\_\_

Others  Please specify \_\_\_\_\_

12. Please select area(s) of study/work/experience that apply to you amongst the underlisted areas:

- AIDS/HIV/STIs
- Adolescent Reproductive Health
- Communication
- Contraception/Fertility
- Gay/Lesbian Issues
- Gender & Human Rights
- Population

- Rape/Sexual Assault/Violence
- Reproductive Health
- Sexuality & Cultural
- Sexuality Education
- Sexuality & Gender
- Sexuality/Media/Information
- Sexuality/Parenting & Families
- Sexuality & Religion
- Sexuality Programming
- Sexual & Reproductive Rights (including Gender-Based Violence)
- Others. Please specify \_\_\_\_\_

13. "Sexuality is a central aspect of being human throughout life and encompasses sex, gender identities and roles, sexual orientation, eroticism, pleasure, intimacy and reproduction. Sexuality is experienced and expressed in thoughts, fantasies, desires, beliefs, attitudes, values, behaviours, practices, roles and relationships..."

Do you agree with the above definition?  Yes  No

If you agree, please give two reasons why

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

14. Do you agree/disagree with the following. Please tick appropriately: "Sexual Rights include the right of all persons, free of coercion, discrimination and violence to:

a. Decide to be sexually active or not  Agree  Disagree

b. Sexuality education  Agree  Disagree

c. Decide whether or not, and when to have children  Agree  Disagree

d. Pursue a satisfying, safe and pleasurable sexual life  Agree  Disagree

e. Enter into marriage only with the full and free consent of both persons  
 Agree  Disagree

15. In your opinion, an Adolescent Sexual Health programme should promote:

a. Abstinence only  Agree  Disagree

b. Choice only  Agree  Disagree

c. Both Abstinence and choice  Agree  Disagree



