

**IAAH CONGRESS 2017: PRE-CONGRESS SKILLS BUILDING WORKSHOP 8**  
**Thursday October 26<sup>th</sup>**

<b>WORKSHOP TITLE</b>	<b>How to be an effective advocate for adolescent health</b>
<b>RATIONALE</b>	<p>The fact that adolescents have needs that are distinct from those of children or adults is not obvious to many health care providers, policy makers and donors. In many settings the idea that adolescents are not just “older children” or “young adults” is likely to be new, and it is therefore important to build the necessary understanding among key stakeholders about what is unique about adolescents, and how this should inform their work.</p> <p>The workshop will provide basic approaches and tools as how to become an effective advocate for adolescent health, will provide practical examples and will build on participants experiences</p>
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<b>Taking place:</b>	<b>Afternoon</b>
<b>Training objectives</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Improve participants abilities to link what is “unique” about adolescents with advocacy needs of various stakeholders</li> <li>2. Improve participants understanding of approaches to become an effective advocate for adolescent health</li> <li>3. List practical resources to support personal development in becoming an effective advocate for adolescent health</li> </ol>
<b>Facilitation techniques</b>	<p>Buzz session to explore participants experiences and advocacy needs</p> <p>VIPP cards session to link what is “unique” about adolescents with advocacy needs of various stakeholders</p> <p>Case study to distil approaches to become an effective advocate for adolescent health</p> <p>Power Point presentation and hand-outs to list practical resources</p> <p>Facilitated discussion to summarize take home messages</p>