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**HealthBridge (formerly PATH Canada)**

**Invites you to attend a Panel Session on**

***“Gender, Development, and Health”***

**Friday, October 20, 2006**

**9:00 – 12:00**

**Oxford Room**

**Holiday Inn**

**111 Cooper Street**

**Ottawa**

The Panel Session will explore global issues around Gender, Development, and Health, featuring speakers from around the world. The Panel speakers will address the interface of Gender and HIV and AIDS, reproductive health, nutrition and agriculture, and tobacco control, engaging men and women in gender equality, and how gender equality can lead to reduced vulnerability.

- Seating is limited. RSVP to Pamela Lee [plee@healthbridge.ca](mailto:plee@healthbridge.ca) no later than **October 13, 2006**

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**The objectives of the Panel Session are to explore the following questions:**

- What is understood by “Gender Equality”, and what is its relationship with health in development?
- How does gender influence vulnerability in development and health, and how can the impact of gender vulnerability be reduced?
- What is Canada’s development policy on gender and development, particularly related to health? And how are these policies translated into programs?
- What are some opportunities and challenges of engaging men and women in working towards gender equality?

**PROGRAM**

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**Moderator: Maureen Law, Board Member, Past Director General, Health Sciences, IDRC**

**Panel:**

1. **Louise Holt, Director, Social Development Policies, CIDA:** *The Importance of Gender Equality in Advancing CIDA's Health Sector Investments.*
2. **Cate Hankins, Associate Director, Strategic Information & Chief Scientific Advisor, UNAIDS:** *Gender Dimensions of HIV and AIDS.*
3. **Paula Johns, REDEH, Brazil:** *Gender and Smoking in Brazil: Trapped Between Lure and Guilt.*
4. **Shoba John, Program Director, HealthBridge, India:** *Engaging men in Reproductive Health: Experiences from Bangladesh, India, and Vietnam.*
5. **Renaud DePlaen, Senior Program Specialist, ECOHEALTH, IDRC:** *Nutrition, Agriculture, and Health: Why is Gender Important?*