

NOMINEE BIOGRAPHY FOR POSITION ON GLEPHA BOARD

BOARD POSITION NOMINATED FOR: Ordinary member

NAME: Sergio Maulen



CANDIDATE STATEMENT (350 WORDS MAX)

Please compose your candidate statement, which **WILL** be included on the online election ballot and may be shared with the membership in any communicate about the board election. When writing your statement, please be sure to answer the following:

1. Are you or have you already been involved in the GLEPHA? If so, please describe.
2. What leadership, governance or board/committee experience/skills/expertise would you contribute to the board?
3. What do you think should be GLEPHA's top 3 priorities and why?
4. Other relevant information

My name is Sergio Maulen, I am an infectious disease physician from Argentina. I was director of the National AIDS Program, I created the HIV Program in the Ministry of Security and I was part of COPRECOS, the Latin American network of Security Forces for HIV prevention. At that time I joined LEAHN and then GLEPHA. I have worked for many years in civil society organizations, in different UN agencies, and I consider myself an activist for sexual and reproductive rights.

I can bring to the GLEPHA board my experience in HIV and key populations in Latin America, my knowledge of regional networks and relevant actors from the state, civil society and UN Agencies.

The priorities I propose are 1) Geographic: Increase GLEPHA's presence in Latin America. It is a region with a very low representation of members and knowledge production. Membership should be facilitated for those who are interested, promote the organization widely and articulate with the most relevant organizations; 2) Thematic: Violation of Human Rights in Latin America by the Security Forces. Violence and criminalization especially of sex workers, LGBT people and drug users brings serious consequences for their health and welfare. A history of dictatorships and political violence together with the macho culture and a strong religious influence generate the context to perpetuate this situation; and 3) Thematic: To deepen in the role of the Security Forces in pandemics. The COVID pandemic showed how valuable the collaboration of the Security Forces can be for a better public health response. However, even in pandemics, situations of violence and mistreatment of the most excluded social groups increased, seriously endangering their safety and health.