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VIP Speaker Bios

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Dr. Carlos García de León is a dental surgeon and has been practicing privately since 1985. He has been committed to the fight against AIDS since 1989 and was President of the Mexican nongovernmental organization AVE de México until 2005. Dr. García de León is a PLHIV rights activist, as well as an activist for sexual rights and diversity. He is an expert lecturer and gives workshops on many issues, including HIV, masculinities, prevention, political incidence and sexual diversity. Dr. García de León is a National Public Health Institute Professor in Mexico and for the English-speaking Caribbean. He has developed several national, state and regional projects, three of which were designated as "Best Practice" by Mexico's National AIDS Programme. In 2005 Dr. García de León was Co-chair of the North American AIDS Treatment Action Forum. He is currently a Mexican representative and regional advisor for LACCASO (Latin-American and Caribbean Council of AIDS Service Organizations) and a member of Stop TB Mexico. He also works as a consultant for the Health Initiative Policy Project and is Coordinator at *Impulso* -- a network providing technical assistance to Mexico's National Business Council on HIV/AIDS (CONAES).