



*Inverted Vagina*, one of Natalie Coleman's scarf designs

Gender and Women's Studies M.Phil student Natalie Coleman is traveling to Nairobi with the charity <https://elbi.com/> for the United Nations Population Summit, 12-14 November to speak on a panel hosted by Al Jazeera journalist Folly Bah Thibault, with other panel members Special Olympics advocate and disability activist Kester Eduards, CEO and founder of BE Girl Diana Sierra, founder and film director Priyanka C. Raina, model and campaigner Halima Aden, and editor of Glitz Magazine Claudia Lamour.

She is also giving a presentation with Diana Sierra, on her collaborative work and collection. Above is one of the scarves she designed, gifted by the UNFPA to Heads of State and VIPs at the summit. Below is a brief synopsis of some of the issues covered.

Let's Talk! at the Nairobi Summit:

- The creative industries are coming together in Nairobi to showcase how design, creativity and industry can break down stigma and taboo around women's sexual and reproductive health and empowerment.
- Through creativity and design, we can challenge the way the public thinks about sexual and reproductive health and rights.
- We are using the power of conversation to tackle pervasive issues of stigma and taboo surrounding women's health: join us and Let's Talk! Why? The current situation for women and girls worldwide:
  - The world is still a difficult, often dangerous, place for hundreds of millions of women and girls.
  - Every day is a tragedy for the 830 women who die in childbirth, for the 33,000 girls forced into child marriage and for the 11,000 girls whose genitals were cut.
  - Every statistic is a real-life trauma for the 1 in 3 women who face

violence or the 5 million pregnant women displaced by conflict or disaster who are in need of medical care, or the 214 million women who cannot prevent pregnancy because they cannot access the contraceptives they want.