AIDS 2012 Conference Organization, Structures and Process

Conference Overview
The International AIDS Conference is the premier gathering for those working in the field of HIV, as well as policy makers, persons living with HIV and other individuals committed to ending the pandemic. It is a chance to assess where we are, evaluate recent scientific developments and lessons learnt, and collectively chart a course forward.

The AIDS 2012 programme will present new scientific knowledge and offer many opportunities for structured dialogue on the major issues facing the global response to HIV. A variety of session types – from abstract-driven presentations to symposia, bridging and plenary sessions – will meet the needs of various participants. Other related activities, including the Global Village, Youth Programme, satellite meetings, exhibitions and affiliated events, will contribute to an exceptional opportunity for professional development and networking.

Conference Programme
The AIDS 2012 Conference Programme seeks to promote scientific excellence and inquiry, encourage individual and collective action, foster multisectoral dialogue and constructive debate, and reinforce accountability amongst all stakeholders. Sessions will focus on the latest issues in HIV science, policy and practice and will also seek to share key research findings, lessons learned, best practices, as well as identify gaps in knowledge. The conference will feature abstract-driven sessions, a daily plenary session, a variety of symposia sessions, professional development workshops, and independently organized satellite meetings. In addition, the conference programme will include a number of programme activities, such as the Global Village and the Youth Programme, which are an integral aspect of the International AIDS Conference.

Three programme committees (Scientific Programme Committee; Community Programme Committee; and Leadership and Accountability Programme Committee), track committees and working groups for Programme Activities and Workshops are set up, with members nominated and democratically chosen by the Conference Coordinating Committee (CCC), also known as the conference board.

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<td>- 20,000 delegates from nearly 200 countries</td>
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<td>- 800 scholarship recipients</td>
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<td>- over 2,000 journalists</td>
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<td>- nearly 300 Global Village activities</td>
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Each committee is set up to reflect the range of expertise across the discipline and to ensure the representation of people living with HIV. The Scientific Programme Committee and Track Committees are set up to reflect the broad range of expertise across research disciplines, including basic and clinical sciences, epidemiology and prevention, operational, implementation, social, behavioural, economic and political sciences and to ensure exceptional quality of science in the conference programme.

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Each committee independently develops their respective programmes, with the CCC having the final decision-making authority on the conference programme and related activities.

**Organizational Process**

As the premier international forum on HIV/AIDS, and with a mandate to engage people on a continuous basis rather than focus exclusively on the five days of the actual conference, planning for the International AIDS Conference is a complex and inclusive process which begins 24 months before the event takes place. Committees made up of a wide range of stakeholders are set up to govern the conference programme, vision, format and content. The International AIDS Society and international and local partners are pivotal to this governance system, as are additional external individuals who are nominated to join the committees for their expertise and to ensure adequate representation of people living with HIV and AIDS.

**Conference Coordinating Committee**

The Conference Coordinating Committee (CCC), has overall responsibility for conference policies, priorities and programming. The CCC is made up of representatives from each permanent partner and each local and civil society partner. The CCC also includes the local and international co-chairs of the scientific, community and leadership and accountability programme, who are nominated by the local (US) partners and the international CCC members respectively.
Conference Organization

Convened by International AIDS Society

International Partners
UNAIDS
International Community of Women Living with HIV/AIDS
International Council of AIDS Service Organizations
Global Network of People Living with HIV
Caribbean Vulnerable Communities Coalition
Sidaction

Local Partners (US based partners)
Local Scientific Partners National Institutes of Health; HIV Medicine Association of the Infectious Diseases Society of America
Local Leadership Partners District of Columbia Department of Health; Office of National AIDS Policy, The White House
Local Community Partners The Black AIDS Institute; U.S. Positive Women’s Network

CONFERENCE COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Co-Chairs
Elly Katabira, Uganda (AIDS 2012 Chair & IAS President)
Diane Havlir, USA (AIDS 2012 US Co-Chair)

Members
Quarraisha Abdool Karim, South Africa (SPC International Co-Chair)
Dr. Mohammad Akhter, USA, (Local Leadership partner, District of Columbia Department of Health (DOH))
Bertrand Audoin, Switzerland (IAS Executive Director)
Andrew Ball (WHO)
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Wafaa El-Sadr, USA (SPC US Co-Chair)
Eric Fleutelot, France (Sidaction)
Beri Hull, USA (ICW)
Naina Khanna, USA (Local Community Partner, U.S. Positive Women’s Network)
Gregorio A. Millett, USA (Local Leadership Partner, Office of National AIDS Policy - The White House)
Kevin Moody, The Netherlands (GNP+)
Suzette Moses-Burton, Saint Martin (LAPC Co-Chair)
David Ernesto Munar, USA (CPC US Co-Chair)
Peter Reiss, The Netherlands (SPC Co-Chair)
Anouk Rey, Switzerland (Conference Director)
Nicolas Ritter, Mauritius (CPC International Co-Chair)
Mariangela Simao, Brazil (LAPC International Co-Chair)
Kathleen Squires, USA (Local Scientific Partner, HIV Medicine Association of the Infectious Diseases Society of America)
Local Leadership Partner, District of Columbia Department of Health – Government of the District of Columbia
Jack Whitescarver, USA (Local Scientific Partner, NIH)
David Wilson (World Bank)
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Nicolas Ritter, Mauritius

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Marama Pala, New Zealand
Rodrigo Pascal, UNAIDS
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Leadership & Accountability Programme Committee:

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Suzette Moses-Burton, Saint Martin
Mariangela Simao, UNAIDS
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Mark Connolly, UNICEF
Jennifer Kates, USA
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Jesse Milan, USA
Othman Mellouk, Morocco
Igor Mocorro, Philippines
Lilian Mworeko, Uganda
Sunil Babu Pant, Nepal
Shanti Singh-Anthony, Guyana
Louise van Deth, the Netherlands

Scientific Programme Committee:

Committee Co-Chairs
Quarraisha Abdool Karim, South Africa
Wafaa El-Sadr, USA
Peter Reiss, the Netherlands

Track A: Basic Science Co-Chairs
Daniel Douek, USA
Amalio Telenti, Switzerland

Track B: Clinical Science Co-Chairs
Pedro Cahn, Argentina
Scott Hammer, USA

Track C: Epidemiology and Prevention Science Co-Chairs
Adaora Adimora, USA
Helen Rees, South Africa

Track D: Social Science, Human Rights and Political Science Co-Chairs
Judith Auerbach, USA
Olive Shisana, South Africa
Susan Timberlake, UNAIDS

Track E: Implementation Science, Health Systems and Economics Co-Chairs
HM (Jerry) Coovadia, South Africa
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