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9 July 2012 (Washington, D.C., – United States) - Organizers of the XIX International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2012) – to be held in Washington, D.C., United States from 22 to 27 July 2012 – today announced significant private sector support for the Conference, including six major industry sponsors, fourteen corporate sponsors, and fourteen private donors.

Expected to attract more than 20,000 delegates from around the world, AIDS 2012 will be a tremendous opportunity for scientists and researchers to evaluate recent scientific developments and lessons learnt, and collectively chart a course forward.

“We are extremely pleased with the level of commitment shown by so many,” said Dr. Elly Katabira, International Chair of AIDS 2012 and President of the International AIDS Society. "Changing the course of HIV/AIDS is possible, but only with the unified commitment and action of everyone, including the private sector, NGOs, and foundations."


“The AIDS 2012 theme, Turning the Tide Together, has been selected because it captures the current sense of hope and the renewed optimism that a change in direction is possible,” AIDS 2012 U.S. Co-Chair Dr. Diane Havlir. “The support AIDS 2012 has received from the private sector is an example of the level of commitment all stakeholders need to continue to demonstrate if we are going to change the course of HIV/AIDS.”

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About AIDS 2012

The International AIDS Conference is the largest gathering of professionals working in the field of HIV, including people living with HIV and other leaders in the HIV response. It plays a fundamental role in shaping the global response to HIV and in keeping HIV and AIDS on the international political agenda.
Conference Organization

AIDS 2012 is convened by the International AIDS Society and the conference’s international partners: the Global Network of People Living with HIV (GNP+); the International Council of AIDS Service Organizations (ICASO); the International Community of Women with HIV/AIDS (ICW) and the United Nations Joint Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS); the Caribbean Vulnerable Communities Coalition (CVC); Sidaction.

The U.S.-based Black AIDS Institute; the District of Columbia Department of Health (DOH); the HIV Medicine Association (HIVMA) of the Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA); the National Institutes of Health (NIH); the White House Office of National AIDS Policy (ONAP); and the U.S. Positive Women’s Network (USPWN) serve as local partners.

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Media centre opening hours: Media Centre operations begin on Saturday, 21 July at 13:00. The Media Centre will be staffed between 08:00 and 20:00 each day, and will remain accessible 24 hours per day until 24:00 on Friday, 27 July.

About the IAS
The International AIDS Society (IAS) is the world's leading independent association of HIV professionals, with over 16,000 members from more than 196 countries working at all levels of the global response to AIDS. Our members include researchers from all disciplines, clinicians, public health and community practitioners on the frontlines of the epidemic, as well as policy and programme planners. The IAS is the custodian of the biennial International AIDS Conference and lead organizer of the IAS Conference on HIV Pathogenesis, Treatment and Prevention, which will be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 30 June – 3 July 2013. www.iasociety.org | www.ias2013.org

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