



XIX INTERNATIONAL AIDS
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Registration for the XIX International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2012) Opens December 1

28 November, 2011 (Washington, DC – United States) – Registration, abstract and programme activity submissions for the XIX International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2012), to be held from 22 to 27 July 2012 in Washington, D.C., open December 1 online at www.aids2012.org.

More than 25,000 participants and 2,000 journalists from approximately 200 countries are expected to convene at the conference, which is predicted to be a landmark event in the history of HIV and AIDS both in the United States and globally.

“Turning the Tide Together”, the theme of the conference, emphasises that we have reached a pivotal moment in time and that seizing this potential and actually turning the tide on HIV and AIDS will require commitment and action on many levels. The conference will be an important and high profile opportunity to reflect on the tension between recent scientific advances which could theoretically end the epidemic, and the current global economic crisis which threatens the funding necessary to implement this scientific knowledge.

“In the last couple of years we have seen some incredibly important breakthroughs in science,” said. Elly Katabira, International Chair of AIDS 2012 and President of the International AIDS Society (IAS). “The results of the CAPRISA trial presented at AIDS 2010 and the data from IAS 2011 proving beyond a doubt that treatment is prevention have shown us that we now have the real potential to change the direction of HIV. Science has provided us with the tools, what we need now is a global political and economic commitment to action. A turbulent economic climate must not halt funding for research and implementation”.

The return of the International AIDS Conference to the United States after more than 20 years represents a victory for public health and human rights and it is the result of dedicated advocacy to end the nation’s misguided entry restrictions on people living with HIV.

“Hosting AIDS 2012 in the U.S will be an occasion to highlight the disparities in access to treatment and care which exist in the country.” said Diane Havlir, Local Co-Chair of AIDS 2012. “We hope for a broad and active participation from all of those affected by the HIV epidemic, particularly people living with HIV and AIDS, policy-makers and key affected populations”.

Together with delegate and media registration, 1 December is the opening day for online abstract submissions. Over half of all conference sessions will be abstract-driven and all of the submissions will go through an extensive peer-reviewed process in order to guarantee the highest caliber of state-of-the-art science. The online abstract submission closes on 15 February 2012 and reopens on 19 April 2012 for late breaker abstract submissions.

In addition to the conference sessions, AIDS 2012 will feature a set of workshops open to delegates. Workshops will fall under professional development, community skills and leadership skills. Online submissions for workshops open on 1 December 2011 and close on 15 February 2012.

AIDS 2012 will host a Global Village, open to conference delegates and the general public, aimed at intensifying the involvement of key affected populations and other stakeholders in the



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conference. The conference also presents a Youth Programme with the goal of strengthening the participation of young people and youth issues in the conference through activities such as youth-driven sessions. From today it is possible to submit applications for both the Global Village and the Youth Programme. Both the submissions close on 15 February 2012.

With over 7,000 square metres of prime exhibition space AIDS 2012 offers both commercial and non-commercial organizations the opportunity to showcase their products and services to a wide public. Exhibitor applications open on December 1 and close on 25 May 2012. Exhibition space is limited so early bookings are strongly encouraged.

Various satellite meetings will take place in the conference centre during AIDS 2012. These satellite meetings are fully organized and coordinated by the organization hosting the satellite. The satellite slots are available for a fee and the applications open on 1 December and close on 31 March 2012.

From 8 December online applications for scholarships will be open. The International and Media Scholarship Programme is open to everyone around the world and is aimed at making the conference accessible to people from resource-limited settings and communities. Priority is given to those whose participation will help enhance their work in their own communities. A limited number of scholarships will be also available for media representatives.

More information on registration process and registration fees is available here:
<http://www.aids2012.org/Default.aspx?pageld=368>

AIDS 2012 key opening dates:

1 December 2011

Abstract submissions open
Registration opens
Global Village and Youth Programme applications open
Workshops applications open
Satellite applications open
Exhibition space applications open
Accommodation bookings open

8 December 2011

Scholarship applications open

15 February 2012

Abstract submissions close
Scholarship applications close
Workshops applications close
Global Village and Youth Programme applications close

14 March 2012

Conference Hub applications open

19 April 2012

Late breaker abstract submissions open



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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 permanent partners are 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 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 Office of National AIDS Policy (ONAP) at the White House; and the U.S. Positive Women's Network (USPWN) are serving as local partners.

AIDS 2012: Join the conversation

Get the latest conference updates and share your thoughts and ideas through the Conference Facebook and Twitter. We are tweeting – [@aids2012](#) – and hope many of you will tweet along with us, using #AIDS2012 to keep the conversation going. Become a fan of AIDS 2012 on Facebook and stay in touch with the latest conference updates and developments. Please visit www.facebook.com/aids2012 to become a fan. If your group or organization is participating in AIDS 2012, we welcome posts of photos and videos of your work on this page. Tell us why you are coming to Washington and what you hope to gain from AIDS 2012.

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.ias2011.org

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