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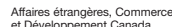


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WELCOME WORDS

Dear AIDS 2014 delegates,

On behalf of the International AIDS Society (IAS) and our Australian, regional and international partners, it is our pleasure to welcome you to Melbourne and to the 20th International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2014). With over 14,000 delegates, including some 1,000 media representatives, this conference truly is the premier gathering for all of us working in the field of HIV as it offers a critical forum for presenting new research, promoting dialogue and future collaborations and developing strategies to advance the global response to HIV.

There has been growing optimism in the HIV response over the past few years with substantial gains made in many areas such as antiretroviral treatment efficacy, treatment as prevention and global treatment coverage, as well as scientific advances towards a vaccine and functional cure. However, this progress has not been universal with many regions struggling to address the epidemic due to financial difficulties, implementation challenges and repressive policies. *Stepping up the Pace*, the theme of AIDS 2014, reflects the crucial opportunity that this conference will provide for mobilizing stakeholders, joining forces and building on the present momentum necessary. The speed at which we are responding needs to substantially increase now to reverse the course of the epidemic.

The robust conference programme is the result of the dedicated work of HIV experts from a variety of disciplines. The three programme streams - Science, Community, and Leadership and Accountability - will highlight the latest scientific advances and the most important policy and programmatic issues on the horizon. Compelling topics such as progress towards a cure, co-morbidities, co-infections with TB and hepatitis, universal access to prevention, treatment and care, and the post-2015 Millennium Development Goals scenario, will all be widely discussed at AIDS 2014.

In addition to participating in daily plenaries, symposia, abstract-driven sessions and satellite sessions, we hope delegates will take advantage of the many opportunities for networking and professional development that AIDS 2014 provides. We encourage you to visit the Global Village and Youth Pavilion where you will have the opportunity to interact with community and youth leaders and to join the many cultural activities taking place in Melbourne for AIDS 2014.

We wish to thank our local and regional partners: the Australasian Society for HIV Medicine (ASHM); the Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT); the National Association of people with HIV Australia (NAPWA); the Asia Pacific Network of Sex Workers (APNSW); the AIDS Society of Asia and the Pacific (ASAP) and the Indian National AIDS Research Institute (NARI). We would also like to thank the Australian Government, the Government of Victoria and the City of Melbourne for their strong support during the last two years.

Our gratitude also goes to our international partners for all their tireless work to make this conference a success, including: 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), the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS); the Positive Women's Network and Sidaction. In addition, our thanks go to the members of the AIDS 2014 Conference Coordinating Committee for their ongoing commitment.

It is a great honour for us to be the Co-Chairs of this exciting conference. Together with the AIDS 2014 organizing partners and the Conference Secretariat, we look forward to an energetic and eventful week, as well as experiencing the outcomes which we are sure will be felt long after the conference is over.

Sincerely,



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President, International AIDS Society
Director, Regulation of Retroviral Infections Unit,
Institut Pasteur, Paris, France
2008 Laureate of the Nobel prize in Medicine



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Co-Head, Centre for Biomedical Research,
Burnet Institute, Melbourne, Australia

CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

Conference Profile

Vision

AIDS 2014 will bring together leading scientists, public health experts, policy makers and the HIV-affected community to translate recent momentous scientific advances into action that will address means to end the epidemic within the current context of significant global economic challenges.

The conference has the following objectives:

- To engage, inspire, innovate and advocate – in partnership with affected communities, government, scientists, clinicians and all stakeholders – working towards the end of AIDS through prevention measures and comprehensive care and treatment for all.
- To broaden the understanding that the same barriers that have fuelled the epidemic over the past 30 years, still exist today and need to be broken down including stigma, discrimination and repressive policies, attitudes and practices. These impede the application of scientifically proven prevention and treatment options and violate the human rights of those affected.
- To raise awareness that progress in responding to the AIDS epidemic is being achieved at different speeds: in many countries – both developed and developing – the HIV response has made great advances while in many others, new infections continue to rise due to funding, structural, policy and political challenges.
- To put focus on global HIV epidemic hotspots and scale up efforts within Key Affected Populations (including men who have sex with men, sex workers, people living with HIV, transgender people and people who use drugs). It is clear that many people are still being 'left behind' in HIV prevention, diagnosis, treatment and care. Solutions require partnerships with people living with HIV and disproportionately affected populations.
- To acknowledge the pivotal role the HIV response has played in transforming global health over the past three decades and to build upon this momentum by: increasing funding for innovative HIV scientific research and programmes; involving a new generation of young scientists, community leaders, politicians and advocates; involving the cross fertilization of experience and expertise from other disciplines.
- To assist in fostering the current debate around a post-2015 Millennium Development Goals scenario for HIV and AIDS, including the cross cutting issues of criminalization, gender based violence, sexual health rights, and stigma and discrimination. Ensuring that HIV and AIDS remains a key focus of international development.

Theme

The HIV and AIDS field has seen renewed optimism over the past few years with substantial gains made in cure and vaccine research, growing numbers of people receiving antiretroviral treatment, falling rates of infection and more evidence on Treatment as Prevention. However, this progress has not been universal with many regions struggling to address their HIV epidemic among a backdrop of ever increasing infections and difficulties in funding, implementation and political challenges.

Stepping up the Pace recognizes that we are at a critical time and we need to capture the optimism that has recently emerged and build on it to ensure that HIV remains on top of the global agenda. The pace needs to further increase to ultimately reverse the trajectory of the epidemic.

Stepping up the Pace reminds us that we have to energize and revitalize our efforts to increase investments, collaborative research and political commitment. This can be done through controlled and coordinated action, including significant programme scale-up in resource-limited settings, commitment to evidence-based interventions, and more effective and intensive interventions in "hotspots" where Key Affected Populations (KAPs) are being left behind. Crucially there is the need to involve KAPs and address the stigma and discrimination which they face, including punitive government policies.

Stepping up the Pace reflects the crucial opportunity that AIDS 2014 will provide for mobilizing stakeholders, joining forces and building on the present momentum necessary to change the course of the epidemic.

Logo

The footprint is an image used by the Aboriginal Australians. The footprints are symbolic of the steps forward being made in advancing the scientific, medical and social understanding of HIV and AIDS. In addition, every footprint illustrates the individual journeys many people have to make once living with HIV.

For the first time the International AIDS Conference logo was selected through a competition specifically addressed to young people. The initiative reflected the conferences' basic principle of inclusiveness and it was also meant to raise HIV awareness among youth population. Yohana Haule, designer of the AIDS 2014 logo, is a 22-year old artist from Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania.

Conference Information

Conference Publications

This **General Information Guide** is available online only. It contains overall information on AIDS 2014, including details on the structure and organization of the conference, and practical information on the conference venue and Melbourne.

The **Pocket Programme** is provided to all delegates at registration. It contains information on: sessions, poster discussions, satellite sessions, the exhibition, the Global Village and youth programme activities taking place during the conference.

The **Abstract Book** and **Abstract USB** memory stick contain all accepted abstracts presented in the abstract-driven oral sessions, oral poster discussions and the poster exhibition, as well as electronic posters. They can be purchased online through your conference profile (until 6 June 2014) and on-site from registration, while stocks last. For collection, please take the voucher you will receive on-site when registering and exchange it at the material pick-up counter in registration.

Daily Conference Bulletin

A total of six daily issues of the conference news bulletin will be posted to the conference website (www.aids2014.org) and will be available during the conference at various locations throughout the venue. The Sunday edition will also be distributed in registration on Saturday, 19 July.

The Daily Conference Bulletin highlights major programme developments, news and events taking place at the conference.

Conference Websites

AIDS 2014

For more information on the conference please visit www.aids2014.org. Official daily press releases, the daily on-site bulletin and high-resolution photos will also be posted to the website each morning.

Programme-at-a-Glance

Reflecting a commitment to make AIDS 2014 as accessible as possible, conference organizers are partnering with several organizations to make a significant portion of the programme available online. Links to abstracts, slide sets with audio, rapporteur reports and e-posters will be accessible through the online Programme-at-a-Glance (PAG). The PAG allows you to build and print personalized itineraries. It also features topic-focused roadmaps to help you navigate each day of the conference. The PAG is accessible through www.aids2014.org and also via the AIDS 2014 Mobile App.

Join the Conversation on Social Media

www.facebook.com/InternationalAIDSConference

[#AIDS2014](https://www.twitter.com/AIDS_conference)

www.linkedin.com/groups?home=&gid=7421914&trk=my_groups-tile-grp

Abstracts and Presentations Online

The full text of all accepted abstracts, as well as speakers' PowerPoint slides*, speeches*, e-posters*, audio files and session summaries written by the conference rapporteurs, will be available to the public free of charge through the online PAG. Visit www.aids2014.org to view the full online coverage.

* pending submission and permission from the author and/or presenter

Online Scientific Analysis Provided by Clinical Care Options

Clinical Care Options (CCO) is the official online provider of scientific analysis for delegates and journalists, delivered through comprehensive online continuing medical education (CME) activities.

Visit www.clinicaloptions.com for:

- Individual capsule summaries of the most clinically relevant studies, selected by CCO's expert faculty.
- Audio podcasts in which leading clinicians and researchers review key highlights.
- CCO's own downloadable PowerPoint slides summarizing the key data.
- CME-certified expert analysis in which a panel of international leaders explores the clinical application of the conference data.

Online Scientific Reporting Provided by NAM

NAM is the official provider of scientific reporting for AIDS 2014.

Visit www.aidsmap.com for:

- News stories of major scientific presentations.
- A daily English-language electronic news bulletin summarizing key scientific news stories from the previous day (to be published each afternoon and translated into French, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish and Russian).

Mobile App

The AIDS 2014 Mobile App, sponsored by Chevron, will be available free of charge on the Apple Store and the Android Market.



AIDS 2014 TV

In partnership with the broadcasting company WebsEdge, the conference will provide an on-site AIDS 2014 TV channel featuring programme highlights and interviews. AIDS 2014 TV will be available on the conference website, on YouTube and on social media.

Conference Hubs – Access the Conference Online

In order to enable communities that cannot attend AIDS 2014 in Melbourne, Australia to take advantage of the education and science presented at the conference, all sessions presented at the conference (except workshops) will be recorded and uploaded on the conference YouTube page and the Programme-at-a-Glance and can be downloaded and screened free of charge. Individuals and organizations working in HIV around the world can select relevant sessions to stream at no cost, watching them individually or hosting workshops or forums, for their colleagues and communities. Additional events, such as workshops or forums, can be organized alongside the conference material so that the event can be fully adapted to fit the needs of the audience. Organizers are encouraged to select either a topic or a population on which to focus and browse the conference programme to select appropriate sessions to screen. AIDS 2014 organizers suggest that sessions screening be followed by moderated discussions with local or regional experts to examine how the session content can be used to strengthen the local or regional HIV response. The AIDS 2014 conference hubs programme has been streamlined in response to user recommendations from AIDS 2012 and incorporated into the conference online. To read more about the conference online visit www.aids2014.org/Default.aspx?pagelid=630.

Continuing Medical Education (CME) Credits

The conference will provide continuing medical education credits for Australia-based physicians and nurses and information regarding these accreditations will be available on www.aids2014.org as soon as they have been confirmed.

Engagement Tours

Engagement tours provide delegates with unique learning experiences through interactive site visits to organizations that work on HIV/AIDS issues in Melbourne, Australia. The goal is to exchange knowledge, best practice, successes, challenges and innovative solutions through dialogue and hands-on activities.

Engagement Tours will depart from outside the South Wharf entrance of the Convention Centre.

More details on the organizations to be visited and the schedule will be available at www.aids2014.org. If you have any questions, please contact engagementtours@aid2014.org.

Evaluation

As with previous conferences, AIDS 2014 will be evaluated in line with the internationally recognized Code of Ethics. Key findings and recommendations will be documented in an Evaluation Report, which will be posted on the conference website in December 2014.

As a delegate, you can be involved in the conference evaluation by:

- Completing questionnaires that you may receive during and after the conference.
- Taking part in a short interview if you are approached during the conference by one of the evaluation team members.
- Participating in focus group interviews if you are invited to do so.

Your feedback will be carefully taken into consideration in the planning of AIDS 2016. Questions can be sent to evaluation@aid2014.org.

Faith-Based Participation

Representatives of faith-based organizations and people of faith engaged in the response to HIV and AIDS are organizing and involved in a number of activities in conjunction with AIDS 2014. Details are available at www.iacfaith.org.

Interfaith Pre-Conference

Stepping Up in Faith: The Interfaith Pre-conference on HIV Friday, 18 – Saturday, 19 July 2014
Catholic Leadership Centre, Melbourne, Australia

The Interfaith Pre-Conference will bring together individuals and organizations from a diverse range of faith traditions around the world. Participants will share good practices, listen to the experiences of people living with HIV and Key Affected Populations, and discuss opportunities and challenges that lie ahead for the faith community in the response to HIV. The Interfaith Pre-Conference is open to everyone with an interest in exploring the response to HIV in the context of faith.

Interfaith Prayer and Meditation Room

An oasis for quiet prayer and meditation can be found on the ground floor of the Melbourne Convention Centre, near the South Wharf entrance. It is available for individual prayer and meditation, as well as for organized prayers. A full daily schedule will be posted at the entrance to the room and available at the conference information desk. Other traditions are welcome to use the room for organized prayer. Check at the Prayer Room for possible times. A multi-religious chaplaincy team is available throughout the conference to provide spiritual accompaniment. If you would like to talk with someone from your faith, it can be arranged at the Prayer Room.

The Prayer Room is open at the following times:

Sunday, 20 July	13:30 – 18:00
Monday, 21 – Thursday, 24 July	07:30 – 19:00
Friday, 25 July	08:00 – 15:00

Another Prayer Room, located in the Global Village, is open at the following times:

Sunday, 20 July	14:00 – 20:30
Monday, 21 – Thursday, 24 July	08:30 – 20:30
Friday, 25 July	08:30 – 12:00

International and Media Scholarship Programme

The International and Media Scholarship Programme is an integral part of the conference and provides full and partial scholarships to highly evaluated applicants. The aim of the programme is to bring to the conference those individuals who are most able to transfer the skills and knowledge acquired to the work they undertake in their own organizations and communities, but would not otherwise be able to attend.

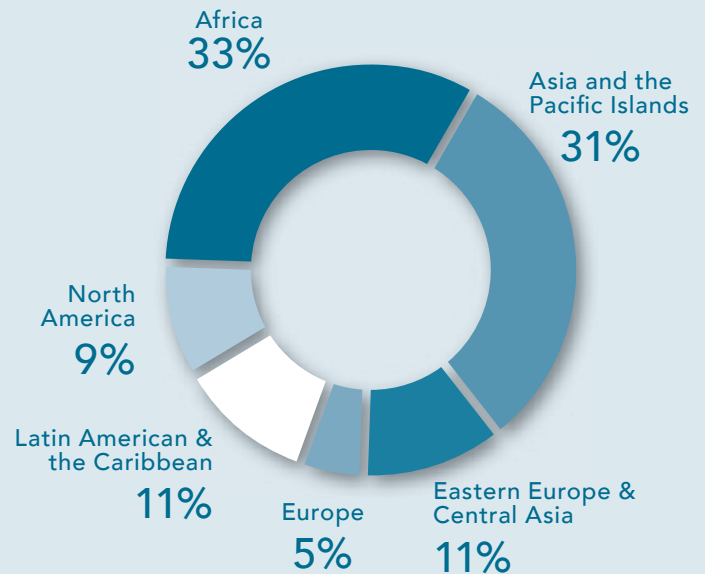
Funding for the AIDS 2014 Scholarship Programme has been kindly provided by: the [Australia Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade \(DFAT\)](#); [BHP Billiton Sustainable Communities](#); the [Ford Foundation](#); the [Government of Canada - the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development](#); the [MAC AIDS Fund](#); the [Melbourne Convention Bureau](#); [OFID](#), the [OPEC Fund for International Development](#); [Oil Search](#); The [CASS Foundation](#); the [United Nations Children's Fund \(UNICEF\)](#); and the [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#). The conference organizers would like to thank these organizations for their generous contribution to the programme.

More than 7,000 applications were received from 181 countries, from all areas of the HIV field. As part of the scholarship application candidates were requested to answer questions regarding their work, motivation to attend the conference and benefits that they would bring back to their organizations and communities after attending the conference.

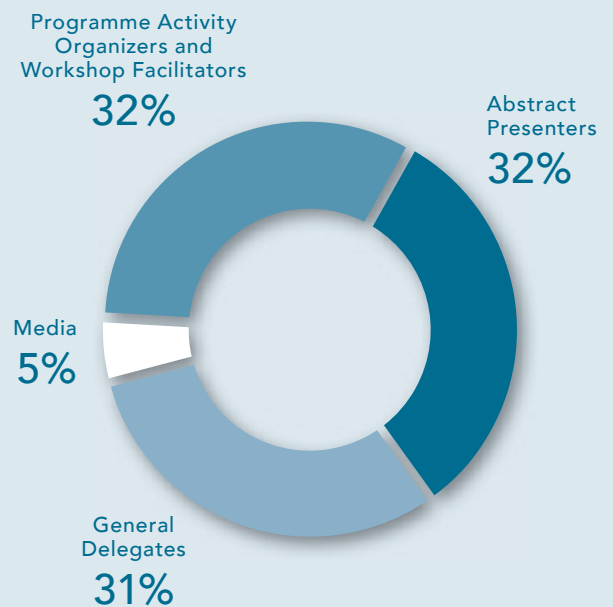
More than 500 successful applicants were chosen from the pool of applicants based on recommendations and criteria established by the Conference Coordinating Committee (CCC), the Scientific Programme Committee, the Workshops Working Group, and the Global Village and Youth Programme Working Group. A Scholarship Review Committee was charged by the CCC to oversee the selection process and the overall distribution. We would like to thank the members of these committees and working groups who helped shape the scholarship programme.

The majority of scholarships will be offered to delegates who are directly contributing to the conference programme through the presentation of an abstract, programme activity or workshop. A small number of media representatives will also be funded to attend both the conference and a pre-conference media training. In addition to these groups, priority will also be given to women, people living with HIV, people disproportionately burdened by HIV, young people, students and community representatives.

Scholarship Budget Allocation by Geographical Region*



Scholarship Budget Allocation by Scholarship Type*



* Statistics are approximate and based on expectations at the time of publication.

Opening Session

The official conference opening session is scheduled for Sunday, 20 July, 19:00 – 20:30. The opening session is an opportunity for all delegates to hear from conference organizers and high-profile speakers. All conference delegates and accompanying persons are welcome to attend upon presentation of their name badges. Doors open at 18:00. Delegates are encouraged to arrive early for a guaranteed seat.

Outreach

Outreach efforts are made by all conference partners and the Conference Secretariat, with the aim of informing key stakeholders about the conference's main focus, key dates, location and the main benefits of attending. Outreach is also very important to ensure that a full range of communities and sectors affected by HIV/AIDS are represented and engaged in the conference planning and delivery process, which reflects the conference's values of inclusion, respect and global partnership building.

Since the very first International AIDS Conference in 1985, international civil society and other community partners have played an active role in outreach, using their positioning, knowledge, networks and resources to promote the conference and support the participation of their constituents. Outreach activities implemented by partners include: the design and worldwide dissemination of a wide range of online and/or printed materials in several languages; oral presentations (including video); design and dissemination of online guidelines/tutorials/videos and roadmaps; the provision of direct support to potential delegates through workshops; online mentoring and IT assistance; fundraising to allow more people to attend the conference; and the organization of meetings and interactive activities at the conference.

For more information regarding the partners' outreach activities for AIDS 2014, or to get in touch with the representatives on the Conference Coordinating Committee, please click on the appropriate link below:

International Partners

- International AIDS Society (IAS): www.iasociety.org
- The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) and its co-sponsors: www.unaids.org
- International Council of AIDS Service Organizations (ICASO): www.icaso.org
- Global Network of People Living with HIV (GNP+): www.gnpplus.net
- International Community of Women Living with HIV/AIDS (ICW): www.icwglobal.org
- Sidaction: www.sidaction.org
- Positive Women's Network – South Africa: www.pwn.org.za

Asia and the Pacific Partners

- AIDS Society of Asia and the Pacific (ASAP): www.aidsocietyap.org
- National AIDS Research Institute, India (NARI): www.nari-icmr.res.in
- Asia Pacific Network of Sex Workers (APNSW): www.sexwork.asia

Australian Partners

- Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT): www.dfat.gov.au
- Australasian Society for HIV Medicine (ASHM): www.ashm.org.au
- National Association of People With HIV Australia (NAPWA): www.napwha.org.au

Programme Activities

Programme activities are hosted by individuals, groups and organisations in the Global Village, within the conference venue. Accessible to both registered conference participants and free of charge to the general public, they offer a unique platform for diverse activities that bridge all areas of science, leadership and accountability, and community. Programme activities include the Global Village and Youth Programme.

Global Village and Youth Programme

The Global Village covers close to 6,000 square metres and is located near the Clarendon Street entrance of the conference venue.

Global Village activities include: panel discussions and debates on cutting-edge HIV issues; film screenings; art exhibits; networking zones focusing on key populations and issues; non-governmental organization (NGO) and marketplace booths showcasing the work and products of organizations working within the HIV field; and a range of live performances from local and international artists which will be held on the main stage.

The Global Village is open at the following times:

Sunday, 20 July	14:00 – 20:30
Monday, 21 – Thursday, 24 July	08:30 – 20:30
Friday, 25 July	08:30 – 12:00

The Global Village is supported by ViiV Healthcare's Positive Action Programme.



Young People at AIDS 2014

Youth activities are a core part of the conference programme and young people are involved at all levels in the conference planning and coordination. The Youth Pavilion, located inside the Global Village, is the hub for most youth-related activities including a range of youth-focused and youth-led sessions, workshops, performances, and networking and advocacy opportunities. It incorporates the Youth Positive Lounge which provides a safe space for HIV positive young people attending the conference.

The Global Village and Youth Programme have an important partnership with the Melbourne Youth Force, a global coalition of young people and organizations working together to help shape the Global Village and Youth Programme and support young peoples' participation at AIDS 2014. Organizations involved in the 2014 Melbourne Youth Force include Youth Empowerment Against HIV/AIDS, The Global Youth Coalition on HIV/AIDS,

Advocates for Youth, The Burnet Institute, The Youth Coalition for Sexual and Reproductive Rights, Y-Peer Education Network, Youth RISE, Let's Stop AIDS, Global Network of People Living with HIV, Student Stop AIDS Campaign, Youth LEAD, Esploea, The Jamaican Youth Advocacy Network, Restless Development, Youth Advocacy Network Pakistan, The Dove Foundation, Youth Voices Count, LoveLife, The HIV Young Leaders Fund, The International Federation of Medical Students Associations and the Global Network of Sex Work Projects.

Oil Search are proud sponsors of the AIDS 2014 Youth Pavilion.



AIDS 2014 Youth Force Information on Stepwise

The latest information on youth-related activities at AIDS 2014 and the Melbourne Youth Force is available on the Stepwise Community Guide to AIDS 2014 at www.aids2014community.org/youth. The website provides information on the overall Youth Programme at AIDS 2014 as well as information regarding the Youth Pre-Conference hosted by Melbourne Youth Force and other opportunities for youth involvement.

Youth Roadmaps

Youth delegates and those interested in youth issues may identify youth-related activities and sessions through the 'youth' roadmap. The roadmap may be accessed through the online Programme-at-a-Glance and the AIDS 2014 Mobile App.

Global Village and Youth Programme Rapporteurs

Throughout the conference the Global Village and Youth Programme activities will be covered by a dedicated group of rapporteurs. The rapporteurs will prepare daily summaries of Global Village and youth-related activities to be posted on the conference website and will present a report for delegates at the Rapporteur Session on Friday, 25 July.

Additional information about the Global Village and Youth Programme can be found at www.aids2014.org/Default.aspx?pageId=621.

Stay up to date with everything happening in the Global Village by following @AIDS_conference on Twitter and by using the #globalvillageAIDS2014 hashtag.

For all the latest news related to the Youth Programme at AIDS 2014 visit www.facebook.com/youthaids2014 or follow @youthAIDS2014 on Twitter and remember to tweet using #youthAIDS2014.

Social Responsibility

In an effort to ensure that AIDS 2014 is socially responsible, the Conference Secretariat has taken measures to:

REDUCE the environmental impact of the conference while supporting the local economy by:

- Using local suppliers who have good social responsibility policies, whenever possible.

- Supporting environmental and social projects and giving conference attendees the opportunity to do so through the registration process.
- Making the programme available online and through mobile application (free download).
- Using eco-friendly textiles for the production of conference materials, such as recycled PET lanyards and delegate bags made of non-woven fabric.

RE-USE conference surplus by:

Providing a donation programme to help eliminate the waste of conference supplies and materials. Donation boxes will be available at various locations throughout the venue. Those wishing to donate items that will no longer be needed after the conference (bags, office supplies, exhibition material, clothes, etc.) can leave the items at any of the donation boxes. All materials will be given to local shelters and schools.

RECYCLE conference waste by:

Giving attendees the opportunity to recycle their waste through sorting bins placed throughout the venue.

RAISE AWARENESS on:

- Our green efforts by:
 - Communicating these efforts to our staff, suppliers, delegates and exhibitors.
- HIV/AIDS issues for non-delegates by:
 - Expanding our online coverage of conference issues.
 - Giving the volunteers access to the sessions and to the content of the conference.

For more information about Social Responsibility please visit www.aids2014.org/Default.aspx?pageId=717.

The venue's approach:

The Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre was the first centre in the world to be awarded a 6-Star Green Star environment rating by the Green Building Council of Australia for the Convention Centre's innovative environmental design and operational features. To learn about the venue's green initiatives and sustainable design please visit www.mcec.com.au/working-with-mcec/about-mcec.

Volunteer Programme

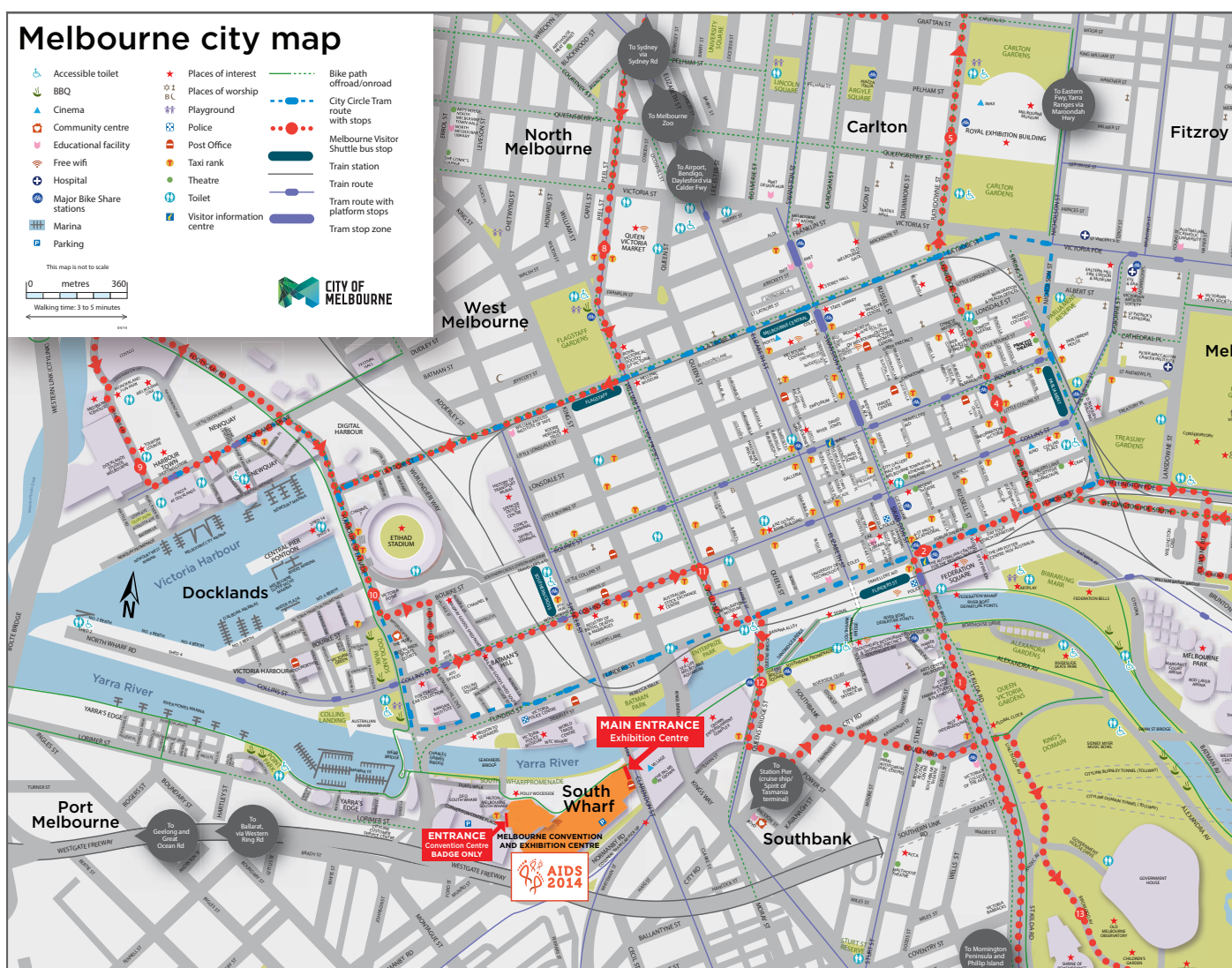
More than 1,000 dedicated volunteers have committed to help at AIDS 2014, contributing to the success of the conference. Identifiable by their brightly coloured T-shirts, they are organized into teams to ensure the smooth flow of the conference. The volunteers are here to provide assistance to all delegates and you can see them throughout the conference venue, as well as in the Global Village. Do not hesitate to approach them. The conference organizers would like to take this opportunity to thank all volunteers for their dedication and wish them all an enjoyable conference.

CONFERENCE PRACTICALITIES

Conference Venue Access

AIDS 2014 takes place at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, a purpose-built convention and exhibition facility strategically located near the centre of Melbourne.

Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre:
 2 Clarendon Street
 South Wharf
 Melbourne



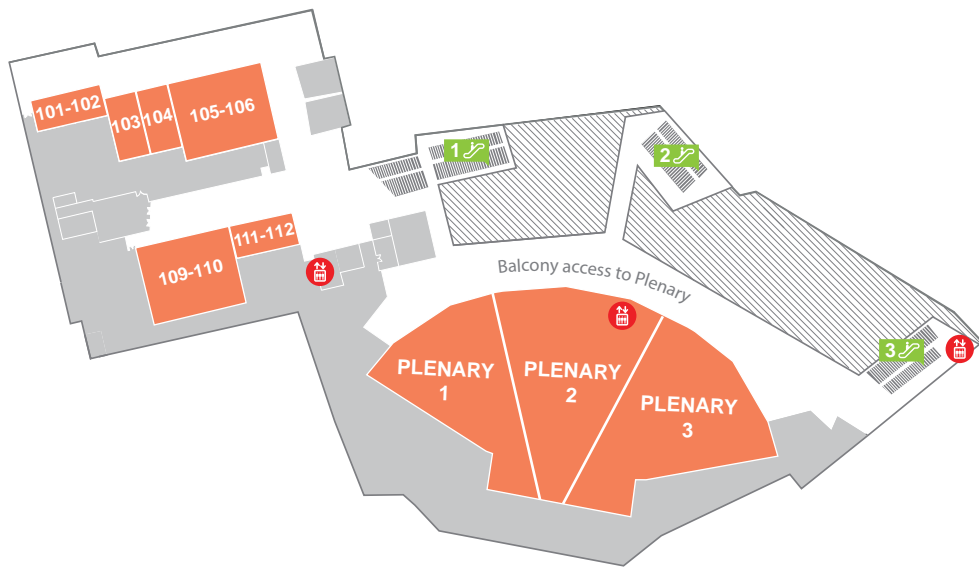
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For the locations of the AIDS 2014 Hotels please go to <http://www.aids2014.org/Default.aspx?pageId=593>

Level 2



Level 1



Ground Floor



Accessibility

Language Interpretation

Australian Sign Language Interpretation will be provided for the opening and closing sessions and the daily plenaries. Live Captioning (CART Typology) will also be provided for the above.

Delegates who need Auslan interpretation to attend a particular session, workshop, discussion or visit an exhibition booth can request extra sign language interpretation by contacting accessibility@aims2014.org.

Visually Impaired Services

A braille translation of the Pocket Programme will be available for delegates who request it through the online registration system.

Accessibility Desk

An accessibility information desk will be set up for people with disabilities to get assistance. The desk will be located near registration and will be available during registration hours.

Mobility Services

Manual wheelchairs and mobility scooters will be available on-site for rent.

Personal Assistant Registration

Conference delegates with specific accessibility needs who are interested in bringing their own assistant (sign language interpreter, CART Typist, etc.) are requested to contact us at accessibility@aims2014.org.

Venue Accessibility

For information please visit www.aims2014.org/accessibility.aspx.

Airport Desk

The airport welcome desk will be located inside the international arrivals hall of Melbourne Airport (Tullamarine). It will be staffed from Friday, 18 July, 10:00 – 24:00 and Saturday, 19 – Sunday, 20 July, 08:00 – 24:00.

Banking Facilities

Three ATMs are located on the concourse of the Melbourne Exhibition Centre, between doors 3 – 4.

Certificate of Attendance

Participants who are entitled to receive a Certificate of Attendance will receive an email from the Registration Department after the conference. It will contain a link to download the Certificate of Attendance.

Cloakroom

The cloakroom is located on the ground floor of the Melbourne Convention Centre, near the South Wharf entrance.

The cloakroom is open at the following times:

Saturday, 19 July	13:00 – 20:00
Sunday, 20 July	08:30 – 21:30
Monday, 21 – Thursday, 24 July	06:30 – 21:00
Friday, 25 July	08:00 – 17:30

Childcare

AIDS 2014 offers on-site, subsidized childcare services for children between the ages of two and twelve years. Childcare services will be provided by Green Shoes, a mobile event crèche service, and a division of The Hessel Group who have been providing childcare solutions in the home, childcare centres and through education and training for more than 20 years. Pre-booking is necessary to have access to this service. An on-site service will be available on a first-come first-served basis if there is availability and for a small booking fee per shift. The childcare room is located within the conference venue. AIDS 2014 does not offer an in-house childcare facility for children over twelve years old. For more details please email childcare@aims2014.org.

Delegate Bag

The delegate bag, kindly sponsored by Roche, is available for delegates at registration.



We Innovate Healthcare

First Aid and Harm Reduction Services

First Aid

Two first aid stations operated by St. John Ambulance are available. One is located within the Melbourne Convention Centre, near South Wharf entrance; the second is in the Exhibition Centre, near Clarendon Street entrance.

The first aid stations are open at the following times:

Convention Centre First Aid	
Wednesday, 16 – Saturday, 19 July	09:00 – 20:00
Sunday, 20 July	08:00 – 23:00
Monday, 21 – Thursday, 24 July	08:00 – 21:00
Friday, 25 July	08:00 – 19:00

Exhibition Centre First Aid	
Sunday, 20 July	17:00 – 21:30
Monday, 21 – Friday, 25 July	08:30 – 20:30

Harm Reduction Services

Information on provision of harm reduction services (opioid substitution therapy and needle/syringe programmes) during the conference will be available on the conference website. Please send any queries to harmreduction@aims2014.org.

Hotels and Tours Desk

For hotel and tour bookings and changes, please go to the Hotels and Tours desk, located in registration.

The Hotels and Tours desk is open at the following times:

Saturday, 19 July	13:00 – 20:00
Sunday, 20 July	08:30 – 19:30
Monday, 21 – Thursday, 24 July	06:30 – 18:30
Friday, 25 July	08:00 – 15:30

Information Desk

An information desk for general inquiries related to the conference will be available.

The information desk is open at the following times:

Saturday, 19 July	13:00 – 20:00
Sunday, 20 July	08:30 – 19:30
Monday, 21 – Thursday, 24 July	06:30 – 18:30
Friday, 25 July	08:00 – 15:30

Internet Café

The Internet Café, kindly sponsored by Mylan, is a free service provided to all delegates. It is located in the exhibition and consists of:



- Computers and printers that delegates may use for limited periods of time.
- Power sources and Internet hookups (cabled and wireless) for delegates who wish to use their own devices.

The Internet Café is open at the following times:

Sunday, 20 July	12:00 – 18:30
Monday, 21 – Thursday, 24 July	10:00 – 18:30

Liability

The liability of the conference organizers, for whatever legal reason, shall be limited to intent and gross negligence. The liability of commissioned service providers shall remain unaffected by this. Delegates shall take part in AIDS 2014 at their own risk. Oral agreements shall not be binding if they have not been confirmed in writing by the International AIDS Society.

Lost and Found

The information desk will collect all lost and found objects.

Meals and Snacks

Catering concessions offering light, nutritious snacks and beverages are available throughout the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre. Items on offer include sandwiches, salads, fruits, hot dishes and beverages.

Media Centre: On-site and Online

An international Media Centre for accredited journalists will be located on the ground floor of the Melbourne Exhibition Centre (door 7). The Media Centre is equipped with workspaces, telephones, computers with high-speed Internet access, laptop hook-ups, printers, faxes and photocopiers. Broadcast media facilities are also available. Access to the Media Centre is strictly limited to accredited journalists.

The online Media Centre is hosted on the AIDS 2014 website for all journalists, including those not attending the conference and for other interested parties. The online Media Centre provides access to webcasts of key conference sessions and other online coverage provided by CCO and NAM, as well as presentation slides, speeches, press releases and high-resolution photos downloadable for free. Access to other information, such as conference abstracts and rapporteur summaries of sessions, is available through the AIDS 2014 homepage.

For more information visit www.aids2014.org/media_centre.aspx or send an email to media@aid2014.org.

The Media Centre is open at the following times:
Saturday, 19 July, 13:00 – Friday, 25 July, 24:00

It will be staffed each day 08:00 – 20:00, but it is accessible 24 hours during the above dates/times.

Parenting Rooms

The conference venue has three parenting rooms, which can be found: on the ground floor of the Melbourne Convention Centre; and in the main foyer of the Melbourne Exhibition Centre, as well as on level 1.

Parenting Room amenities include a fold down infant change table with access to front and sides, sink with hot and cold water, hand towels, microwave oven, armchairs and television.

Positive Lounge

The Positive Lounge is designed as a place of rest, support and networking for HIV-positive conference delegates. The Positive Lounge provides opportunities to meet and talk with other people from across the globe in a relaxed and welcoming environment. Limited complimentary snacks, massages, spaces for informal meetings and private facilities for taking medication are provided. The Positive Lounge is intended for HIV-positive delegates only. It is located on level 2, rooms 219 – 220, of the Melbourne Convention Centre.

The Positive Lounge is open at the following times:

Sunday, 20 July	12:00 – 17:30
Monday, 21 – Thursday, 24 July	08:00 – 18:00
Friday, 25 July	08:00 – 13:00

The Positive Lounge is made possible through a generous donation by BHP Billiton Sustainable Communities.



Procedures for Speakers, Abstract Presenters, Session Chairs, Facilitators and Poster Exhibitors

The Speaker Centre is intended to support speakers, abstract session presenters, session chairs and facilitators, who must check in at the Speaker Centre at least four hours before the start of their sessions. As it is not possible to run PowerPoint presentations directly from a laptop in the session rooms, all PowerPoint presentations must be uploaded at the Speaker Centre prior to the session. Session chairs are required to collect their final session schedules, important security information and instructions at the Speaker Centre. The Speaker Centre is located on level 2, rooms 212 – 213 of the Melbourne Convention Centre.

The Speaker Centre is open at the following times:

Saturday, 19 July	14:00 – 18:30
Sunday, 20 – Thursday, 24 July	08:00 – 18:30
Friday, 25 July	08:00 – 16:00

Presenters in Oral Abstract Sessions

The oral abstract sessions run for 90 minutes and consist of 5 oral presentations (10 minutes each). A five-minute period is reserved for questions and answers immediately after each presentation and there is a 15 minute moderated discussion at the end of the session.

Presenters in Poster Discussion Sessions

Oral poster discussion sessions run for 60 minutes and consist of 4 – 6 oral presentations (five minutes each). The presentations are followed by a moderated discussion at the end of the session. Presenters are asked to prepare paper posters, which are displayed for the duration of the conference outside the session rooms.

Presenters are asked to mount their posters on Monday, 21 July, 08:00 – 09:00 and remove them on Thursday, 24 July, 18:00 – 19:00. The poster exhibition staff will remove posters that are not taken down. The conference organizers assume no responsibility for any material left behind.

Poster Exhibitors

Posters are displayed for viewing within the Exhibition from Monday, 21 – Thursday, 24 July. Each poster is displayed for one day. Authors are responsible for hanging their own posters. Posters must be mounted 08:00 – 09:00 on the day of presentation and removed 18:00 – 19:00 on the same day. Authors are asked to stand by their posters 12:30 – 14:30 on their day of presentation to answer questions and provide further information on their study results.

Poster exhibitors are not required to check in at the Speaker Centre. The poster exhibition staff will remove posters that are not taken down. Conference organizers assume no responsibility for any material left behind.

The Poster Exhibition is open at the following times:

Monday, 21 – Thursday, 24 July	10:00 – 18:30
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Registration

The registration fee for regular delegates, student/post-doc/youth delegates and media representatives includes entry to all conference sessions, the exhibition and posters, and the opening and closing sessions. Media representatives also have access to the Media Centre.

The registration fee for accompanying adults includes entry to the conference venue, the opening and closing sessions, as well as a sightseeing tour. Entry to the exhibition and posters and all other conference sessions is not included.

Accompanying children (under the age of 18 years) are required to provide a completed Parent/Guardian Consent Form in order to attend the conference (please download the form www.aids2014.org/WebContent/File/AIDS2014_%20Parent_Guardian_Consent_Form.pdf). Accompanying children must be with the regular delegate or an accompanying person of that delegate at all times when they are in the conference venue or when they are attending conference-affiliated activities outside of the conference venue. Accompanying children may also register for the sightseeing tour, provided their parent/guardian has agreed to take full responsibility for them while they are on the tour. Accompanying children have access to all conference sessions, the exhibition and posters, and the opening and closing sessions (ONLY if they accompany the regular delegate to whom their registration is attached).

Registration is open at the following times:

Saturday, 19 July	13:00 – 20:00
Sunday, 20 July	08:30 – 19:30 *
Monday, 21 July – Thursday, 24 July	06:30 – 18:30
Friday, 25 July	08:00 – 15:30

* Note for media representatives – please make sure to register by 18:00 on Sunday, 20 July in order to guarantee your attendance at the opening session, starting at 19:00. Dedicated areas will be set aside for journalists, photographers and videographers in the session room. However, once the room is full the doors may close and access will no longer be possible. Early registration and arrival is highly recommended.

Name Badge

All participants receive an official conference name badge. This badge must be worn at all times during the conference and is not transferable. If, for whatever reason, a participant's badge is instead used by another person, the participant is fully liable for any consequences of this person's actions.

If a participant loses, misplaces or forgets the badge, a handling fee of USD 65 will be charged for a new badge. When a new badge is issued, the lost badge will be deactivated and become invalid.

Entering the Conference Site and Security

Access to the conference facilities will not be granted without an official conference badge. For security reasons, your badge will be scanned at the entrance to the conference venue.

The badge can also be used as an electronic business card at some exhibition booths and at the entrance to some satellite sessions as a way for delegates to provide their contact details to exhibitors and satellite holders.

As a condition of entry, it is understood that conference security personnel may carry out inspections of bags, briefcases or other carried packages at every entry point and at any time during the event. To ensure quick entry, it is recommended that, if possible, any unnecessary items (bags, luggage, etc.) will not be brought to the venue. A list of permitted and prohibited items will be posted at the venue entrances.

The Global Village is the only part of the conference that is open to the general public.

Principles and Values for Conference Participation

By attending the 20th International AIDS Conference, registered participants have agreed to comply with the Principles and Values for Conference Participation (for full text www.aids2014.org/Default.aspx?pagelid=663). Peaceful protest has always been and continues to be a key element of participation at the International AIDS Conference. AIDS 2014 endorses freedom of expression as an essential principle in the fight against HIV/AIDS and in promoting full participation in the conference. The combined efforts of all stakeholders in the public and private sectors and in civil society are required to halt and reverse the AIDS pandemic. Services will be set up to support activism in the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, as has been the case at previous conferences. The conference, however, opposes the destruction of property, the use or threat of physical force and the disruption of conference sessions or satellite meetings that prevent dialogue and debate from taking place. Destructive or violent actions will be dealt with in accordance with the laws of State of Victoria and Australia. Security personnel may escort participants from the venue or revoke their access to the remainder of the conference.

Community Activist Liaison

The conference will provide support for dialogue and participation through a team of community activist liaison facilitators who will provide advice and assistance in advance of, and during the conference. This team will consult with activist organizations and individuals, as well as community co-organizers and programme committee members, to identify those conference sessions that are most likely to generate or attract peaceful protest and dissent.

Smoking Policy

It is prohibited to smoke in any indoor area of the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre.

Transportation

How to get from Melbourne Airport

Melbourne Airport (Tullamarine) is 25km north of the city on the Tullamarine Freeway. It has both international and domestic terminals in close proximity, making transfers easy. Direct international flights arrive from Asia, New Zealand, North America and Europe.

By Bus

Skybus (www.skybus.com.au) operates 24 hours, 7 days a week, running every 10-15 minutes from Melbourne Airport to Southern Cross train station in the city. The journey takes about 25 minutes. A hotel transfer service operates from Southern Cross station to selected Central Business District (CBD) hotels and can be pre-booked. Return tickets are available for USD 25 including 10% GST when you register at profile.aids2014.org.

By Taxi

Melbourne's taxis are a safe and convenient way to get from the airport to your destination. Taxi ranks are located on the ground floor outside Terminals 1 and 3. Taxi fares are calculated according to the distance and duration of the journey, and will vary depending on the number of people and time of travel. Additional charges apply if you travel on some public holidays, late at night, with five or more people, or pay with credit or debit card. Estimated cost to CBD: AUD 50. For more information visit www.melbourneairport.com.au/to-from-the-airport/taxis/overview.html

There are no train or tram links to the airport.

Getting Around Melbourne

By Tram

Melbourne's tram network services the metropolitan inner-city area with 28 lines. The Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (MCEC) is serviced by regular services departing every few minutes. The MCEC is stop 124a (Crown Casino / MCEC) for routes 96, 109 and 112 (stop opposite the MCEC on Clarendon Street). Tram numbers 48 and 70 stop at the end of Flinders Street - from there walk towards the Yarra River and cross the pedestrian bridge.

By Train

Melbourne's metropolitan train network operates from the nearby Southern Cross station connecting to all parts of Melbourne. Exit onto Spencer Street and take trams 96, 109 or 112 up to the Melbourne Exhibition Centre entrance on Clarendon Street.

Myki smartcard: Myki is Melbourne's ticket to travel on the city's trains, trams and buses. It is a re-usable smart card that stores value to pay your public transport fare. You can buy and top up your myki at close to 800 retailers including all 7-Eleven stores and premium train stations. Simply top up before your journey and then touch on and touch off at a myki reader as you travel.

Public Transport

Public Transport Victoria (PTV) is the central stop for information on public transportation services, fares and tickets. Up-to-date information is available via the website, call centre and mobile app. The AIDS 2014 organizers, in collaboration with Public Transport Victoria (PTV), offer a special deal for delegates:

For only USD 20, delegates can book a PTV ticket and benefit from approximately **70% discount** on the standard public transport ticket cost (AUD 71 for a 7 day ticket). The AIDS 2014 PTV ticket allows unlimited travel in zones 1 and 2 on bus, tram and train from Saturday 19 to Friday 25 July 2014. The AIDS 2014 PTV ticket can be booked [when you register](#). For more information: <http://www.aids2014.org/Default.aspx?pagelid=653>.



By Taxis

Taxis can be hired off the street, at designated taxi ranks, or by phone or mobile app booking. Late night taxi trips must be paid for in advance. Between 22:00 – 05:00 in Victoria, the driver will ask you for an up-front deposit, based on a table of point to point estimates. Melbourne's major taxi companies include: 13 CABS www.13cabs.com.au and Silver Top Taxis www.silvertop.com.au.

By Car

Congestion in Melbourne's city centre can be high, especially during peak hours: 06.15 – 09:00 and 15.15 – 18.30.

Parking at MCEC

There are four car parks available. More information is available at: www.mcec.com.au/parking-options.

More information on all Melbourne's transport options are available at www.thatsmelbourne.com.au/visitors/transport/Pages/Transport.aspx.

Wi-Fi

The Wi-Fi, sponsored by Oil Search, is available free of charge for delegates throughout the conference venue.



Oil Search

USEFUL INFORMATION FOR YOUR STAY

Banks and Currency

Bank operating hours vary between banks but most open Monday – Thursday, 09:00 – 16:00 and Friday, 09:00 – 17:00. A number of banks are open Saturday, 09:00 – 12:00. Check on individual banks' websites for full opening hours.

ATMs are located throughout Melbourne, additionally a large number of supermarkets and convenience stores have cash withdrawal facilities. VISA, MasterCard, AMEX and Diners are readily accepted, and foreign exchange facilities are available at kiosks around the city.

Australia's national currency is the Australian dollar which comes in denominations of \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100 notes. Coins come in 5, 10, 20 and 50 cent and one and two dollar denominations. Currency exchange is available at banks, hotels and international airports. EFTPOS/CIRRUS/MAESTRO is widely available in most Australian shops. Fees may be charged on transactions, particularly if withdrawing from an international account.

Special Offer for AIDS 2014 delegates

\$0 Commission on cash exchange*

Visit ANZ Foreign Exchange and mention this offer at one of the following locations:



- Melbourne Airport International Arrivals and Departures.
- ANZ Royal Bank, 293 Collins St, Melbourne.
- Sydney Airport International Arrivals and Departures.

Offer valid July 13th 2014 – August 3rd 2014.

* You must notify ANZ staff that you are attending the International AIDS conference 2014 for the offer to be applied.

Business and Shopping Hours

City shops generally open Monday – Thursday, 09:00 – 18:00. On Friday, many shops in the Central Business District (CBD) and suburban shopping centres remain open until 21:00. On Saturday the hours in the CBD and shopping centres are generally 09:00 – 17:00 and Sunday, 10:00 – 17:00.

Climate and Clothing

Melbourne has a reputation for its changeable weather. A tip for any visitor is to be prepared for anything – wear layers that can be worn or removed as needed. In winter daily average temperatures can drop to 7°C with an average high of 14°C.

Customs

Customs in Australia is strictly controlled. After passing through immigration clearance at the airport, your baggage can be collected and may be checked by Customs and Border Protection or Quarantine officers.

On the Incoming Passenger Cards passengers need to declare all food, plants, animals, biological goods and medicines. This includes prescription medications, alternative, herbal and traditional medicines, vitamin and mineral preparation formulas. Some products require a permit or quarantine clearance and/or a letter or prescription from your doctor describing your medication and medical condition. A complete list of restricted and prohibited items is available at www.immi.gov.au/managing-australias-borders/border-security/travel/.

Your Incoming Passenger Card is a legal document. There are penalties for not filling in your Incoming Passenger Card properly and for making a false declaration. REMEMBER – IF IN DOUBT, DECLARE IT!

Your baggage may be x-rayed or examined by Customs and Border Protection or Quarantine to detect prohibited, restricted or dutiable goods and you may be questioned by officers. In the passenger hall and quarantine area there are often dogs working to search for drugs and other prohibited or restricted goods as well as food, plant or animal material.

Further useful information is available in the Know Before You Go guide www.customs.gov.au/knowbeforeyougo/default.asp.

Drinking Water

Tap water in Melbourne is considered drinking water and of good quality.

Eating Out

Restaurants, cafes, bars and clubs are always buzzing in Melbourne. An eclectic range of cuisine is on offer across town - hidden down laneways, high above street level or overlooking the waterfront.

www.thatsmelbourne.com.au/DiningandNightlife/Pages/DiningandNightlife.aspx

Electricity

Australia's electricity voltage for domestic use is AC 240 volts, 50 cycle. Most hotels have provision for AC 110 volts in the rooms. Plug sockets are as follows:



Immigration

Delegates are requested to check the Australia visa requirements relevant to them as soon as possible. All visitors to Australia, except New Zealanders, must have a valid visa before boarding their plane. It is the delegate's responsibility to investigate the visa requirements and to apply for a visa, if necessary. Many delegates will need to apply for a Visitor (Business Stream) Visa (www.immi.gov.au/Visas/Pages/600.aspx), Form 1415 (www.immi.gov.au/allforms/pdf/1415.pdf) which can take two months to process, therefore applications should be made before mid-May 2014.

The conference organizers are working with the Australian Department of Immigration and Citizenship on visa processes for delegates and have put together factsheets available at www.aids2014.org/visa.aspx.

Delegates should also check the country-specific information by contacting the embassy or visa office for their country www.immi.gov.au/Help/Locations/Pages/our-offices.aspx.

Additional questions can be sent to visa@aids2014.org.

Language

The primary language in Australia is English.

National and International Calls

Dialing to Australia from abroad: 00 61, followed by phone number. Dialing from Australia to abroad: 00 11, followed by country code and phone number.

Security and Safety in Melbourne

In general, whether you are staying in the area close to the conference venue or travelling around the city, it is necessary to consider the following common-sense principles for travelers to any city:

- Avoid areas of the city that are unfamiliar to you.
- Always travel with someone or in a group.
- Avoid carrying large sums of money with you; bring only what you will need.
- Always let people know where you are and, if possible, carry a mobile phone with you.
- Always carry identification (including a copy of your passport) with you, along with the name, address and contact information of your hotel.

Emergency telephone number: 000

Dialing 112 is also redirected to 000, but only on GSM mobile phones.

Taxes and Tax Rebates

A 10% Goods and Services Tax (GST) is incorporated into the price of all goods and services sold in Australia, except for some basic items. Some tourists may be eligible for a GST refund on goods bought in Australia. Visit www.customs.gov.au for more information or phone + 61 262 75 6666. International business visitors whose organizations claim GST/VAT refunds regularly from various countries should keep all receipts including registration and accommodation as the GST components may be refundable.

Time Zone

Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST) covers the eastern states of Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania and the Australian Capital Territory. AEST is equal to Coordinated Universal Time (GMT) plus 10 hours. Daylight Saving Time is not observed May to September 2014.

Tipping

Tipping in Australia is not a custom. However for excellent service, tips of 10% are always welcome and appreciated.

Travelling Around Australia

The State of Victoria is home to a wealth of diverse destinations and experiences easily accessible from the capital, Melbourne. You can experience forests, native animals, mineral springs, coastlines and gourmet local produce in a day or if you can spare a little more time, the choices are endless. More information is available at www.aids2014.org/Default.aspx?pageId=665. For further information you can also contact the Tours desk in registration.

ORGANIZERS AND PARTNERS

International AIDS Society

The International AIDS Society (IAS) is the world's leading independent association of HIV professionals, with more than 16,000 members from more than 176 countries working at all levels of the global response to AIDS. Our members include researchers from all disciplines, clinicians, and public health and community practitioners on the frontlines of the epidemic, as well as policy and programme planners.

IAS advocacy work focuses on advancing a strong global research agenda and promoting the right of all people to evidence-based responses to HIV, including access to evidence-based HIV prevention, treatment, care and support.

In addition, the IAS promotes research and capacity building in low- and middle-income countries through programmes such as the Collaborative Initiative for Paediatric HIV Educations and Research (CIPHER) and the Journal of the International AIDS Society (JIAS).

The IAS is the custodian of the biennial International AIDS Conference and is the lead organizer of the IAS Conference on HIV Pathogenesis, Treatment and Prevention. This conference occurs every two years, and focuses on the scientific and medical aspects of HIV/AIDS. The next IAS Conference will be held in Vancouver, B.C., Canada, from 19 – 22 July 2015.

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IAS Exhibition Booth

Sunday, 20 July, 12:00 – 18:30 and Monday, 21 – Thursday, 24 July, 10:00 – 18:30, Booth number 410

At the IAS exhibition booth delegates can learn more about the IAS and its conferences, and its advocacy and research promotion activities, including the Journal of the International AIDS Society. Visitors have the opportunity to collect information on the upcoming IAS 2015 and AIDS 2016 conferences, meet IAS staff and network with IAS members and representatives from the IAS Governing Council. Delegates can also apply for, or renew their IAS membership at the Membership Desk. In addition, the IAS provides visitors with Internet access in the Internet area of the exhibition booth.

IAS Members' Meeting: IAS Advocacy and Research Promotion Priorities: HIV Cure, Key Affected Populations (KAPs) and Paediatric HIV

Wednesday, 23 July 12:30 – 14:30, Room 203 – 204

Conference delegates are invited to participate in an IAS special session which also serves as the IAS General Members' Meeting. Participants will receive an update on the progress of the IAS's strategic priorities for 2014 to 2015, followed by a discussion. Meeting participants will also be introduced to

the newly elected members of the IAS Governing Council (GC), as well as current GC members. To provide participants with an opportunity to network with speakers and members, there will be a reception after the session.

Office

The IAS office will be located on the ground floor of the Melbourne Convention Centre, near the Hilton South Wharf entrance.

IAS Events and Activities

Pre-Conference Symposium: "Towards an HIV Cure"

Saturday, 19 and Sunday, 20 July, Victoria University – City Flinders Campus

By registration only

The IAS and the "Towards an HIV Cure" Advisory Board will convene a two-day pre-conference symposium immediately prior to AIDS 2014. The symposium, co-chaired by Françoise Barré-Sinoussi, IAS President, Steven Deeks, Professor of Medicine at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), and Sharon Lewin, Director of the Infectious Diseases Unit, Alfred Hospital, Monash University, will provide a platform to present state-of-the-art basic science, pre-clinical and clinical research towards an HIV cure. The best abstract presented by a young investigator will receive the IAS-ANRS prize on HIV cure, to be awarded at the symposium. The symposium will bring together 250 basic and clinical researchers, funding administrators, regulators, scientific journalists and community advocates.

Pre-Conference Workshop: "Creative and Novel Ideas in HIV Research"

Saturday, 19 July, 08:00 – 17:15, Vibe Savoy Hotel Melbourne

By invitation only

In collaboration with the U.S. Centers for AIDS Research and the U.S. National Institutes of Health, the IAS awards the grant programme, "Creative and Novel Ideas in HIV Research" (CNIHR). The focus of the programme is developmental research by scientists from outside the field of HIV research which addresses important questions related to prevention, treatment and care. The initiative aims to foster cross-disciplinary research, promote novel ideas and aid in the success of investigators at an early-career stage. Following a robust and competitive application process, new grantees were selected and each awarded up to USD 150,000. CNIHR grantees from 2012, 2013 and 2014, together with their mentors, will attend a pre-conference workshop. The workshop provides an opportunity for CNIHR 2013 grantees to report on their research progress and for new grantees to present their prospective research projects. The new grantees will be announced immediately before the plenary session on Thursday, 24 July.

IAS-ILF / CIPHER Thematic Roundtable on Paediatric HIV
Saturday, 19 July 2014, 18:00 – 21:00, Mercure Melbourne
Treasury Gardens

By invitation only

The IAS-Industry Liaison Forum (IAS-ILF) roundtable series aims to convene scientific and technical experts from industrial and non-industrial organizations to discuss topics relevant to HIV where a multi-stakeholder approach can lead to solutions. The first of this series, on paediatric antiretrovirals (ARVs), was held in Geneva on 27 November 2013 and gathered representatives from 13 ARV manufacturers and 12 international organizations to identify challenges specific to paediatric ARVs and discuss multi-stakeholder approaches to addressing those challenges (meeting report available www.iasociety.org/Web/WebContent/File/ILF_Ind_Roundtable_Paed_ARVs_Meeting_Report_2013.pdf).

At AIDS 2014, a follow-up roundtable on paediatric HIV will be held to widen the scope of the discussion from including mainly ARV manufacturers and international organizations to include investigators from the largest HIV paediatric cohorts worldwide, diagnostic companies and other stakeholders. The objective will be to identify key challenges in optimizing paediatric HIV care and treatment and approaches for multi-stakeholder collaboration. This roundtable is being organized in collaboration with CIPHER.

Introduction to HIV Research for 2014 CNIHR Grantees

Sunday, 20 July, 09:00 – 11:00, IAS office (MCEC)

By invitation only

This session will provide 2014 grantees with an introduction to three main areas of HIV research: HIV prevention, ARV treatment and drug resistance and research towards a cure. Senior experts will present both the essentials and the state-of-the-art of HIV science. The session will prepare 2014 grantees with a strong foundation of HIV knowledge and will enable them to get the most out of the conference.

CIPHER Stakeholder Meeting

Sunday, 20 July, 09:00 – 12:30, IAS office (MCEC)

By invitation only

The Collaborative Initiative for Paediatric HIV Education and Research (CIPHER) is the flagship paediatric initiative of the IAS aimed at optimizing clinical management and delivery of services to infants, children and adolescents affected by HIV in resource-limited settings, through research promotion and advocacy. Launched in 2012 thanks to a generous grant from ViiV Healthcare and with their continued support, CIPHER's projects include a competitive Research Grant Programme, a global Paediatric HIV Cohort Collaboration and an Online Paediatric HIV Cohort Database, among others. This meeting is an opportunity for CIPHER stakeholders and grantees to review CIPHER's programme, discuss next steps and network.

Scientific Development Workshop: "How to write and submit a conference abstract"

Hosted by the Journal of the International AIDS Society

Monday, 21 July, 11:00 – 12:30, Room 101 – 102

Conference attendance is a tremendous opportunity to present research, exchange ideas and discuss with peers. It is an important part of any HIV professional's career, offering invaluable networking and professional development opportunities. Participation in addition to attendance at

conferences is mostly on the basis of abstract selection for presentations. However, writing a conference abstract can be a challenge to less experienced authors.

By the end of this workshop, participants will know how to write and submit a well-written conference abstract and increase chances of acceptance. The main part of the workshop will cover the practical issues of writing an abstract, focusing on its structure and the contents to be included in each section. Key take-home messages will be highlighted and examples offered to demonstrate good practice as well as common mistakes to avoid. Short exercises will be used to enhance the learning experience, using audience participation and comprehensive handouts. In addition, participants will understand the formal requirements that need to be met and how their abstract will be reviewed, scored and selected by the conference.

CNIHR Grantees Networking Sessions

Monday, 21 July, Wednesday, 23 July and Thursday, 24 July, 13:00 – 14:30, IAS office (MCEC)

By invitation only

In cooperation with its partners, the IAS organizes lunchtime networking sessions for CNIHR grantees to meet with plenary speakers and other experts and community representatives. The networking sessions provide grantees with opportunities to discuss main findings presented at AIDS 2014, as well as to network with peers and leading HIV experts and community advocates. The meetings are a platform for exchange between senior researchers and young investigators within an informal setting.

Satellite Session: "Creative and Novel Ideas in HIV Research: Fostering innovation and a new generation of HIV researchers"

Monday, 21 July, 18:30 – 20:30, Room 111 – 112

CNIHR grantees, who have been awarded in conjunction with AIDS 2012, will present their research results during the satellite session. Their presentations will provide insights into innovative approaches and creative solutions to understand and overcome key obstacles in the HIV field ranging from HIV infections and comorbidities to research towards a cure. The session will be an inspiration for early-stage investigators and a demonstration of cutting-edge research in the HIV field.

IAS-Industry Consultation

Tuesday, 22 July, 18:30 – 22:00, Mercure Melbourne
Treasury Gardens

By invitation only

The IAS held its first IAS-Industry Consultation on 4 March 2014. The meeting was an occasion for the IAS to present its strategic priorities while getting insights from industry partners regarding their interests to foster further collaboration. The meeting included a roundtable discussion on industry partners' interests and how the IAS can support industry and benefit from this interaction. The broad, high-level industry representation (from 22 companies) included ARV manufacturers, diagnostics companies, condom manufacturers and circumcision device manufacturers, as well as firms involved in HIV cure, vaccine research and programme implementation.

Following this successful event recently held in Boston, a second IAS-Industry Consultation is planned at AIDS 2014. This closed event will be the occasion to deepen the discussion started in March and get feedback from a diversity of additional companies.

IAS Editorial Board Meeting

Tuesday, 22 July, 12:30 – 14:30, IAS office (MCEC)

By Invitation only

The Journal of the International AIDS Society will hold its annual editorial board meeting.

Scientific Development Workshop: “How to write and submit a research manuscript: “publish or perish”

Hosted by the Journal of the International AIDS Society

Wednesday, 23 July, 14:30 – 17:30, Room 101 – 102

Becoming familiar with the subtleties of manuscript writing can be a frustrating path lined with rejected papers. Written guidelines cannot easily be translated into practice, but publishing is a critical part of a researchers' career. The proposed interactive workshop aims at building skills in scientific writing and provides practical information to support new and early-career HIV researchers in successfully submitting their manuscripts to peer-reviewed journals. By the end of the workshop, participants will know about key components of a scientific manuscript and will have had the opportunity to complete short exercises. Participants will learn about publication and peer-review processes and how to address ethical issues in scientific writing as well. The most common reasons why manuscripts are rejected will also be discussed. Time for questions will be available throughout the workshop. Although targeted at less experienced authors, the workshop focuses on practical issues in scientific publishing also of interest to more experienced researchers. This workshop is also applicable to other disciplines such as social science and biomedical science.

IAS Prizes and Awards

Every year, the International AIDS Society and its partners sponsor a number of scientific prizes and awards to reward promising young and established researchers for outstanding HIV research and to highlight exceptional efforts and achievements in the response to HIV. The following awards will be announced in conjunction with a pertinent session, either plenary or special.

Elizabeth Taylor Human Rights Award

Sunday, 20 July, Opening Session

The Elizabeth Taylor Human Rights Award recognizes the efforts of individuals who have achieved major breakthroughs or shown exceptional courage in their efforts to advocate for human rights in the field of HIV. The award is supported by the IAS and the Foundation for AIDS Research (amfAR) to pay a lasting tribute to Dame Elizabeth Taylor, who served as a highly visible, vocal and relentless champion of human rights in the HIV field.

Creative and Novel Ideas in HIV Research (CNIHR) Grant Programme

Monday, 21 July, Plenary Session

In collaboration with the U.S. Centers for AIDS Research and the U.S. National Institutes of Health, the IAS awards the grant programme, “Creative and Novel Ideas in HIV Research” (CNIHR). The focus of the programme is developmental research by scientists from outside the field of HIV research which addresses important questions related to prevention, treatment and care. The initiative aims to foster cross-disciplinary research, promote novel ideas and aid in the success of investigators at an early-career stage. Following a robust and competitive application process, new grantees were selected and will each be awarded up to USD 150,000 per year for up to two years.

Women, Girls and HIV Investigator's Prize

Tuesday, 22 July, Plenary Session

The purpose of the Women, Girls and HIV Investigator's Prize is to encourage research in low- or middle-income countries that can benefit women and girls affected by HIV and AIDS. The USD 2,000 prize is offered by the IAS's Industry Liaison Forum (ILF) and UNAIDS, and supported by the International Centre for Research on Women (ICRW) and the International Community of Women Living with HIV/AIDS (ICW). The prize is awarded to an investigator from a low- or middle-income country whose abstract demonstrates excellence in research and/or practice that addresses women, girls and gender issues related to HIV and AIDS. This prize serves to highlight the challenges faced by women and girls in the epidemic and to encourage investigators from low- and middle-income countries to pursue research in this area.

Prize for Excellence in HIV Research Related to Children

Tuesday, 22 July, Plenary Session

The USD 2,000 prize is jointly offered by the IAS and the Coalition for Children Affected by AIDS. One prize is awarded to an investigator whose abstract demonstrates excellence in research that is likely to lead to improved services for children affected by HIV and AIDS. The research site must include low- or middle-income countries.

HIV and Drug Use Research Fellowship

Wednesday, 23 July, Plenary Session

In partnership with the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) and the Agence Nationale de Recherche sur le Sida et les Hépatites Virales (ANRS), IAS has established a research fellowship programme with the goal of contributing to advances in the scientific understanding of drug use and HIV while fostering multinational research on HIV and drug use. The fellowship programme consists of two types of awards: USD 75,000 to be awarded to a junior scientist for 18 months of post-doctoral training and USD 75,000 to be awarded to a well-established HIV researcher for eight months of professional development training. Both take place at leading institutes excelling in research in the HIV-related drug use field.

IAS TB/HIV Research Prize

Wednesday, 23 July, Plenary Session

The USD 2,000 IAS TB/HIV Research Prize is an incentive for young and established researchers to investigate pertinent research questions that affect TB/HIV co-infection and operational effectiveness of implementing core TB/HIV collaborative services. The prize is awarded to contribute to generating interest and stimulating research on basic, clinical and operational research in TB/HIV prevention, care and treatment.

IAS/ANRS Young Investigator Award

Thursday, 24 July, Plenary Session

The USD 2,000 IAS/ANRS Young Investigator Award is jointly funded by the IAS and the Agence Nationale de Recherche sur le Sida et les Hépatites Virales (ANRS) to support young researchers who demonstrate innovation, originality, rationale and quality in the field of HIV research. The award is given to the author of the top-scoring abstract in each of the conference tracks; award winners must be younger than 35 years of age. In addition, one IAS/ANRS Young Investigator Award – Special HIV Cure Prize will be awarded at the pre-conference symposium, “Towards an HIV Cure.”

The Collaborative Initiative for Paediatric HIV Education and Research (CIPHER) Grant Programme Award Ceremony

Friday, 25 July, Plenary Session

The CIPHER Grant Programme funds research projects that have the potential to contribute to the optimization of diagnosis, prevention, treatment and care of infants, children and adolescents affected by HIV in resource-limited settings. The intention is to attract early-stage investigators – from inside and outside the field of HIV research – to address targeted research gaps to support evidence-based policy making decisions. The grant provides up to USD 75,000 for up to two years; two grants will be awarded this year, based on the 2013 round of applications. CIPHER is made possible thanks to an unrestricted grant from ViiV Healthcare. The content of its programmes is guided by experts convened by the IAS.

IAS Presidential Award

Friday, 25 July, Closing Session

The IAS Presidential Awards aim to recognize the achievements of individuals who demonstrate a long history of leadership and excellence as pioneers or advocates at the forefront of the response to HIV and AIDS. The awards highlight an individual's contribution that results in increased knowledge, skills, creative solutions or evidence-based policies and programmes to enhance the global response to AIDS. The IAS Presidential Awards are recognition awards with no monetary value.

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With its headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, the UNAIDS Secretariat works on the ground in more than 80 countries worldwide. Coherent action on AIDS by the UN system is coordinated in countries through the UN theme groups and the joint programmes on AIDS.

UNAIDS' co-sponsors include the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, UN Children's Fund, World Food Programme, UN Development Programme, UN Population Fund, UN Office on Drugs and Crime, the International Labour Organization, UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Bank.

UNAIDS helps mount and support an expanded response to AIDS, one that engages the efforts of many sectors and partners from government and civil society.

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UNAIDS Events and Activities

Pre-conference event: "Youth pre-conference"

Friday, 18 July – Saturday, 19 July

UNICEF, UNFPA and the UNAIDS Secretariat are working with the organizers of the Melbourne 2014 Youth Pre-Conference, Melbourne Youth Force and YEAH!, which will focus on information sharing and skills building for young people around the political, scientific, economic and social context of HIV/AIDS.

Pre-conference event: "Stepping up the Pace – AIDS resilient Cities at the forefront of ending AIDS"

Sunday 20 July (exact time and venue TBC)

The Rt Hon Robert Doyle, Lord Mayor of the City of Melbourne and Mr Michel Sidibé, Executive Director, UNAIDS will be hosting a special event on "Stepping up the Pace - AIDS resilient Cities at the forefront of ending AIDS". The event will consider how to leverage the economic, human and political capital of cities and use it as a transformative force for global health and social justice for the end of AIDS. It will provide a space for a dynamic exchange on current policy and programmatic actions, challenges and lessons learned in city health and AIDS responses. Participants will include key programme and political leaders from select cities.

Side Event: "Global Partners Forum on Social Protection"

Sunday, 20 July, 9:00-12:00, the Hyatt Hotel, Melbourne

UNICEF is a lead convenor in the Global Partners Forum, which will bring together partners across sectors to generate support for an integrated approach to HIV for children across the lifecycle, including children and adolescents living with, exposed to, and affected by HIV and AIDS. The GPF will reinforce key elements of the response to reduce and address adolescent vulnerabilities. Key speakers include high level representatives of the Australian government and Ministers and heads of delegation of other governments, as well as young people, and other stakeholders. The Global Partners Forum is expected to disseminate a communique intended to bring countries closer to achieving an AIDS-free generation through an integrated approach across sectors. The focus is on reducing social and economic barriers that hinder universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support services for children and adolescents.

Side Event: UNICEF Reception

Sunday, 20 July, 17:45-18:45, Foyer 1.4, Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre

UNICEF is hosting a reception together with the UNICEF Australia National Committee, this reception will be held for authors who have abstracts on children, adolescents and AIDS accepted at the conference, youth scholarship

holders and other young people, UNICEF Australia youth ambassadors and supporters, and other partners. Well known Australian personalities, Christine Anu and Jason Coleman are expected to make a special appearance, among others (seeking confirmation). The reception will afford UNICEF an opportunity to commend abstract authors and partners for their efforts to gather the evidence –around the ‘know’ and the ‘how’ – particularly for second decade interventions.

**Side Event: “Engaging Parliamentarians to Get to Triple Zero”
Monday, 21 July afternoon (exact timing TBC), Victoria
State Parliament Building**

A joint session organized by UNDP, the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the UNAIDS Secretariat bringing together parliamentarian leaders to share experiences and give their critical reflections on the distinct leadership role of parliamentarians and parliamentarian networks in achieving triple zero. The session will feature a panel of parliamentarian champions who will present some of the best Reproductive Health and HIV advocacy and policy practices that have contributed to ensuring that inclusion, non-discrimination and inequality are priorities. The session will also illustrate country-level partnerships between parliamentarians and government officials, CSOs and other stakeholders that have led to effective advocacy/policy practices.

The Red Ribbon Award Ceremony and the Community Dialogue Space

Monday, 21 July, 13:00-14:00, Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, Room 203 - 204 and Monday, 21 July – Friday, 25 July, Global Village

On World AIDS Day 2013, UNAIDS, the organizing partners of AIDS 2014, and civil society partners jointly announced a global call for nominations of community based organisations (CBOs) for the 2014 Red Ribbon Award. The winners will be announced on 21 July during the Red Ribbon Award Special Session where winners and invited VIPs will speak on CBOs crucial contribution to the AIDS response. A US\$ 10,000 grant will at a later date be given to each of the ten winning CBOs that have shown outstanding community leadership and innovation in the AIDS response in order to help them expand their capacities and serve their communities even better. The winners will also co-host the Community Dialogue Space (CDS) in collaboration with the UNAIDS Secretariat, its Cosponsors, the organizing partners of AIDS 2014 and key civil society partners. The CDS is located in the Global Village and will feature a number of sessions and cultural events.

Workshop: “Investing for results: Equipping governments, development agencies, NGOs and other actors with the knowledge and skills to deliver effective HIV responses in humanitarian emergencies”

Wednesday, 23 July 2014, 14:30 – 17:30, Room 104

The Inter Agency Task Team (IATT) on HIV in Humanitarian Situations convened by UNHCR and WFP has put together this workshop to assist governments, development partners and NGOs (including humanitarian NGOs) with strategies and tools to deliver crucial HIV services in humanitarian situations. The objectives are to: 1) Operationalise the six basic programme activities of the UNAIDS Investment Framework essential to an effective HIV response from onset of an emergency to post crisis phase; 2) Explain critical enablers that contribute to a successful HIV response in humanitarian situations; 3) Outline important synergies with development agencies that are crucial to an effective response.

Satellites

Sunday, 20 July – Thursday, 24 July

The Joint Programme (UNAIDS Cosponsors and Secretariat) are the organisers of the following satellites. Kindly refer to the section on satellites in the official programme for updated information and further details.

- *A new target for HIV treatment scale-up: Ending the AIDS epidemic*, Monday, 21 July, 07:00 – 08:30, Room 105 – 106, UNAIDS Secretariat
- *Assuring the quality of diagnostics used at point-of-care; pre-market assessment and post-market surveillance*, Wednesday, 23 July, 18:30 – 20:30, Plenary 1, WHO
- *Realizing the potential for HIV self-testing (HIVST)*, Monday, 21 July, 18:30 – 20:30, Room 101 – 102, WHO
- *Tracking infant feeding practices and ARV coverage*, Tuesday, 22 July, 07:00 – 08:30, Room 101 – 102, UNICEF
- *Role of MSM communities in rolling out “the WHO 2014 Consolidated Guidelines for HIV prevention, Diagnosis, treatment and Care for Key Populations” in the Asia Pacific*, Wednesday, 23 July, 18:30 – 20:30, Melbourne Room 2, Asia Pacific Coalition on Male Sexual Health (APCOM), WHO and UNAIDS Secretariat
- *The Hepatitis C Treatment Revolution: expanding access to HIV co-infected and beyond*, Monday, 21 July, 18:30 – 20:30, Plenary 3, UNITAID, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) and WHO
- *The Decade of Diagnostics; getting the right people on the right treatment at the right time*, Sunday 20 July, 13:30 – 15:30, Room 104 (TBC), UNITAID, WHO, PANGEA
- *Launch of the WHO consolidated Guidance on HIV diagnosis, prevention, treatment and care for Key Populations*, Sunday, 20 July, 15:45 – 17:45, Melbourne Room 1, WHO
- *Integrating HIV and TB-related interventions and activities into community-based health services to improve health and survival of HIV-infected mothers and their children*, Monday 21 July, 18:30 – 20:30, Room 105 – 106, UNICEF and WHO
- *Validating the Elimination of Mother-to-Child Transmission has been Achieved: What is the Global Criteria and Current Regional and Country Status?*, Tuesday, 22 July, 18:30 – 20:30, Room 101 – 102, UNICEF, WHO and UNAIDS Secretariat
- *HIV Crisis in Asia and the Pacific: Stigma and Discrimination Against Young Men having Sex with Men and Young Transgender People*, Monday, 21 July, 18:30 – 20:30, Room 109 – 110, Youth Voices Count (YVC), APCOM AND UNDP
- *Taking the pulse: WHO 2014 Global Update on the HIV/AIDS Health Sector Response*, Sunday, 20 July, 13:30 – 15:30, Melbourne Room 1, WHO
- *Fragile States: boosting community systems for an effective HIV response*, Sunday, 20 July, 15:45 – 17:45, Room 109 – 110, International Federation of the Red Cross, UNAIDS, International HIV Alliance
- *Science addressing drugs and HIV: State of the Art*, Sunday, 20 July, 11:15 – 13:15, Room 203 – 204, UNODC

- *By women for women. Harm reduction among women who inject drugs*, Thursday, 24 July, 07:00 – 08:30, Room 103, UNODC
- *Transforming HIV Testing and Treatment through Community-based Service Delivery Models*, Sunday, 20 July, 13:30 – 15:30, Room 109 – 110, UNAIDS and International Federation of the Red Cross (IFRC)
- *WHO Consolidated ARV Guidelines Update: New recommendations on HIV related co-morbidities and co-infections*, Sunday, 20 July, 11:15 – 13:15, Melbourne Room 1, WHO
- *Reaching young key populations: Scaling up pragmatic approaches to prevent new infection*, Thursday 24 July, 18:30 – 20:30, Room 104, International AIDS Society and WHO
- *Reaching Key Populations through Rights-based Workplace programmes*, Sunday, 20 July, 09:00 – 11:00, Room 104, ILO, the Inter-Agency Task Team on Work Place Private Sector Engagement (IATT) and GNP+
- *Ending the epidemic in adolescents*, Sunday, 20 July, 15:45 – 17:45, Room 101 – 102, UNICEF
- *Towards New HIV Targets*, Sunday, 20 July, 15:45 – 17:45, Room 105 – 106, UNAIDS Secretariat
- Promoting community perspectives and experiences that guide all major global, regional and national HIV policies and programs.
- Increased and improved evidence-based advocacy by community leaders for the implementation of key policies, commitments and evidence-based approaches to end AIDS and promote health and human rights.
- Global, regional, and national policies and programs incorporate and are based on community-based experience and perspectives.
- Ensuring that communities are well linked and well integrated with health systems and community-based HIV providers have enabling environments, funding and technical support to operate effectively.
- Investment in community-based HIV networks of organizations and advocates reinforcing strong structures and strong people to lead in the HIV response.

ICASO hosts the StepWise Guide to community involvement in AIDS 2014 through its site (www.aids2014community.org). Community members are invited to share information and opportunities via StepWise, through the StepWise Twitter [@stepwiseguide](https://twitter.com/stepwiseguide), and the StepWise Guide Facebook page. The guide is aimed at increasing community understanding of and participation in AIDS 2014.

Official Conference Programme

Sunday, 20 July – Friday, 25 July

Joint Programme (UNAIDS Cosponsors and Secretariat) staff are speakers, facilitators and moderators in a series of sessions, plenaries, workshops and other activities that are part of the official conference programme. Kindly refer to the official programme for further details.

UNAIDS Booth

Sunday, 20 July – Thursday, 25 July

The 11 Co-sponsors and the UNAIDS Secretariat have a joint booth in the Exhibition Hall. Conference participants are invited to visit the booth where publications and other materials can be downloaded, and select hard copy publications are available free of charge. A number of UNAIDS Secretariat and Cosponsors staff will be available to answer questions. This will be an opportunity to learn about the many facets of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS.

ICASO

Founded in 1991, ICASO's mission is to mobilize and support communities for an effective response to end the AIDS pandemic. This work is done within a vision of an end to the AIDS pandemic through universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support within a human rights framework.

ICASO operates globally, regionally and locally, supporting community advocates to be meaningfully involved in HIV policy and programming at all levels. ICASO operates from its office in Toronto, Canada and through its partners around the world.

Framed by this vision and mission, ICASO's work is shaped by strategic directions that include:

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ICASO Events and Activities

Civil Society Response on Transitions to Country Ownership: Role of civil society in sustainable transitions and country ownership; sharing promising practices of civil society; promoting engagement between civil society and global donors ICASO, amfAR, Futures Group/Health Policy Project, PPFA
Wednesday, 23 July, 07:00 – 08:30, Room 103

The objective of the 90 minute satellite will be to engage civil society organization (CSO) leadership and global donors and agencies in a dialogue on CSO survival, engagement, and strengthening in sustainable transitions for country ownership. The objective will be achieved through brief presentations and discussions. There will be two panels: 1) individuals who are charged with and have implemented country transitions (i.e. the Global Fund, UNAIDS, PEPFAR, and FP 2020) presenting on their vision of and strategy for CSO engagement and development and 2) CSO panelists describing challenges and successes from their own experiences with country transitions. The two panels will have brief presentations, discussions, and audience input and questions. Key points for the panelists to consider include how transitions affect the scale-up of HIV services for key populations and civil society engagement; and a description of the status of country "hand-off" plans.

An amfAR researcher will present data from field research on the pace of scale up of key interventions, the participation of civil society in HIV program planning (particularly key populations), and transitions to country ownership in seven countries: Ukraine, Vietnam, Jamaica, Malawi, Zambia, South Africa and Nigeria.

Before the satellite, an online survey will be disseminated among civil society organizations asking them to document their experiences with sustainable transitions. The survey will allow people to be engaged in the dialogue, provide input, build on an ongoing network and global dialogue, and showcase the diversity of experiences at different stages of transition and within varying contexts. The results of this survey will be shared with the audience and be a catalyst for further dialogue.

The Second Robert Carr Memorial Lecture: Celebrating Robert Carr's legacy

ICASO, Human Rights Watch (HRW), the International AIDS Society (IAS), the Center for Public Health and Human Rights (CPHHR) at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Caribbean Vulnerable Communities Coalition (CVC) and the Health Policy Project.

Monday, 21 July, 18.30 – 20.00, Clarendon Room D&E

At the 2012 AIDS Conference in Washington, advocates from around the world gathered at the Inaugural Robert Carr Memorial Lecture to celebrate and honor a friend and mentor. Robert Carr, a tireless leader in the AIDS response worked for many years to find genuine solutions to the AIDS pandemic. As a leader, Robert knew the importance of dialogue as it is central to building acceptance across constituencies, to revealing our fundamental similarities, and dissolving our prejudices.

The Robert Carr Research Award will be presented at the second Memorial Lecture. The Award celebrates Robert's vision of collaboration between community organizations, academic researchers and advocates to advance human rights-based policies and practices in countries where communities disproportionately affected by HIV continue to face discrimination, social rejection, violence and imprisonment, often by government officials and agencies. Robert's commitment to translating findings from research collaborations between community and academic partners into tangible policy development and advocacy efforts is the driving force behind this prize.

The winner of the Award will deliver the keynote address, followed by a facilitated discussion among a panel of experts.

ICASO booth

Located at Booth 645 in the Global Village, the booth will feature publications from a wide variety of community organizations from around the world, including ICASO's partner the Interagency Coalition for AIDS and Development (ICAD).

StepWise Guide

ICASO hosts the StepWise Guide to community involvement in AIDS 2014 (www.aids2014community.org). Community members are invited to share information and opportunities via the website, through the StepWise Twitter: @stepwiseguide, and the StepWise Guide Facebook page. The guide is aimed at increasing community understanding of and participation in AIDS 2014. Be sure to follow the guide for information on events, opportunities for involvement and highlights from the conference.

The Global Network of People Living with HIV

GNP+ is the Global Network for and by People Living with HIV. As the only global network working with all PLHIV regardless of how they choose to network, GNP+ partners with independent and autonomous regional and national networks of PLHIV in all regions as well as networks that include PLHIV, including key population and treatment access networks.

GNP+'s mission is to improve the quality of life of people living with HIV. The network's vision is a powerful and united worldwide social movement of people living with HIV, with their leadership and voices at the centre of the HIV response. GNP+'s core activities fall under three pillars: advocacy (including activism, campaigns and policy dialogue), information and knowledge management, and network and community strengthening.

Under the central theme 'Reclaiming Our Lives!' GNP+ implements an evidence-informed advocacy programme, realizing its Global Advocacy Agenda, focused on empowerment, human rights, Positive Health, Dignity and Prevention, and sexual and reproductive health and rights of people living with HIV.

GNP+ operationalises its work through an International Secretariat, under the guidance and oversight of an International Board of people living with HIV, whose elected representatives are drawn from regional, key population and treatment access networks.

The organisation's guiding principles are: the greater involvement of people living with HIV (GIPA); being guided by all the needs of all people living with HIV; being constituency driven; transparency and accountability; working towards a Global Advocacy Agenda that is based on evidence; human rights and equity; gender equality; inclusion and diversity; and cost effectiveness and sustainability.

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GNP+ Events and Activities

Pre-Conference: Beyond Blame – Addressing HIV Criminalisation

Sunday July 20th 2014, 9.30 – 16:00

**Victoria Department of Health, 50 Lonsdale Street
Melbourne, 3000**

To register: www.eventbrite.com.au/e/beyond-blame-challenging-hiv-criminalisation-registration-11435498885

Hosted by Australian Federation of AIDS Organisations (AFAO), Living Positive Victoria, National Association of People with HIV Australia (NAPWHA) and Victorian AIDS Council/Gay Men's Health Centre (VAC/GMHC), with the support of AIDS and Rights Alliance of Southern Africa (ARASA), Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network, Global Network of People Living with HIV (GNP+), HIV Justice Network, International Community of Women Living with HIV (ICW – Global), Sero Project and UNAIDS.

The pre-conference is for all those individuals and organisations working to end the inappropriate use of the criminal law to regulate and punish people living with HIV, or with an interest in the issue.

Opening Night Gala: Global Planet Positive

Sunday, 20 July 2014, 20:00 – 22:00

Collingwood Town Hall

The National Association of People with HIV Australia (NAPWHA) is partnering with the Global Network of People Living with HIV (GNP+) and the Asia Pacific Network of People Living with HIV (APN+) to host an evening social for members of the PLHIV community attending AIDS 2014, which will coincide with the opening of the conference on the 20th of July.

The gala will provide a space where people with HIV can meet and network, and highlight the diverse make-up of the PLHIV community in the region and the crucial role it plays. It will emphasise the critical need to locate the positive voice at the very centre of the response to HIV, regionally and globally. It will include inspirational speeches from positive speakers, key members of the PLHIV sector and celebrity guests.

Satellite Session: Taking Stock – opportunities, challenges, visions: Where next with the PLHIV Global Advocacy Agenda?

Monday, 21 July, 07:00 – 08:30, Room 111-112

This is an interactive breakfast session over coffee and croissants to assess the successes, challenges and next steps for the PLHIV Global Advocacy Agenda 2013-2015. The session will include many of the partners involved, highlighting what has been done, giving examples of progress and where progress has been blocked. This will be followed by a moderated panel discussion and Q&A session.

Satellite Session: Community-Based Service Delivery: Essential for Achieving Universal Access to HIV Prevention, Care and Treatment services What Works and What we Need to do

Sunday, 20 July, 13:30 – 15:30, Room 104

GNP+ is partnering with IFRC and UNAIDS on this session.

**People Living with HIV Networking Zone:
Global Community Village**

For duration of the conference

GNP+ will have a networking zone dedicated to people living with HIV, where we will be encouraging people to join our 'People living with HIV are...' campaign to show support for all PLHIV.

Events in the Global Village space organised by GNP+ include:

Wednesday 23 July, 11:00 – 12:30: Let us in and let us end HIV travel restrictions: A debate between community and government facilitated by the International Labour Organisation (ILO) and GNP+.

International Community of Women Living with HIV

The International Community of Women Living with HIV (ICW) is the only global network by and for women living with HIV. Established over twenty years ago, the network has been at the forefront of ensuring that women living with HIV are at the centre of responses to HIV and AIDS. ICW continues to influence the women's movement, the feminist movement and the sexual and reproductive rights movement through operating at multiple levels – local, national, regional and global. In all of their work, it is the local voices and experiences of women living with HIV, their daily struggles and lived realities that primarily inform their agenda.

ICW has a strong set of values that place self-determination at the core. The values ensure they are inclusive, address women's inequality, are a network that is constantly reflective and committed to change internally and externally, and that they see self-care as a vital component for their members.

Vision: ICW envisions a world where all women living with HIV live free of gender oppression, realizing and claiming their full rights inclusive of sexual, reproductive, legal, economic and health rights.

Mission: ICW exists to lead efforts towards securing and improving the quality of life for women living with HIV. They do this by mobilizing, organizing, advocating, mentoring and raising consciousness on the issues that directly impact on lives.

ICW focus` on meaningful involvement of women living with HIV, in all diversity, at local, national, regional and international level in the entire processes that lead to the development, implementation and monitoring of policies and programmes that affect the lives of women living with HIV. ICW aims to facilitate spaces where their members can discuss, analyse, prioritise and exchange political ideas on the challenges faced by women living with HIV.

With more than 15,000 members in 120 countries, ICW Global works to ensure worldwide links of mutual support, learning and advocacy among women living with HIV and their organizations, and between women living with HIV and their allies and partners.

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ICW Events and Activities

Women's Welcome, Monday, 21 July, 19:00 – 21:00

Top Floor, 55 Collins Street, Melbourne

ICW Booth, Global Village – throughout conference

Women's Networking Zone, Global Village

Full five-day program of panel discussions and abstract-driven presentations based on daily themes: access to treatments and services; sexual and reproductive rights; discrimination and violence; criminalisation and justice.

For full program details visit www.womensnetworkingzone.org

Workshop: Upholding lifelong rights of women and girls living with HIV in healthcare contexts, Monday, 21 July, 11:00

For policy makers, service providers and women living with HIV.

This workshop will use short case studies to highlight a range of rights violations women with HIV face in healthcare contexts and how the safety and well-being of women living with HIV is largely neglected. Participants will be guided to develop strategies to address violations.

Symposium: A ROADMAP FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS Monday, 21 July, 14.30

Women's inability to enjoy equal rights means they are silenced, physically violated, bear unwanted pregnancies, are more vulnerable to HIV, are coerced into abortions and sterilization. Three passionate positive women advocates from different regions: Africa, Asia and the Pacific will provide short perspectives of women's rights. The session will encourage discussions on sexual and reproductive rights, maternal and child health, gender-based violence and its impacts on women living with HIV, advocacy on legal issues, mobilisation and promoting the involvement of women living with HIV in informing policy.

Moderators: Rolake Odetoyinbo, Nigeria; Rebecca Matheson, Australia

Presenters: Oldri Sherly Mukuan, Indonesia; Maura Elaripe, PNG; Annie Banda, Malawi

Community Dialogue: Public health and human rights – How to support both in the context of HIV, women and motherhood, Tuesday, 22 July, 13:00

With WHO's 2013 ARV Guidelines, many women are being placed on 'Option B+', treatment for life, when diagnosed with HIV during pregnancy. Recent evidence indicates there is a five-fold difference in clinic attendance between women who start ARVs when they need them (at 350CD4 count), and women who are placed on Option B+.

Presenters from: WHO, Unicef, ICW.

Symposium: VIOLENCE, CULTURE and CONFLICT, Friday, 25 July, 11:00

This session addresses the interface between violence towards women, and HIV. It examines the range of violence directed towards women from intimate partners to health care workers. The symposium will highlight how culturally-condoned violence can lead to contracting HIV and how women living with HIV face disproportionate

levels of violence in every sector of society. Violence is disproportionately directed towards women regardless of whether they are mothers, lovers, young or old, in the home or the hospital. The presenters speak passionately from very different personal perspectives, and offer strategies to overcome the challenges women face.

Moderators: Dame Carol Kidu, PNG; Prof Rob Moody, Australia

Presenters include: Teresia Otieno, ICW Global Chair; Naro Ao, Women of Asia Pacific+; Rebecca Kubunavanua, Positive Pacific Network Presenters from: WHO, Unicef, ICW.

Sidaction

Sidaction is a French NGO that was created in 1994. The fourth largest private donor in Europe, and the largest provider of funds dedicated to the fight against HIV in France, Sidaction is a major player in the fight against HIV in France and in 27 resource-limited countries. Its involvement in all the fronts of the epidemic makes it a unique organization.

Resources are allocated to: medical and scientific research (basic, clinical, epidemiological and social sciences); programmes that improve the quality of care and life for people living with HIV; social and psychological support of people affected by HIV; prevention; support for training health professionals and support for programmes engaged in psychosocial follow up. These programmes are in France, French overseas territories, Africa, Asia and Eastern Europe.

In addition to financial support, Sidaction provides its partners with technical assistance and capacity building for their local personnel. Sidaction is also actively involved in advocacy, both in France and internationally to influence public policies and to support its partner organizations.

Approximately 6% of Sidaction's total budget (17 million euros in 2013) comes from public funding. The remaining 94% comes from private donations and partnerships. The vast majority of funds go to the organization's social programmes, with operating expenses remaining below 10%. As the majority of Sidaction's funds come from private sources, Sidaction is able to remain independent and foster innovation in finding better ways to meet the needs of people living with HIV and populations exposed to HIV. The Sidaction approach is an interdisciplinary one, promoting encounters between various disciplines and the men and women engaged in the fight against AIDS. This diversity and collaboration between disciplines is reflected both by Sidaction's board of directors and in its committees of experts.

Sidaction, as one of the international civil society partners organizing the XX International AIDS Conference has designed once again an action plan to inform and support francophone participants. The goal is to help French-speaking researchers, programme implementers, healthcare professionals, activists, etc. to present their activities and results. AIDS 2014 and the related events will be an opportunity for them to disseminate relevant information from the conference to the francophone world in conjunction with our francophone partners. 7 guides in French are published and available on Sidaction's website and were attached to the monthly AIDS 2014 newsletters. The monthly newsletters offer and explain specific conference-related information and associated events; but also offer practical and educational information.

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Sidaction Events and Activities
AIDS 2014 Francophone News Agency
Saturday, 19 July – Saturday, 26 July

Sidaction is compiling a contacts database to promote information to the media and various stakeholders related to AIDS 2014. All journalists, who are interesting to receive daily, in French only information about what is said during the conference, can register: <https://www.sidaction.org/conference-aids-2014-de-melbourne>; already many journalists from the major newspapers and other media subscribed to the newsletter in Europe and in Africa. You too, be part of the programme!

Satellite Session: “Toward 2020, future models for HIV research, activism, integration and migrants & MSM programs”
Sunday, 20 July, 13:30 - 15:30, Clarendon Room D&E

The global response to HIV has led to many outstanding models for health and development: the organization of scientific research; social mobilization; the involvement of people living with HIV in decision-making; the organization of health care services. However, AIDS exceptionalism might be over and another comprehensive model is needed to sustain into the future.

New ways of thinking are needed to avoid competition between issues. How can HIV researchers build stronger collaborations with those working on other diseases? What kind of activism will be effective for the future? In Western Europe, where the HIV epidemic is under control, what common, borderless strategies should be adopted to tackle the epidemic among migrants and men who have sex with men?

This satellite, organized by Sidaction, will raise these questions through discussion of four topics, and will offer a unique opportunity to think about our future.

Speakers (to be confirmed):

Pr. Françoise Barré-Sinoussi, Inserm et Institut Pasteur – Paris – France

Ms. Karyn Kaplan, TAG – New York City – USA

Dr Louis Pizarro, Solthis – Paris – France

Mr. Koen Block, European Aids Treatment Group – Brussels – Belgium

Pre-conference meeting supported by Sidaction
Towards an HIV cure symposium,
Saturday, 19 July – Sunday, 20 July 2014

Sidaction is among the various stakeholders of the Towards an HIV cure project, an initiative of the International Aids Society. Therefore, Sidaction strongly supports the symposium, the key annual event of the [IAS Towards an HIV cure initiative](#) organized on 19-20 July 2014 at Victoria University City

Flinders Campus, just a short walk across the Yarra river from the main Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre where the AIDS 2014 conference will be held. The symposium is co-chaired by Françoise Barré-Sinoussi, Steven Deeks and Sharon Lewin and will bring together over 250 delegates including basic scientists, clinical researchers, community representatives, funding agencies and journalists.

Positive Women’s Network – South Africa

Positive Women’s Network-South Africa (PWN), established in 1996, is a non-government organization committed to create an environment in which people living with HIV/AIDS are free from stigmatization and discrimination because of their HIV status. The network was founded by 60 women outside of Pretoria Garankuwa Hospital outlet – “a safe place” – for women to articulate their own feelings and needs regarding their HIV status and subsequently design ‘positive’ projects for themselves. The network recognizes that people living with and/or affected by HIV/AIDS should share the lead and the responsibility in responding to the pandemic, while encouraging the society to create the space for them to play this crucial role. The organization works to set up and manage care and support programmes, harness and build resources, build capacity, support and monitor developmental initiatives to improve the quality of life of women and children infected and affected by HIV/AIDS throughout Africa. PWN-South Africa’s vision is to guide and empower women to achieve a sound socio-economic and political environment in their communities within the framework of HIV and AIDS in South Africa. The network won a Red Ribbon Award in Vienna (AIDS 2010) for its work.

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ASIA AND THE PACIFIC PARTNERS

AIDS Society of Asia and the Pacific

The AIDS Society of Asia and the Pacific (ASAP) is an independent regional civil society organisation registered in Thailand. Its membership comprises of peak HIV and AIDS organisations who are leaders in their sector from across the Asia Pacific region. ASAP is the custodian of the International Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific (ICAAP), and along with its co-convenor UNAIDS, works to bring this biennial event to the Asia and Pacific region. The next ICAAP is scheduled to be held in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

The ICAAP provides space for communities, academia, media, government and the system of UN organisations, to meet, dialogue and show case the best, most creative and innovative research and work being undertaken in the response to HIV and AIDS. Previous ICAAPs proved to be the platforms from which many contemporary issues now enjoy significant attention, for example: the right to health (Kobe, 2005) linked for the first time, rights with health in the Asia Pacific; the impact of HIV

on men who have sex with men and transgender people, and the women's inheritance court (Colombo, 2007); the competing challenges between provider initiated testing and voluntary confidential counselling and testing (Bali, 2009); the challenges faced by affected communities who seek to exercise their democratic rights through public demonstrations and participation (Busan, 2011); and, more recently, the importance of social and political science as well as gaps in mental health programming (Bangkok, 2013).

Throughout its advocacy ASAP helps to encourage, promote and sustain the building of partnerships and participatory alliances with regional inter-governmental, non-governmental bodies and Key Affected Populations within the multi-lateral framework.

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ASAP Events and Activities

Film Screening (Global Village): Will this change?

Monday, 21 July, 17:00

Why don't our families accept us for what we are? Discrimination towards Hijras/Gay push them out of school and their own homes. People make fun of Hijras/gays and society denies Hijra's basic life related choices like housing and jobs! People from Bangladesh shared their pain, joy and life in this film with a question left for all of us to think about: "Will this change?"

The screening of this film, produced by ASAP Executive Director, Lok Prakash, will be opened and introduced by ASAP.

ASAP exhibition booth

ASAP activities will be showcased in the Exhibition along with the next ICAAP, to be held in Bangladesh in 2015.

National AIDS Research Institute, India

National AIDS Research Institute, India (NARI) was established in year 1992 in response to growing HIV epidemic in India. This is probably the only institute in the world dedicated to the sole cause of research on HIV and AIDS. NARI is part of the network of institutes/centres under Indian Council of Medical Research, Department of Health Research, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Government of India. The institute is mandated to carry out multi-disciplinary research for prevention of HIV infection, improving treatment and care to HIV infected persons and understanding HIV biology. NARI has been in the forefront of HIV research in India and works in collaboration with a large number of national and international partners including National Institutes of Health, USA, WHO, Johns Hopkins University, USA, University of Melbourne, Australia. Some of the important contributions of the Institute to HIV research are:

- Establishment of cohort of HIV sero-negative persons at risk for HIV infection. This for the first time provided reliable information on incidence and prevalence of HIV infection, and biological and behavioural factors associated with acquisition of HIV infection.
- Demonstrated the sustained high prevalence of HIV infection in women who were not in sex work, and were vulnerable to HIV due to risk behaviour of their partners. This underlined the need for research on women initiated prevention methods.
- Conducted first Phase I clinical trials for HIV vaccine.
- Established facility for conducting clinical trials of Microbicide preparations and conducted several clinical trials including a Phase II trial for Tenofovir gel.
- Conducted Integrated Biological and Behavioural Assessment survey in all high prevalence states in India.
- Has established a virus repository for Indian HIV virus strains.
- Highlighted the increasing burden of TB due to the HIV epidemic.
- Participated in HPTN052 study and the findings of the study have impacted the WHO guidelines for ART.

Community engagement plan through engagement with NGOs, Peers and Community Advisory Board has been in place to support the research activities of the institute. The institute has played major role in highlighting the need for interventions for protection of women who do not have risk behaviour on their own. NARI also for the first time brought in the focus increased TB burden in HIV infected and now the national programme has implemented specific interventions to address this important problem. The institute plays a major role in providing support to National AIDS Control Programme.

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Asia Pacific Network of Sex Workers

The Asia Pacific Network of Sex Workers (APNSW) is the regional network of individuals, organizations and groups working to promote the human rights of male, female and transgender sex workers and to reduce vulnerability to HIV, violence and other abuses.

APNSW was founded at the International AIDS Conference in Yokohama in 1994 as an informal alliance of sex workers and supporters throughout the region. It was registered in 2007 as a non-profit company in Malaysia. On 24 July 2012, APNSW+ was launched at the Sex Workers Freedom Festival as a platform for sex workers living with HIV to advocate for their rights.

APNSW members are united by common core beliefs and values. APNSW is committed to securing human rights and self-determination for sex workers. It believes that stigma, discrimination and criminalization are the main drivers of sex workers' vulnerability to violence, discrimination, HIV and other effects of social exclusion. Negative attitudes and moralizing judgments by policy-makers, health care workers, police officers and community members prevent the development and implementation of programs and policies focused on the betterment of sex workers' health and well-being. APNSW is led by male, female and transgender sex workers. Its work is supported by lasting relationships between sex workers and trusted professional technical advisors who are committed to self-determination and justice for sex workers.

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Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) is responsible for delivering the Australian Government's overseas aid program, which is improving the lives of millions of people in developing countries. We work with national governments, civil society organisations and multilateral agencies to deliver aid predominantly in the Indo-Pacific region, and where it is most needed and most effective.

Australia has contributed more than a billion dollars to the international HIV/AIDS response over the last 10 years assisting developing countries to strengthen their capacity to lead, plan and manage their HIV/AIDS responses. Australia will continue to support a comprehensive prevention approach for Key Affected Populations in the Indo-Pacific aiming to reduce stigma, discrimination and improve access to testing and treatment.

As well as delivering an effective and high quality aid program DFAT works to strengthen Australia's security, enhance Australia's prosperity and help Australians overseas.

As a conference partner and sponsor, DFAT believes AIDS 2014 will offer a unique forum for the interaction of science, community and leadership, and for the strengthening of evidence based policy and programmatic responses to the epidemic. It includes the largest international conference scholarship program in HIV/AIDS, which we are proud to support.

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ASHM - Supporting the HIV, Viral Hepatitis and Sexual Health Workforce

ASHM is a peak organisation of health professionals in Australia and New Zealand who work in HIV, viral hepatitis and sexually transmissible infections (STIs). ASHM draws on its experience and expertise to support the health workforce and to contribute to the sector, domestically and internationally.

ASHM is a professional, not-for-profit, member-based organisation. It supports its members, sector partners and collaborators to generate knowledge and action in clinical management and research, education, policy and advocacy in Australasia and internationally. It is committed to quality improvement, and its products and services are sought after by governments, members, health care workers and affected people. ASHM's dedicated membership, high-calibre staff and commitment to partnership assure its effectiveness in achieving its mission.

ASHM works collaboratively and in partnership to prevent HIV, viral hepatitis and STIs, and to preserve and protect the health of those living with these infections. It aims to function as a cohesive and inclusive group of professionals, advancing its vision in a skilled, informed, compassionate and appropriate way.

ASHM is committed to the principles of the Ottawa Charter for Health Promotion and Jakarta Declaration on Leading Health Promotion into the 21st Century, as well as the highest standards of ethical conduct as practised by the medical, scientific and health care professions.

ASHM is committed to continual quality improvement and working in ways that:

- support collaboration, partnership and cooperation
- reflect best practice in management and service delivery
- are informed by the latest scientific, clinical, health and policy research
- maintain transparency, industrial fairness and democratic decision-making
- strengthen ties with infected and affected populations
- respect cultural differences and diversity
- respect privacy and confidentiality
- redress social inequities.

ASHM has a membership base of over 1,000 health care professionals from a range of professions. To become a member of ASHM or access our resources and courses please visit www.ashm.org.au.

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ASHM Events and Activities

For an up-to-date list of activities, visit: www.ashm.org.au and follow us on twitter @ASHMMedia

Visit the ASHM Booth in the AIDS 2014 Exhibition Hall

Exhibit Hall: Sunday, 20 July – Friday, 25 July

Representatives of ASHM will be available to answer questions on our range of International and domestic programs and resources.

Pre-Conference meeting: International Indigenous Pre-Conference on HIV&AIDS

Thursday, 17 – Saturday, 19 July, Sydney

The International Indigenous Pre-Conference on HIV & AIDS is a pre-conference to the International AIDS conference to be held in Australia for the first time ever in 2014. The Pre-Conference is an IIWGHA (International Indigenous Working Group on HIV&AIDS) event (www.iiwgha.org), co-hosted by an Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Organising Committee (AATSIOC) (www.etouches.com/ehome/77941/Committee).

The Indigenous Pre-Conference has been accepted as an independent affiliated event of IAC 2014.

The Pre-Conference is being funded and supported by the NSW Ministry of Health, The Australian Government Department of Health and the Government of Canada.

We encourage everyone interested in, affected by or working within the HIV Sector and wider Blood-Borne Viruses within Indigenous Communities to attend the conference.

Pre-Conference meeting: International HIV/Viral Hepatitis Co-Infection Satellite Meeting

Friday 18 – Saturday 19 July, Intercontinental the Rialto, Melbourne

The Co-Infection Meeting is being run by the Australasian Society for HIV Medicine (ASHM) and is supported by the Kirby Institute, the European AIDS Clinical Society (EACS) and the Agence Nationale de Recherches sur le Sida et les Hépatites Virales (ANRS).

The recent development of highly effective antiviral therapy for HBV and HCV provides the opportunity to counter the rising burden of chronic liver disease among people living with HIV. Global antiretroviral therapy scale-up should limit HBV-related liver disease, through dual antiviral activity.

Furthermore, development of antiretroviral therapy delivery infrastructure should enhance implementation of interferon-free direct acting antiviral (DAA) regimens for HCV once available.

However, several barriers to access and impact of new HCV therapies exist including low levels of HCV screening, limited liver disease staging, and lack of HCV-specific education and training of HIV health care professionals.

The focus of the meeting will be development of strategies to enhance implementation of viral hepatitis antiviral therapy, particularly in preparation for the highly effective interferon-free DAA regimens for chronic HCV.

The meeting is open to everyone interested or working in HIV/Viral Hepatitis Co-Infection.

Leaders building sustainable capacity: ASHM Leadership, Networking and Mentoring Program

Thursday, 17 and Friday, 18 July – La Trobe

Saturday, 19 July - Reception for Fellows, sponsors and participating leaders

Saturday, 26 and Sunday, 27 July – La Trobe

ASHM has joined with other HIV Australian organisations working in the HIV sector to develop an ongoing program of leadership, networking and mentoring for HIV sector leaders from countries of Asia, Pacific and Indian Ocean rim.

Before and after AIDS 2014 these fellows will focus on maximising the impact of their leadership on the national and global HIV response. A two day program before will inspire fellows with appearances from local and internationally recognized leaders who all took their career out of the confines of their positions.

The Australian Awards Fellowships are an initiative of the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), in which Australian host organisations bring key individuals from priority regions to Australia to pursue study, research or learning opportunities which will advance their field of work. This year nine organisations are bringing 177 current and future leaders to attend their short courses, AIDS 2014 and the ASHM Leadership, Networking and Mentoring Program.

The integrated program will be carefully evaluated and is being closely watched by funding bodies and potential host organisations. The ethical, carefully planned and well delivered program has clear objectives and evaluable outcomes.

This meeting has reached its capacity for attendance.

ASHM Symposium – Australia's Domestic and Regional Response to HIV

Tuesday, 22 July from 13:00 – 14:00

This special session will showcase domestic and regional HIV strategies from Australia. It will describe the effective partnership approach Australia developed to respond to HIV. It will address the unique crossroads at which we stand in HIV Internationally, regionally and domestically and will importantly provide an overview of Australia's response into the future.

Nursing Welcome Reception: Nurses Stepping Up, Stepping Forward and Stepping Beyond!

Saturday 19 July – 5:00-7:30pm, Crown Casino (River Room 3), Southbank, Melbourne

All nurses and their colleagues are invited to the Nursing Welcome Reception, being held at the commencement of the AIDS2014 Conference. ASHM, the Australasian Sexual Health and HIV Nurses Association (ASHHNA), the Australian and New Zealand Association for Nurses in AIDS Care (ANZANAC) and the American Association of Nurses in AIDS Care (ANAC) are hosting this event to welcome our international nursing colleagues and celebrate the important work of nurses in HIV globally.

The theme tying together the range of nursing activities at AIDS2014; *Nurses Stepping Up, Stepping Forward and Stepping Beyond*, will be launched during the Nursing Welcome Reception. There will be keynote presentations from Australian and international nursing leaders in HIV discussing the role of nurses in the global response to HIV.

This is a free event and participants do not have to be a conference delegate to attend.

Funding for this event has been generously provided by Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing, with additional support from the Royal District Nursing Service (RDNS).

Nursing Exhibition Booth: Nurses Stepping Up, Stepping Forward and Stepping Beyond!

Sunday 20 July – Friday 25 July, Global Village

ASHM, the Australian and New Zealand Association for Nurses in AIDS Care (ANZANAC), the American Association of Nurses in AIDS Care (ANAC) and the Australasian Sexual Health and HIV Nurses Association (ASHHNA) are hosting a nursing booth in the Global Village to raise the visibility of the nursing profession's significant contributions to advances in HIV prevention, care, treatment and research as well as provide a dedicated space for nurses from diverse settings to discuss common professional concerns.

The booth aims to create a space in which nurses from around the world may explore and build collaborations with their nursing colleagues and engage in discussions about collective advocacy. It will also be a dynamic meeting point for local nurses who are not attending the AIDS2014 Conference. A wide range of information about HIV nursing will be available and key Australian and International nursing leaders will be present, to network and collaborate with, throughout the week.

Nursing Satellite: Nurses Stepping Up, Stepping Forward and Stepping Beyond!

Wednesday, 23 July, 7:00 – 8:30, Room 104

ASHM, the American Association of Nurses in AIDS Care (ANAC), the Australasian Sexual Health and HIV Nurses Association (ASHHNA) and the Australian and New Zealand Association for Nurses in AIDS Care (ANZANAC) are collaborating to host a Nursing Satellite to explore the theme of the nursing activities at AIDS2014; *Nurses Stepping Up, Stepping Forward and Stepping Beyond!*

Nurses constitute more than 80% of the global healthcare workforce and increasingly are involved in more than care delivery. Nurses step up to identify and address structural barriers while educating patients as part of health promotion. Nurses step forward and develop cultural competencies and utilise technology with patient centred perspectives that help to better design approaches to care and advance health equity in hard to reach populations. Nurses step beyond expected roles to use their unique experiences to advocate for policies and funding that shape better health care delivery and contribute to reducing health disparities in many settings. This satellite session, facilitated by Kimberly Carbaugh, Executive Director, American Association of Nurses in AIDS Care (ANAC) and presented by key Australian and International nursing leaders, will present four examples of innovative nurse designed and nurse led health care programs that reach vulnerable and under-served populations and will conclude with the critical role of nurses in health policy leadership.

National Association of People with HIV Australia

Founded in 1989, The National Association of People with HIV Australia (NAPWHA) is Australia's peak non-governmental organisation representing community-based groups of people living with HIV. NAPWHA's membership of national networks and state-based organisations reflects the diverse make-up of the HIV positive community in Australia, and provides leadership and participation through this constituency base.

NAPWHA provides advocacy, effective representation, policy, health promotion and outreach on a national level. Its work includes a range of health and education initiatives that promote evidence based standards of clinical care for HIV positive people. NAPWHA also contributes to clinical and social research into the incidence, impact and management of HIV.

NAPWHA has an impressive record in treatments advocacy working in the area of drug access and clinical trials. In recognising that health is more than merely drug treatment, NAPWHA works in partnership with health care professionals, researchers, government and the pharmaceutical industry to ensure that a broad view of health and well-being is reflected at all levels of service delivery.

NAPWHA's vision is of a world where people with HIV live their lives to their full potential, in good health and free from discrimination. NAPWHA's mission is to provide national advocacy, leadership and representation across the diverse needs of all people living with HIV in Australia.

NAPWHA:

- Represents the needs of HIV positive people, especially those dealing with treatment issues, clinical trials, disability and support services, welfare issues and health promotion strategies.
- Lobbies government on a range of HIV-specific and broader health and social policy issues.
- Collaborates with service providers to ensure that the current needs of positive people are met.
- Participates in community-based education and health promotion initiatives.
- Develops and contributes to policy across the health and welfare sectors.
- Fosters partnerships with government, the research community, HIV clinicians, the pharmaceutical industry and other consumer health and disability groups.
- Assists state and local HIV positive organisations and groups to undertake advocacy, education and policy work.

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NAPWHA Events and Activities**Central and Vital over 30 years**

NAPWHA's curated exhibition will be located in the Global Village. It will feature memorabilia and artefacts reflecting past moments in art, politics and community action that define the past 30 years of HIV in Australia. Exhibits include the Sydney Star Observer's first HIV-related news article published in 1981; archived images of early treatment activism; a DVD capturing the oral history of HIV in Australia and much more.

The Death of Kings

NAPWHA will host a play entitled *The Death of Kings*; a cabaret-style performance that relives the Sydney gay scene in the early 1980s during the HIV/AIDS crisis. *The Death of Kings* is a moving, lively and honest display of how a community came together to face tragedy with hope, grace, courage and flair. It will run from the 15-19 July at Howler, 7-11 Dawson Street, Brunswick. To book, visit the Howler website at www.h-w-l-r.com.

Beyond Blame: Challenging HIV Criminalisation

Beyond Blame is a preconference that will explore the issue of the overly broad criminalisation of HIV non-disclosure, exposure and transmission. It is free of charge and open to all with an interest in HIV criminalisation. Places are limited and pre-registration is essential. The keynote speaker will be the Hon Michael Kirby AC CMG, former Justice of the High Court of Australia. It will be held on Sunday 20 July 2014 at the Urban Workshop, 50 Lonsdale St, Melbourne. For more information contact Living Positive Victoria.

NAPWHA Exhibition Space

NAPWHA's space in the exhibition hall will showcase NAPWHA's national leadership across the areas of health policy, treatments and research developments. It will also ensure representation of the Australian PLHIV community at AIDS 2014. Free resources and literature will be available highlighting NAPWHA's advocacy, outreach and representation of the positive voice in Australia at the national level.

The International AIDS 2014 Candlelight Vigil

The International AIDS 2014 Candlelight Vigil is a free and inclusive event at which everyone is welcome. It will take place on Tuesday 22 July 2014 from 6pm at Federation Square in the heart of Melbourne. Attendees will join a diverse crowd of community members, international visitors and people who live and work in the City of Melbourne. Key to the event will be remembrance of the thirty five million people who have been lost to HIV over the course of the epidemic. However, the Vigil will also be a celebration of the triumphs of science, medicine, policy and community in the fight against HIV and AIDS.

Global Planet Positive

The National Association of People with HIV Australia (NAPWHA), the Global Network of People Living with HIV (GPN+) and other partners will host an evening social for members of the PLHIV community attending AIDS 2014, which will coincide with the opening of the conference on the 20th of July. This catered event will provide a space where people with HIV can meet, network and plan their further engagement with the conference. The event will be held at the Collingwood Town Hall in the evening on Sunday the 20th July from 8pm to 10pm.

EXHIBITION

The 20th International AIDS Conference offers opportunities to both commercial and non-commercial organizations to showcase their products and services to the world's leading HIV/AIDS professionals. With over 5,000 square meters of prime exhibition space and more than 14,000 delegates expected, your organization cannot afford to miss the chance to reach so many key players in the scientific response to HIV/AIDS. Delegates will comprise researchers, scientists, clinicians and other health care providers. The exhibition will also include a catering area and an internet café located nearby ensures that it remains the hub for all delegates who want to stay connected.

The Exhibition is open at the following times:

Sunday, 20 July	12:00 – 18:30
Monday, 21 – Thursday, 24 July	10:00 – 18:30

SATELLITES

Commercial and non-commercial satellite sessions on specific HIV-related issues will take place on site all day on Sunday, 20 July and in the mornings and evenings from Monday, 21 July – Thursday, 24 July. Satellite sessions are fully organized and coordinated by the organization hosting the satellite (company, government, institution or NGO). Slots will be allocated by the conference organizers based on the overall conference programme. The programme committee will review the contents and speakers of the satellite sessions to ensure that they meet the scientific and ethical principles of the conference.

AFFILIATED INDEPENDENT EVENTS

Affiliated Independent Events are independently organized events held outside of the conference site, Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, during times that do not conflict with the conference programme. Affiliated Independent Events must reflect and/or support the vision and goals of the conference and address HIV/AIDS, co-infections, or issues faced by individuals or organizations responding to the epidemic. Events should also reflect AIDS 2014 principles and values of diversity and inclusion. Groups or organizations are encouraged to apply to link their independently organized events with the conference to benefit from the momentum, exposure and international audience. There are no fees or charges related to the application process.

Affiliated Independent Events often include symposia, workshops and receptions, as well as social and cultural events. They may be population or issue specific, and can be open to the public, and/or conference delegates, or can be closed, invitation-only events. The organizer is responsible for the content, programme, promotion, staffing and sourcing of the event as well as all its related costs. All approved Affiliated Independent Event organizers are required to adhere to the application guidelines. To view the full list of Affiliated Independent Events, please visit www.aids2014.org/Default.aspx?pagelid=603.

TOURS PROGRAMME

Optional tours before, during and after the conference are available. Please see below for the full schedule:

DATE	TIME	TOUR	PRICE
Sunday, 20 July 2014	14:00 – 16:00	City Orientation Tour	USD 49
Monday, 21 July 2014	07:00 – 08:00	Yoga Class	USD 20
	11:00 – 13:00	Melbourne Golden Mile	USD 39
	13:30 – 17:30	Kangaroo Watch	USD 89
Tuesday, 22 July 2014	07:00 – 08:00	Yoga Class	USD 20
	09:00 – 11:00	City Orientation Tour	USD 49
	09:30 – 14:00	Australian Animals	USD 113
Wednesday, 23 July 2014	07:00 – 08:00	Yoga Class	USD 20
	09:00 – 11:30	Aboriginal Melbourne	USD 35
	10:00 – 16:00	Yarra Valley Winery Tour	USD 113
	13:00 – 15:30	Street Art Melbourne	USD 35
Thursday, 24 July 2014	07:00 – 08:00	Yoga Class	USD 20
	07:30 – 19:30	The Great Ocean Tour	USD 132
	09:00 – 11:30	Melbourne Bike Tour	USD 99
	14:30 – 22:00	Penguin Express	USD 129
Friday, 25 July 2014	07:00 – 08:00	Yoga Class	USD 20
	09:30 – 14:00	Australian Animals	USD 113
Saturday, 26 July – Sunday, 27 July 2014		Two Day Post-Conference Tour: Great Ocean Road Adventure	USD 620 (single room) USD 435 (double room)

All tours must be booked and paid for in advance. On-site requests are welcome at the Tours desk, located in registration. Further details and tour descriptions are available www.aids2014.org/Default.aspx?pagelid=684.

AUSTRALIAN CULTURAL PROGRAMME

Melbourne is proud to host the 20th International AIDS Conference and present a spectacular program of cultural activities and events. Held from 17 to 25 July, the program is brimming with a huge variety of diverse and unique activities from exhibitions, public seminars and facilitated conversations to musical theatre, art auctions, candlelight vigils, sporting fixtures, concerts and recitals, fashion events, retail events and much more. Melbourne's landscape will come alive after dark with many of the public buildings floodlit red as part of PAINT THE TOWN RED campaign.

For details on the full campaign visit www.aids2014.org and look for the Cultural Program section.

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Scholarship Review Committee

More than 7,000 scholarship applications were received for this conference. Given the volume and quality of the applications, the reviewing process was a critical part of selecting the highly evaluated scholarship recipients.

Nine qualified individuals from around the world volunteered their time and expertise to serve as reviewers, overseeing the selection process and the overall distribution, and ensuring the overarching Conference Coordinating Committee scholarship criteria were respected.

We extend our special thanks to these individuals for the time they dedicated to the success of the scholarship programme and conference.

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Abstract Mentor Programme

The Abstract Mentor Programme provides an opportunity for early-career abstract submitters to receive feedback from experienced abstract submitters on their draft abstracts. The programme links participants to mentors within the same track to maximize the use of the mentors' expertise. Mentoring support was complemented by an online e-course on conference abstract writing.

This year, 95 mentors reviewed 405 draft abstracts for 313 researchers, offering them an opportunity to improve their submissions. 254 mentees finally submitted an abstract for AIDS 2014.

Of the 254 abstracts, 77 were accepted, with the following breakdown:

- oral abstract sessions: 2
- poster discussion sessions: 3
- poster exhibition: 72

We would like to extend a special thank you to the volunteer abstract mentors, listed here, whose mentoring helped early-career HIV researchers improve the quality of their abstracts:

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International Abstract Review Committee

The 20th International AIDS Conference received more than 7,300 abstract submissions, which were put through a blind, peer-reviewed process carried out by an international panel of reviewers who play a critical role in designing a strong scientific programme.

Around 1,400 specialists from around the world volunteered their time and expertise to serve as peer reviewers, helping to ensure that the abstracts presented were selected on the basis of rigorous review and were of the highest scientific quality.

The Scientific Programme Committee would like to highlight the reviewers below for their outstanding contribution to the abstract review process, reviewing significantly more abstracts than their peers:

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Prizes and Awards Review

The International AIDS Society and its partners sponsor a number of prestigious scientific prizes and awards at the 20th International AIDS Conference. The prizes are awarded to top scoring abstracts presented at the conference and reward promising researchers who are doing outstanding research in the field of HIV. The different prizes and awards aim to draw the attention of the scientific community to certain research areas and to enhance scientific activities in line with critical research needs. A review panel for each prize consisting of three to four eminent scientists evaluates the highest scoring abstracts that were accepted as an oral presentation, poster discussion or poster exhibition by the Scientific Programme Committee and that fulfil the eligibility criteria relevant to the specific prize. Each abstract has been evaluated taking into account the innovation, originality, rationale and quality of the research presented. The review process is a critical component to ensure that only abstracts presenting outstanding research will be awarded. This process would not have been possible without the generous support of the reviewers that committed their time and expertise to ensure a fair and independent evaluation of eligible abstracts.

We extend our special thanks to the prizes and awards reviewers for their contribution to the success of the conference.

NEXT MEETINGS

Conferences Convened by the International AIDS Society

8th IAS Conference on HIV Pathogenesis, Treatment and Prevention (IAS 2015)

19 – 22 July 2015

Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

The event will be organized by the IAS, in partnership with the University of British Columbia Division of AIDS, based at St. Paul's Hospital, Providence Health Care. Held every two years, the conference attracts approximately 5,000 delegates from all over the world. It is a unique opportunity for leading scientists, clinicians, public health experts and community leaders to examine the latest developments in HIV-related research, and to explore how scientific advances can – in very practical ways – inform the global response to HIV and AIDS. IAS 2015 will take place at the Vancouver Convention Centre.

Website: www.ias2015.org

21st International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2016)

17 – 22 July 2016

Durban, South Africa

This is the second time that Durban will be hosting the International AIDS Conference, having hosted the XIII International AIDS Conference in 2000. Holding the conference in Durban will undoubtedly have a deep and lasting impact on one of the most important challenges of South Africa and Sub-Saharan Africa. At the same time, AIDS 2016 will also focus on the huge progress that the country has made since AIDS 2000. With its large HIV/AIDS epidemic, South Africa offers an opportunity for conducting research, the results of which may benefit other countries. The conference is organized by the International AIDS Society in partnership with selected government, scientific and civil society partners from South Africa and the African region, as well as international partners from civil society and the United Nations. The event will bring together all stakeholders in the response to HIV and AIDS to share current knowledge on the full spectrum of issues about the global epidemic. AIDS 2016 will be held at the Durban International Convention Centre.

Website: www.aids2016.org

Regional HIV/AIDS Conferences

2015 World STI & AIDS Congress

13 –16 September 2015

Brisbane, Australia

This congress is being held in conjunction with the International Union against STIs (IUSTI, www.iusti.org), ensuring a vibrant event with delegates from around the world. The ISSTD and IUSTI are the preeminent global bodies dedicated to research into STIs, HIV, vaccines and sexual health, from basic science through to population health.

The congress aims to:

- Promote up-and-coming new and outstanding international researchers
- Ensure a strong basic science track
- Highlight the research that is coming from the Asia-Pacific Region
- Promote research into the sexual health of vulnerable populations; including Indigenous people, ethnic minorities, and sexual/gender minorities
- Attract future researchers to witness the best science in the field of STIs, HIV and sexual health

For more information please contact the secretariat on:

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Australasian HIV&AIDS Conference 2015

16 – 18 September 2015

Brisbane, Australia

The Australasian HIV&AIDS Conference is the major forum for the presentation of HIV research in Australasia. It is the annual conference of the Australasian Society for HIV Medicine (ASHM) which has represented medical practitioners working in the HIV sector since its incorporation in 1990. A major component of ASHM's contribution to education and information dissemination in the HIV sector is through its annual conference. The Conference brings together clinicians, researchers, allied health professionals and community involved in HIV and related issues and provides a holistic perspective of prevention, treatment and care. The program highlights the latest advances in HIV medicine, put forward by leading local and international figures, and provides delegates with an opportunity to mutually influence and shape each other's practice and work.

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Web: www.hivaidsconference.com.au – to be launched soon

2014 United States Conference on AIDS

2 – 5 October 2014

Hilton San Diego Bayfront Hotel
San Diego, CA, USA

The 18th annual United States Conference on AIDS (USCA) will take place 2 – 5 October 2014, at the Hilton San Diego Bayfront Hotel, in San Diego, CA. For nearly two decades, USCA has sought to increase the strength and diversity of the community-based response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic through education, training, new partnerships, collaboration and networking.

In 2014 USCA will continue to highlight how the Affordable Care Act can help us draw even closer to ending the epidemic, while focusing on the challenges we still have to overcome to achieve this vision. USCA is the largest AIDS-related gathering in the U.S., bringing together over thousands of workers from all fronts of the HIV/AIDS epidemic – from case managers and physicians, to public health workers and advocates, people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHAs) and policy-makers – to build national support networks, exchange the latest information and learn cutting-edge tools to address the challenges of HIV/AIDS.

For further information, please contact:
2014 USCA Conference Planning Committee
National Minority AIDS Council
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Website: www.nmac.org/2014-u-s-conference-on-aids

15th European AIDS Conference

21 – 24 October 2015

Barcelona, Spain

The 15th European AIDS Conference (EACS) will offer an exciting scientific programme, composed of a well-balanced mix of timely plenary lectures and symposia, as well as abstract-driven sessions presenting recent original research in the field of HIV medicine.

An important goal of the conference is to promote an interest in clinical HIV research among young researchers/clinicians, including those from Central and Eastern Europe, at an early stage in their career. Junior researchers are therefore particularly encouraged to submit results from their scientific work and to also use the conference as a venue for networking.

For further information, please contact:
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Website: www.eacs-conference2015.com

HIV Drug Therapy Glasgow 2014

2 – 6 November 2014

Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre
Glasgow, UK

Now firmly established as one of the major international HIV meetings, this congress will address further developments and innovations in therapeutic strategies and research impacting on the management of HIV infection. The meeting will provide a topical scientific programme incorporating keynote lectures, plenary presentations, free papers, satellite symposia and poster sessions. The formal programme will be supplemented by a full scientific exhibition.

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12th International Congress on AIDS in Asia Pacific (ICAAP)

20-23 November 2015

Dhaka, Bangladesh

Over the span of 20 years, the International Congress on AIDS in Asia Pacific (ICAAP) has emerged as an effective venue for AIDS activists, people living with HIV/AIDS, policy makers, government functionaries, academics, clinicians, researchers, pharmaceutical companies and international agencies to gather and take stock of their activities. The Government of Bangladesh, Partners in Population and Development (PPD) and the civil society organisations along with the support of UNAIDS, academic institutions and donors located in Bangladesh have been working together to organize this international event. It is expected that more than four thousand participant from around the worldwide will attend this gathering.

For further information, please contact the 12th ICAAP 2015 Secretariat at:
Email: info@icaap2015.org
Website: www.icaap2015.org

18th International Conference on AIDS and STIs in Africa (ICASA)

22-27 November 2015

Tunisia

ICASA is a biennial conference that alternates between Anglophone and Francophone African countries. The goal of the conference is to provide a forum for exchange of experiences and lessons learned from around the world, when responding to HIV, AIDS, and STIs. This event is the continent's largest gathering of HIV/AIDS activists and researchers.

For further information, please contact the Society for AIDS in Africa (SAA) Secretariat at:
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- ARV procurement
- drug regulation
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Graeme Moyle

Director of HIV Research Strategy
Honorary Clinical Teacher in Medicine
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Agenda

18:30 – 19:10	Long-term Toxicity Management/ Avoidance – Challenges of Managing Older Patients	Andrew Carr
19:10 – 19:50	Clinical Trial Based Evidence	Daniel Kuritzkes
19:50 – 20:30	Multiple Patients – Multiple Choices	Graeme Moyle

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Meat Market

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The Cargo Hall

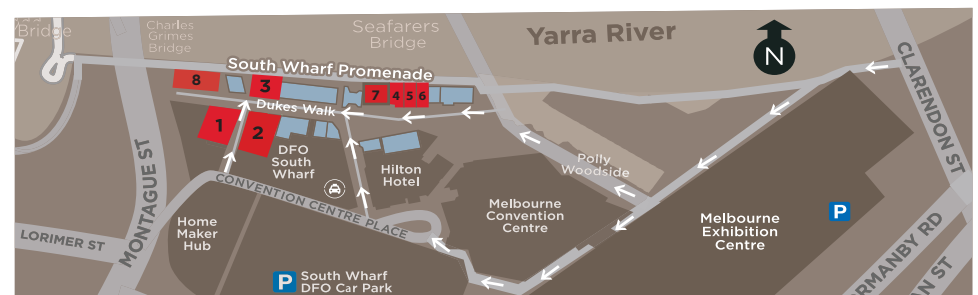
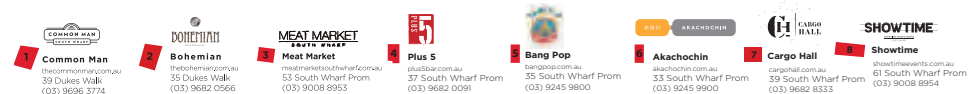
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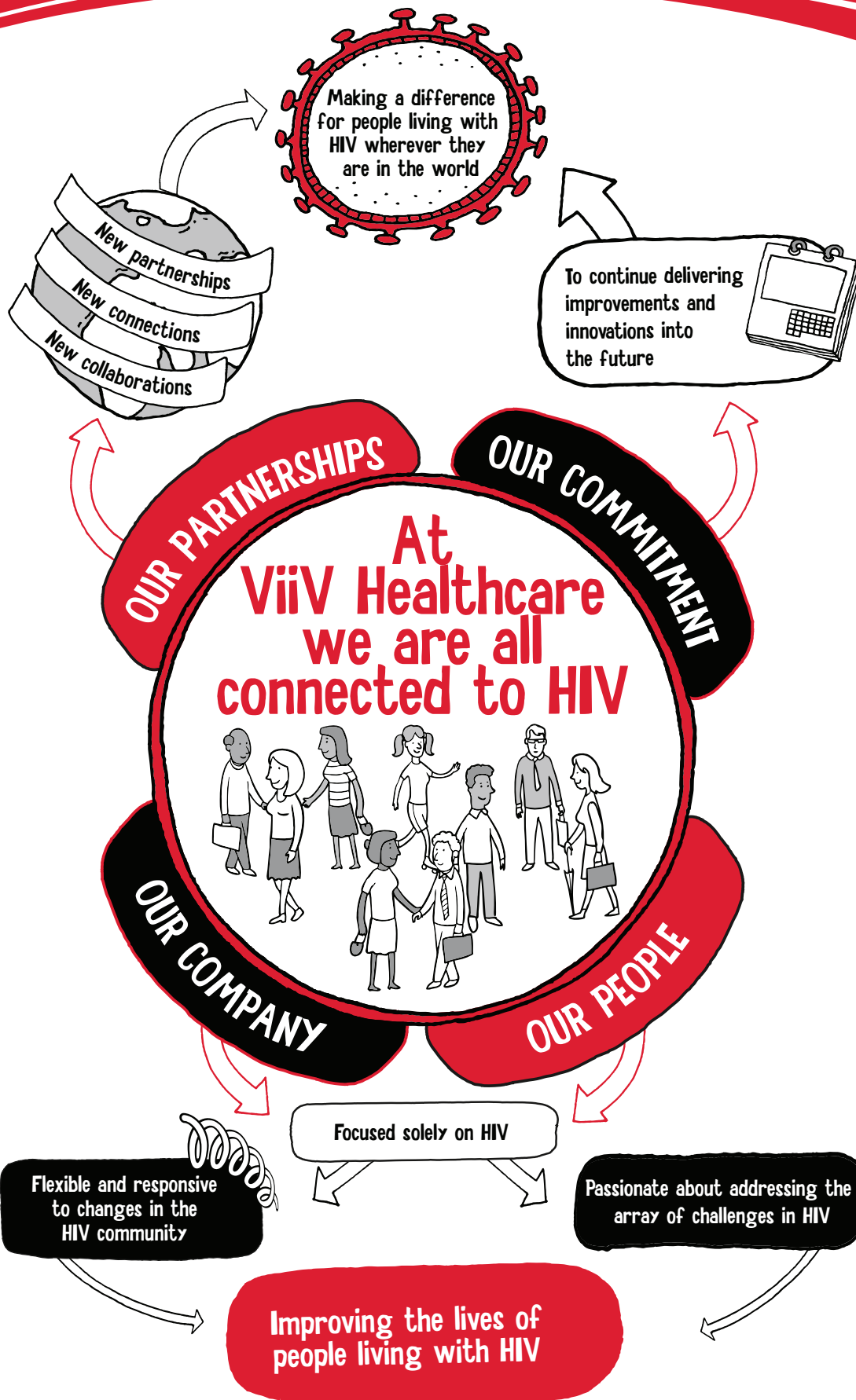
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