



AIDS 2010

XVIII INTERNATIONAL AIDS CONFERENCE
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Rights Here, Right Now

Taking Stock and Looking Forward

The International AIDS Conference is the premier gathering for those working in the field of HIV, as well as policy makers, persons living with HIV and other individuals committed to ending the pandemic. The AIDS 2010 programme will present new scientific knowledge and offer many opportunities for structured dialogue to chart a course forward. With the deadline for universal access falling due and a global economic crisis threatening to undermine public investments, the conference will help keep AIDS on the front burner, and is a chance to demonstrate the importance of continued AIDS investments to broader human rights, health and development goals.

Rights Here, Right Now

Rights Here, Right Now, the AIDS 2010 theme, emphasizes the central importance of protecting and promoting human rights as a prerequisite to a successful response to HIV. The right to dignity and self-determination for key affected populations, to equal access to health care and life-saving prevention and treatment programmes, and the right to interventions based on evidence rather than ideology are all incorporated in this urgent demand for action.

Rights Here, Right Now emphasizes that concrete human rights measures need to be in place to protect those most vulnerable to and affected by HIV, especially women and girls, people who use drugs, migrants, prisoners, sex workers, men who have sex with men and transgender persons.

Rights Here, Right Now emphasizes the location of the conference in Vienna, chosen in part for its proximity to Eastern Europe and Central Asia, a region experiencing one of the fastest growing epidemics that is fuelled primarily by injecting drug use. It also underscores this critical moment in time – with the 2010 deadline that world leaders set for providing universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support on the immediate horizon. *Rights Here, Right Now* is a call for leadership, accountability and action.

Conference Programme

The AIDS 2010 conference programme will consist of abstract-driven sessions featuring the latest HIV research in six tracks; non-abstract-driven sessions focusing on the latest issues in HIV science, policy and practice; workshops that will develop professional skills and knowledge; and programme activities including the Youth Programme and the Global Village, a dynamic learning and gathering space open to the public that has become a conference highlight for many.

In addition to sessions, workshops and activities, the conference will feature satellite meetings, commercial, non-commercial and cultural exhibitions, and offsite, pre- and post-conference affiliated events.

Abstract Submission

The XVIII International AIDS Conference welcomes the submission of abstracts for original contribution to the field in the following six programme tracks:

- Track A:** Basic Science
- Track B:** Clinical Sciences
- Track C:** Epidemiology and Prevention Sciences
- Track D:** Social and Behavioural Sciences
- Track E:** Economics, Operations Research, Care and Health Systems
- Track F:** Policy, Law, Human Rights and Political Science

The abstract-driven component of the conference offers the highest caliber knowledge and peer-reviewed research. Abstract-driven sessions are either specific to one of the six tracks or involve abstracts from different tracks focusing on a single theme.

Track A abstracts accepted for the conference will also be considered for the invitation-only pre-conference meeting “Towards a Cure: HIV Reservoirs and Strategies to Control Them”.

Online abstract submission closes on 10 February 2010.
Late breaker abstract submission opens on 20 April 2010 and closes on 20 May 2010.

Programme Activities

The Global Village, open to conference delegates and the general public, aims to intensify the involvement of key affected populations and other stakeholders in the conference and in the global response to AIDS. Examples of activities include sessions, forums, oral presentations, awards, networking zones, NGO exhibition booths, marketplace booths, art exhibits, film screenings and performing arts.

The Youth Programme aims to strengthen the participation of young people and the profile of youth issues in the conference through activities such as a youth pavilion, youth-driven sessions, an electronic youth newsletter, the youth opening and reception, and a high-level youth leadership forum.

Global Village and Youth Programme submissions close on 10 February 2010.

Exhibitions

AIDS 2010 offers opportunities to both commercial and non-commercial organizations to showcase their products and services to the largest gathering of AIDS professionals in the world. With over 7,000 square metres of prime exhibition space and an estimated 25,000 delegates, organizations can effectively reach a broad cross-section of players in the global response to AIDS.

Exhibitions at AIDS 2008 were oversubscribed, and we encourage early applications to avoid disappointment.

A limited number of free/discounted exhibit booths for AIDS service organizations, non-commercial organizations and NGOs are also planned within the Global Village.

Exhibition applications close on 31 May 2010.

Satellite Meetings

Satellite meetings take place in the conference centre but are fully organized and coordinated by the organization hosting the satellite (private company, government agency, institution or NGO). Conference organizers make satellite slots available for a fee, which is based on the room capacity and the time slot, and will allocate slots according to availability on the conference programme.

Satellite applications close on 31 March 2010.

Scholarships

The conference organizing partners are committed to making AIDS 2010 accessible to people from resource-limited settings, researchers globally, community activists and civil society representatives. The International Scholarship Programme is open to everyone around the world.

Priority will be given to those whose participation will help enhance their work in their own communities, to those who are able to assist in the transfer of skills and knowledge acquired at the conference, and to those whose abstract, workshop or activity submission has been selected.

A very limited number of scholarships will be available for media representatives from around the world.

Scholarship applications close on 10 February 2010.

Conference Hubs

AIDS 2010 will support conference hubs featuring screenings of selected conference sessions at sites around the world, with a particular focus on Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

Moderated local discussions of how session content can be used or is relevant locally will follow the screenings. Hubs may also feature workshops and trainings in addition to the conference sessions.

There will be three official conference hubs in Eastern Europe and Central Asia (Moscow, Kyiv and Almaty). AIDS 2010 is also encouraging the organization of independent conference hubs around the world.

Independent conference hub submissions open on 16 March 2010 and close on 15 June 2010.

Registration

To encourage broad participation in the conference, organizers are offering a two-tiered fee structure, with lower registration fees for delegates from middle- and low-income countries (World Bank classification) and students/post-docs.

Late surcharge added on 25 February 2010.

Last minute surcharge added on 6 May 2010.

Key Dates

● Abstract Submission	
Close	10 February 2010
Open Late Breakers	20 April 2010
Close Late Breakers	20 May 2010
● Registration	
Late Fee	25 February 2010
Last Minute Fee	6 May 2010
● Programme Activities and Workshops Submissions	
Close	10 February 2010
● Scholarship Applications	
Close	10 February 2010
● Satellite Applications	
Close	31 March 2010
● Exhibition Applications	
Close	31 May 2010

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