



MEDIA ADVISORY

WHAT 21st International AIDS conference

WHEN 18–22 July 2016

WHERE Durban International Convention Centre, Durban, South Africa

DETAILS AIDS 2016 aims to assess where the world is in the response to HIV, evaluate recent scientific developments and lessons learned and collectively chart a course forward. The AIDS 2016 programme will present new scientific knowledge and will offer many opportunities for structured dialogue on the major issues facing the global response to HIV. A variety of session types—from abstract-driven presentations to symposia, bridging and plenary sessions—will meet the needs of various participants. Other related activities, including the Global Village, satellite symposia, the exhibition and affiliated independent events, will contribute to an exceptional opportunity for professional development and networking. The programme and further information on the conference can be accessed at www.AIDS2016.org.

Press releases and web stories on the conference and side events will be updated as available at www.unaids.org.

Media accreditation

Media accreditation is closed, but media passes will be available for individual press conferences from the media centre, located on the lower level of the conference centre.

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Webcasting

Live coverage on Facebook, Twitter, Periscope and Instagram. Digital hub is at www.crowd360.org/aids2016.

Multimedia—videos will be posted on the AIDS 2016 YouTube channel within 24–48 hours of the session.

Photo galleries—a selection of photos from different events can be seen at <http://www.unaids.org/en/resources/multimediacentre/photos/AIDS2016> and on <http://aids2016.org>.

Video—materials will be available on the UNAIDS YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/user/UNAIDS.

Social media—the main hashtag for the conference is #AIDS2016. UNAIDS suggested social media materials can be found at <http://www.unaids.org/en/resources/campaigns/AIDS2016/socialmedia>.

Web site—stories on different events can be accessed at www.unaids.org.

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OPENING CEREMONY

Monday, 18 July

Venue: Durban ICC Session Room 1

19:30–21:00

The opening session welcomes delegates to the conference and to Durban and is held on Nelson Mandela Day, when South Africa and the world celebrates Madiba's legacy on human rights and HIV.

Speakers and performers include: Kweku Mandela, Africa Rising; Charlize Theron, Charlize Theron Africa Outreach Project; Chris Beyrer, Johns Hopkins University; Olive Shisana, Evidence-Based Solutions; Nkhensani Mavasa, Treatment Action Campaign; Steve Letsike, South African National AIDS Council; Willies Mchunu, Premier of KwaZulu-Natal; Michel Sidibé, UNAIDS Executive Director; Cyril Ramaphosa, Deputy President of South Africa; Ndaba Mandela, Africa Rising; Caroline Rupert, Filmmaker; Strong Girls; Freshlyground.

SESSIONS AND SATELLITES

Tuesday, 19 July

07:00–08:30

A global partnership to end paediatric AIDS by 2020

Venue: Durban ICC, Session Room 7

07:00–08:30

Political leadership—has this concept strengthened or hampered the AIDS response over the last two decades?

Venue: Durban ICC, Session Room 11

This session, jointly hosted by the South African Presidency and the Champions for an AIDS-Free Generation in Africa and supported by UNAIDS, will ask the question, “What role will political leadership play in ensuring sustainability with respect to resources, upholding the rights of key populations and securing robust accountability frameworks in Africa and across the globe?”

09:00–10:00

Launch of the Kenyan HIV situation room

Venue: Durban ICC, UNAIDS office space on the lower level, Meeting Rooms 2 and 3

Luiz Loures, UNAIDS Deputy Executive Director, will join a demonstration of how real-time collection, analysis and use of national and subnational HIV epidemiological and response data can assist in identifying the locations and populations that are being left behind by the AIDS response.

11:00–12:00

Leadership workshop—Common at its core: understanding the linkages for challenging the impact of criminal law across key populations

Venue: Durban ICC, Session Room 3

13:00–14:00

Red Ribbon Awards

Venue: Durban ICC, Session Room 2

Ten exceptional community-based organizations will be announced as recipients of the 2016 Red Ribbon Award for their inspiring work towards ending the AIDS epidemic. The Red Ribbon Award is the world's leading award for innovative and outstanding community work in the response to the AIDS epidemic. Community-based organizations have shown the world how to effectively advance the HIV response and the Red Ribbon Award recognizes their transformative achievements.

15:45–17:00

Turning the tide for adolescent girls and young women: how realizing gender equality and securing women's human rights are essential for reaching the end of AIDS

Venue: Durban ICC, Session Room 1

This session will commence with Jan Beagle, UNAIDS Deputy Executive Director, and Princess Tessy of Luxembourg presenting the Women and Girls Investigators Prize

16:30–18:00

Bridging session. The challenges of faith responses to the AIDS epidemic: data, diversity and dilemmas

Venue: Durban ICC, Session Room 11

18:30–20:30

Community innovations at the forefront of ending new HIV infections among children and enhancing women's health

Venue: Durban ICC, Session Room 11

18.30–20:30

High-level meeting—Implementation at the national and local level: revitalizing HIV combination prevention in the eastern and southern Africa region

Venue: Southern Sun Elangeni Maharani, 63 Snell Parade

Co-hosted by the Governments of Zimbabwe and Kenya, UNAIDS, the United Nations Populations Fund and the Ford Foundation. This meeting provides an opportunity to obtain commitments on implementation to reach specific targets on HIV combination prevention and increased investment from ministers of health, education and gender.

Wednesday, 20 July

15:15–16:15

HPV, HIV and cervical cancer: leveraging synergies to save women’s lives

Venue: Durban ICC, Global Village Women’s Networking Zone

The World Health Organization, the United Nations Populations Fund and UNAIDS will launch a joint advocacy brief on HPV, HIV and cervical cancer.

Thursday, 21 July

15.30–17.30

UNAIDS special session on key populations

Venue: Durban ICC, UNAIDS office space on the lower level, Meeting Rooms 2 and 3

Friday, 22 July

13:00–14:00

UNAIDS special session—From commitments to actions: implications of the 2016 United Nations High-Level Meeting on Ending AIDS

Venue: Durban ICC, Session Room 1