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## WORDS OF WELCOME

### DEAR COLLEAGUES,

The convening of the 20<sup>th</sup> International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2014) in Melbourne, Australia, in July 2014 represents a tremendous opportunity to highlight the diverse nature of the Asia Pacific region's HIV epidemic and the unique responses to it. Gathering in Melbourne, we will work together to strengthen our efforts across all regions and around the world, building on the momentum of recent scientific advances and the momentum from AIDS 2012.

The biennial International AIDS Conference is the premier gathering for those working in the field of HIV, as well as policymakers, people living with HIV and others committed to ending the epidemic. It will be a unique opportunity for researchers from around the world to share the latest scientific advances in the field, learn from one another's expertise, and develop strategies for advancing all facets of our collective efforts to treat and prevent HIV.

AIDS 2014 is expected to convene over 14,000 delegates from nearly 200 countries, including 1,200 journalists. The conference will be held from 20-25 July 2014 at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre. The International AIDS Society, the world's leading independent association of HIV professionals, with more than 16,000 members in 194 countries, is organizing AIDS 2014 in collaboration with international and local partners.

The Australian health policy response to HIV has been characterized as emerging from the grassroots rather than top-down, with a high degree of partnership between scientists, government and community. AIDS 2014 will be an important opportunity to share the benefits of such partnerships with other countries.

Hosting AIDS 2014 in Melbourne will also make it possible for those from across the region to attend the conference and share their successes and challenges on a global level. The Asia Pacific region has the largest geographic area and population in the world, dramatically varying levels of wealth, and a complex mix of structural and behavioural determinants of HIV risk, giving the experts from the region unique perspectives on the epidemic that will be of great value to their colleagues from around the world.

We are extremely pleased to partner with the City of Melbourne, the State Government of Victoria, the Federal Government of Australia and various scientific and community leaders from Australia, as well as from Asia and the Pacific, with long and impressive histories of leadership on HIV.

We look forward to a strong global partnership among science, leadership and community in building a conference programme that will take another step towards ending the AIDS epidemic.



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## MELBOURNE

The city of Melbourne respectfully acknowledges that it is located on the traditional land of the Kulin Nation. This special place is now known by its European name of Melbourne.

Melbourne has always been an important meeting place and location for events of social, educational, sporting and cultural significance. Today, Melbourne is one of the great multicultural cities of the world, home to over 4 million people from over 140 nations.

Melbourne boasts Australia's highest concentration of conference facilities, with almost 198,000 square metres of conference space and more than 15,000 accommodation rooms conveniently located right in the heart of the city. The city follows the picturesque Yarra River from the cosmopolitan Docklands in the west to Melbourne's famous sporting precinct in the east.

Melbourne is a walking city with endless options. The city sweeps you up into laneways and libraries, attractions, art galleries, parks, theatres and a vibrant waterfront atmosphere.

For more information about Melbourne please visit [http://www.aids2014.org/welcome\\_to\\_melbourne.aspx](http://www.aids2014.org/welcome_to_melbourne.aspx)



Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (MCEC).  
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## KEY DATES

### 18 NOVEMBER 2013

- Abstract Mentor Programme submissions open

### 1 DECEMBER 2013

- Abstract submissions open
- Registrations open
- Workshop applications open
- Global Village and Youth Programme applications open
- Satellites applications open
- Exhibition applications open
- Accommodation bookings open
- Tour bookings open

### 5 DECEMBER 2013

- Scholarship applications open

### 22 JANUARY 2014

- Abstract Mentor Programme submissions close

### 6 FEBRUARY 2014

- Abstract submissions close
- Workshop applications close
- Global Village and Youth Programme applications close

### 13 FEBRUARY 2014 – 24:00 CET

- Scholarship applications close

### 20 FEBRUARY 2014 – 24:00 CET

- Registrations standard fee deadline

### 1 APRIL 2014

- Volunteer applications open

### 14 APRIL 2014

- Satellites applications close

### 24 APRIL 2014

- Abstract submissions late breakers open

### 2 MAY 2014 – 24:00 CET

- Registrations late fee deadline
- Exhibition applications close

### 15 MAY 2014

- Abstract submissions late breakers close

### 30 JUNE 2014

- Affiliated Independent Events applications close

## 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 for all.

*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.

## OVERVIEW

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 HIV epidemic around the world. It is a chance to assess where we are, evaluate recent scientific developments and lessons learnt, and collectively chart a course forward.

The AIDS 2014 programme will present new scientific knowledge and 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 meetings, exhibitions and affiliated independent events, will contribute to an exceptional opportunity for professional development and networking.

### CONFERENCE LANGUAGE

The official language of AIDS 2014 is English.

The Opening Session will be interpreted into the five UN languages (Arabic, Russian, Chinese, French and Spanish).

The conference website, [www.aids2014.org](http://www.aids2014.org), will have a dedicated Mandarin section.



AIDS 2012 Closing Session. Sharon Lewin, AIDS 2014 Local Co-Chair, receives AIDS Conference globe from AIDS 2012 leadership.  
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# CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

The AIDS 2014 Conference Programme seeks to promote scientific excellence and inquiry, encourage individual and collective action, foster multi-sectoral dialogue and constructive debate, and reinforce accountability amongst all stakeholders. Sessions will focus on the latest issues in HIV science, policy and practice and will seek to share key research findings, lessons learned and best practices, as well as identify gaps in knowledge. The conference will feature abstract-driven sessions, a daily plenary session, a variety of symposia sessions, workshops and independently organized satellite meetings. In addition, the conference programme will include the Global Village and the Youth Programme, which are an integral aspect of the International AIDS Conference.

For more information on the conference programme, please visit [www.aids2014.org/programme.aspx](http://www.aids2014.org/programme.aspx)

## CONFERENCE GOVERNANCE

The AIDS 2014 Conference Coordinating Committee and the three programme committees (Science, Community and Leadership & Accountability), work collaboratively to build the programme. Each committee is made up of experts and professionals with exceptional experience in their respective fields.

Additional details on the Conference Coordinating Committee and the three programme committees – including a list of members and the programme committees' vision statements – may be viewed at [www.aids2014.org](http://www.aids2014.org)

## EXPANDED ONLINE ACCESS

Reflecting a commitment to make AIDS 2014 as accessible to as many people as possible, organizers are partnering with several groups to make a significant portion of the AIDS 2014 programme available online. Copies of speeches, slide presentations, abstracts, electronic posters, session-specific and daily rapporteur reports, workshop handouts and recordings will be accessible through the online Programme-at-a-Glance. Clinical Care Options, Inc. is the official online provider of scientific analysis with NAM providing official scientific reporting. All official publications, including the daily on-site news bulletin and press releases, will also be available electronically.

## AIDS 2014: JOIN THE CONVERSATION

You can also get the latest conference updates and share your thoughts and ideas through the Conference Facebook and Twitter.

We are tweeting – @AIDS\_Conference – and hope many of you will tweet along with us, using #AIDS2014 to keep the conversation going.

You can become a fan of AIDS 2014 on Facebook and stay in touch with the latest conference updates and developments. Please visit [www.facebook.com/InternationalAIDSConference](http://www.facebook.com/InternationalAIDSConference) to become a fan. If your group or organization is participating in AIDS 2014, we welcome posts of photos and videos of your work on this page. Tell us why you are coming to Melbourne and what you hope to gain from AIDS 2014.

## CONFERENCE HUBS

Conference hubs are “mini conferences” held in conjunction with AIDS 2014 by local organizations active in the AIDS response. Sessions from the International AIDS Conference are recorded free of charge and can be screened at organizers' discretion. These sessions are typically followed by moderated discussions with local or regional experts to examine how the session content can be used to strengthen the HIV and AIDS response. Conference hubs may also feature workshops or training in addition to the conference sessions. Conference hubs should facilitate discussion and debate among stakeholders, potentially leading to the development of a comprehensive plan for future action at the local or regional levels.

The list of sessions that will be recorded and available to be screened in hubs will be available through the Programme-at-a-Glance (PAG), once it is released in June. Please note that not all conference content will be available online.

Conference hub organizers will have access to a Hub in a Box, a DIY toolkit including step-by-step instructions, templates and more on marketing, fundraising, budgeting, and evaluation to help them design and market their events. This will be available in May 2014.

For more information on how to host or attend a conference hub, visit: <http://www.aids2014.org/hubs.aspx>

## AIDS 2014 WEBINAR SERIES

The AIDS 2014 Webinar Series is a capacity building and mobilization initiative of the AIDS 2014 organizers. This initiative will provide timely updates related to AIDS 2014 and will cover a variety of capacity building topics aimed at strengthening the participation and engagement of young individuals, communities, leaders and scientists at the conference. For more information please visit: [www.aids2014.org/webinars.aspx](http://www.aids2014.org/webinars.aspx)



# GET INVOLVED: ABSTRACTS, ACTIVITIES, WORKSHOPS AND MORE

## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The 20<sup>th</sup> International AIDS Conference welcomes the submission of abstracts for original contributions to the field in the following five scientific tracks:

- Track A:** Basic and Translational Research
- Track B:** Clinical Research
- Track C:** Epidemiology and Prevention Research
- Track D:** Social and Political Research, Law, Policy and Human Rights
- Track E:** Implementation Research, Economics, Systems and Synergies with other Health and Development Sectors

Abstract submissions will be scored by an international panel of reviewers through a blind peer-review process and ultimately selected by members of the AIDS 2014 Scientific Programme and Track Committees.

**Online abstract submission opens on 1 December 2013 and closes on 6 February 2014.**



Catherine Hankins speaking at AIDS 2012 Bridging Session "Prevention Today: What's the Right Mix". © IAS/Ryan Rayburn - Commercialimage.net

## SCIENTIFIC TRACKS

### TRACK A: BASIC AND TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH

Track A covers research into the interaction between host and pathogen with the intent of informing novel approaches to HIV prevention, reduction in long-term morbidities, eradication and functional cure. An explicit objective of this track is to allow cross-fertilization and rapid communication of critical advances or insights in basic science to inform translation into and implementation of new paradigms in treatment, prevention and surveillance, thus bridging the gap between basic, clinical and epidemiological research. This track will provide a forum for presentation and critical review of advances in our understanding of the:

- Relative contributions of viral factors, (e.g., viral determinants, including viral diversity, replicative capacity and load) and host factors (e.g., restriction factors, mucosal environments, immune responses) to transmission and the establishment of infection.
- Advances in vaccine, microbicides and ART as prevention strategies in terms of targets, delivery systems and mechanisms of action, including modulation of innate and adaptive host responses.
- Interplay between virus and host factors, both innate and adaptive, in determining pathogenesis and disease progression or in controlling virus replication and influencing the establishment and maintenance of virus reservoirs.
- Mechanisms and the impact of ongoing inflammation and immune activation driven by a) the virus; b) damage to and activation of the host immune system; c) and ongoing co-infections on long term AIDS and non-AIDS related morbidities, as well as on viral production.
- Methods to assess the establishment and maintenance of the viral reservoir and strategies to impact upon it.

This track will also provide a forum for reporting new mechanisms involved in host-virus relationships in a range of model systems, informing a) the development of simplified or enhanced diagnostics, novel prognostic markers and/or epidemiological methodologies for HIV and its related co-infections, which may serve as future markers for monitoring disease progression or clinical trials; b) the rapid translation of these basic biological observations into novel interventions that can be iteratively tested in models or human populations with due consideration of the ethical implications of any experimental interventions.

### TRACK B: CLINICAL RESEARCH

Track B Clinical Science focuses on the implementation of sustaining the long-term goals of HIV care, treatment and therapeutic prevention. Track B highlights the latest research findings into new antiretroviral drugs and antiretroviral strategies, novel adjuvant therapies for HIV infection, and strategies for promoting long term health in HIV, through optimization of the



prevention, screening and management of non-communicable diseases. It focuses on the complexities and controversies related to long term management of the virologically suppressed individual and the impact of therapies on HIV reservoirs, pharmacokinetics, drug interactions, adherence to treatment, treatment simplification and drug resistance. It explores the pathogenesis of co-morbidities, and the interactions between HIV and other chronic non-communicable diseases on a global level. Approaches to treatment, care and support among all people at risk of, vulnerable to, or living with HIV are addressed (including drug users and sex workers), as well as innovations related to the implementation of models of HIV care in resource-limited settings.

Track B forges links between the basic science and prevention tracks and includes the latest research in the Treatment as Prevention strategy and discussions on the ethical and human rights issues related to implementation of recent clinical research findings. The important synergies between basic science and clinical research are examined for their application to HIV treatment and care, and approaches to functional cure.

### TRACK C: EPIDEMIOLOGY AND PREVENTION RESEARCH

This track will focus on the dynamics of the HIV epidemic, and the design, implementation and evaluation of the impact of HIV prevention interventions and programmes. Track C will also include discussions on ethical and human rights issues related to epidemiological and prevention research.

Epidemiology: sessions in this track will encompass the full spectrum of methodological and technological advances

including study designs, surveillance, molecular epidemiology, mathematical modelling and good participatory practice. It will include methods to assess HIV transmission dynamics and track epidemics and their impact, including approaches tailored to epidemics that are heading towards elimination. This track will also include epidemiological studies in serodiscordant couples, key affected populations, youth, adolescents and the elderly. Factors that might influence HIV transmission and acquisition including hormonal contraception will also be considered.

Prevention: Track C will address HIV prevention research at both individual and population levels. Topics of particular interest include interdisciplinary and/or combined prevention approaches, efforts to promote preparedness, introduction of and adherence to biomedical prevention technologies. Work on prevention potential of new methods of HIV testing, diagnostic strategies, surveillance of antiretroviral drug resistance, combination prevention, prevention of co-morbidities pre-exposure prophylaxis, adult and neonatal circumcision approaches and devices, microbicides, vaccines, prevention of HIV transmission from HIV-positive individuals including the prevention benefits of antiretroviral treatment, use of electronic and new media, and other methods will be highlighted. Particular interest will be given to highlighting evidence and experience of successful prevention interventions in key populations such as people who inject drugs, men who have sex with men, sex workers, transgender people, prisoners, migrant and vulnerable populations. Structural interventions for HIV prevention will be discussed.



(from left to right) Bertrand Audoin, Elly Katabira, Diane Havlir, Michel Sidibé, Barbara Lee and Mark Dybul at the AIDS 2012 Opening Press Conference. © IAS/Deborah W. Campos - Commercialimage.net

## TRACK D: SOCIAL AND POLITICAL RESEARCH, LAW, POLICY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Track D focuses on a) research and analysis of social, political, legal and human rights factors influencing HIV prevention, treatment, care and support; and b) evaluation of policies, programmes, services and other interventions impacting on social, political, legal and human rights environments and outcomes.

More specifically, this track covers:

- Research on individual, social and structural determinants of HIV risk, vulnerability and impact, particularly among key affected populations;
- Qualitative, quantitative and mixed-methods process, outcome and impact evaluations of individual, community and structural interventions aiming to address social, political, legal and human rights factors and environments;
- Innovations in theoretical and methodological approaches in social, political, legal and human rights research and interventions regarding HIV, including with respect to ethical issues;
- Translation of (multidisciplinary) research into policy and practice, including the establishment or strengthening of supportive and enabling interventions, policies and laws.

Track D invites submissions from the full range of social (including behavioural) science disciplines - including sociology, anthropology, political science and psychology – as well as from legal and human rights scholars and analysts, social-epidemiologists, and evaluation researchers. This track also welcomes submissions from programme implementers who are engaged in evaluation or research examining the translation of social and political science, and legal, policy and human rights frameworks into practice. Researchers and programme implementers examining the behavioural, social, political, legal, policy and human rights implications and impacts of scientific advances, including new and emerging HIV treatment and prevention technologies, are also invited to submit abstracts to Track D.

## TRACK E: IMPLEMENTATION RESEARCH, ECONOMICS, SYSTEMS AND SYNERGIES WITH OTHER HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT SECTORS

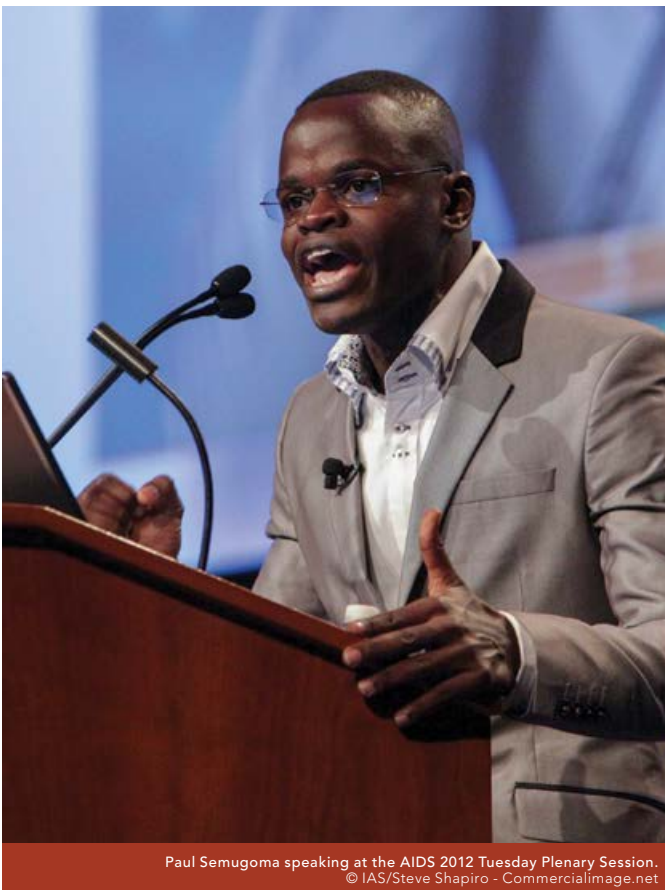
The role of Track E is to increase our understanding of how HIV prevention, treatment and care, can be effectively and efficiently offered in a manner that is accessible and acceptable to individuals, families, communities, and governments, and makes effective use of human, financial and other resources. Track E places HIV in the broader context of health systems and human development.

This track examines the impact of HIV policy and programmes on HIV outcomes, health and development at sub-national, national or regional levels. Within this broad area, Track E has particular emphases on a) country ownership and sustainability; b) integrating HIV responses within a broader health and development framework and approaches to HIV, health and rights; and c) key populations that carry a disproportionately large HIV burden and receive a disproportionately small amount of the investment in the HIV response.

Track E is a forum for presenting research and progress on scale up and sustainability of HIV prevention, care and treatment programmes; integration of HIV prevention, treatment and care with other health and development programmes in generalized epidemics; and HIV prevention, treatment and care in new or challenging settings such as conflict or extremely limited resources. Consideration of various ethical and human rights issues related to the delivery of prevention, treatment and care should be included as an integral part of the presentation.

Also included in Track E is an examination of the role and effectiveness of community structures and participation (with a special interest in youth and key population participation) and community led approaches, both as issues in their own right, and in regard to their relationship to the broader health sector response to HIV.

An additional focal area of Track E is research on improving sustainability of resource allocation for HIV programmes. Health systems capacity, functioning, financing, equity and cost analyses, budgetary impact analyses and cost-effectiveness analyses are included in this track.



Paul Semugoma speaking at the AIDS 2012 Tuesday Plenary Session.  
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Four of the 991 AIDS 2014 Volunteers.  
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## ABSTRACT MENTOR PROGRAMME

The goal of the AIDS 2014 Abstract Mentor Programme is to provide an opportunity for young and/or less experienced abstract submitters to ask for feedback from experienced abstract submitters. The programme is especially targeted at researchers from resource-limited settings who lack access to opportunities for rigorous mentoring in research and writing, for whom online distance education is proven to cost-effectively build research capacity.

The programme is completely independent of the abstract review and selection process and is entirely dependent on volunteer experienced researchers acting as mentors.

Mentors answer questions on practical issues, such as formal requirements of abstract writing and on the quality of the data collected.

Established in 2005, the programme's aims is to increase motivation and acceptances of abstracts from early-career researchers and from submitters from developing countries.

The Abstract Mentor Programme opens on 18 November 2013 and closes on 22 January 2014. Please contact [mentor@aids2014.org](mailto:mentor@aids2014.org) for more information.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

The professional development workshop programme aims at increasing the capacity of delegates to implement and advocate for effective, evidence informed HIV policies and interventions in their respective communities and countries. AIDS 2014 will offer 50 high-quality, targeted workshops

that will promote and enhance opportunities for knowledge transfer, skills development and collaborative learning. Twenty of the workshops will be designed by the Conference Programme Committees, and the remaining thirty workshops will be selected from proposals submitted by delegates through the AIDS 2014 website. The proposals will be reviewed by an independent reviewing committee, and the final selection will be made by the AIDS 2014 Professional Development Workshop Working Group.

**Online submissions for workshops open on 1 December 2013 and close on 6 February 2014.**

## VOLUNTEER PROGRAMME

The success of the AIDS 2014 depends heavily on the support of between 1500 and 2000 volunteers. Volunteers will help plan the conference, coordinate programme activities, greet visiting delegates, assist with registration, act as guides during the conference, staff various offices and activities, help in the Global Village and perform other crucial tasks. Volunteer will have access to conference sessions outside of their shifts, a lunch each day and a Certificate of Appreciation. Furthermore, volunteers will have the possibility to gain international experience at the world's largest conference on AIDS and to unite in the response to AIDS.

For those interested in being part of the AIDS 2014 Volunteer Team, an online application form will be available at [www.aids2014.org](http://www.aids2014.org) in April 2014. If you have any questions, please contact [volunteer@aids2014.org](mailto:volunteer@aids2014.org)

## PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES

Programme activities are situated within the Global Village and Youth Programme for AIDS 2014.

- The Global Village is a diverse, dynamic and vibrant community driven space where people from all over the world gather to meet, share and learn from each other in the global response to HIV. Free to members of the public, as well as conference delegates, the Global Village is where dialogue and action between science, community and HIV global leaders happens, through programme activities such as: networking, advocacy, activism, cultural expression, outreach, film screenings and exhibitions.
- Youth programme activities are a core part of the AIDS 2014 conference programme as young people are central to shaping the next generation's response to HIV. The Youth Pavilion located inside the Global Village, is the hub for most youth related programme activities.
- A number of free and discounted exhibit booths for AIDS service organizations, non-commercial organizations and NGOs are planned within the Global Village. As space is limited, applications will be reviewed and scored by an international selection committee. All applicants will be notified on the outcome of their submission(s) in mid-April 2014.

**Online submissions for the Global Village and Youth Programme open 1 December 2013, and close 6 February 2014.**

**To download the Programme Activities Submission Guidelines, visit: <http://www.aids2014.org/Default.aspx?pageId=621>**



AIDS 2012 Global Village Opening Ceremony.  
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## EXHIBITION, SATELLITES AND AFFILIATED INDEPENDENT EVENTS

### EXHIBITION

AIDS 2014 will offer unparalleled opportunities to both commercial and non-commercial organizations to showcase their products and services to the world's leading HIV and 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 and AIDS. Delegates will comprise researchers, scientists, clinicians and other health care providers. The exhibition area 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.

### APPLYING FOR EXHIBITION SPACE

Exhibition applications must be made through the online IAS Satellite and Exhibition Tracker (ISET) at [www.aids2014.org/exhibition.aspx](http://www.aids2014.org/exhibition.aspx). Exhibition space costs USD 475 (+10% GST) per square metre for both commercial and non-commercial organizations.

**Applications will be open from 1 December 2013 to 2 May 2014. Please contact [exhibitions@aid2014.org](mailto:exhibitions@aid2014.org) for more information.**



## SATELLITES

Satellite sessions take place in the conference centre but are fully organized and coordinated by the organization hosting the satellite. 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. 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.

Criteria for approval include the following:

- Satellites should reflect and/or support the vision and goals of the conference.
- Satellites should address HIV and AIDS, co-infections or issues faced by individuals or organizations affected by or responding to the HIV/AIDS epidemic.
- The satellite programme should reflect conference policies and goals of diversity and inclusion.

**Applications will be open from 1 December 2013 to 14 April 2014. Please contact [satellites@aid2014.org](mailto:satellites@aid2014.org) for more information.**

## AFFILIATED INDEPENDENT EVENTS

Are you planning an event in or around Melbourne that coincides with AIDS 2014? If so, why not link it to the conference as an Affiliated Independent Event? In the past Affiliated Independent Events have included meetings, forums, cultural events, galas and even performances. Affiliated Independent Events take place outside the conference venue at times that do not conflict with the conference programme. All Affiliated Independent Events must be approved by the AIDS 2014 Organizers.

Criteria for selection as an Affiliated Independent Event include:

- Affiliated Independent Events should reflect and/or support the vision and goals of the conference.
- Affiliated Independent Events should address HIV/AIDS, Co-infections or issues faced by individuals or organizations affected by or responding to the HIV/AIDS epidemic.
- The Affiliated Independent Event programme should reflect conference policies and goals of diversity and inclusion.

There are no processing or sponsorship fees associated with Affiliated Independent Events, individuals requesting event affiliation, however, should be registered for AIDS 2014.

Organizations wishing to host an AIDS 2014 Affiliated Independent Event may apply online.

## BECOMING A CONFERENCE SPONSOR

The conference organizers rely heavily on contributions from a range of sources to fund AIDS 2014. There are many different ways for sponsors to showcase their programmes and expertise, ranging from preparing an exhibition booth, organizing a satellite meeting, or becoming an official AIDS 2014 sponsor. We offer sponsorship packages at five different levels, from \$5,000 to \$100,000, as well as various unique sponsorship opportunities. To tailor to specific needs we also offer customizable packages which can include a combination of cash sponsorship, in-kind contributions, and/or marketing support.

**Being an AIDS 2014 sponsor puts your company's name, brand, messaging, programmes and initiatives in front of each attendee and thousands more worldwide who will experience the conference through media coverage, social media, conference hubs, and official affiliated events.**

For more information please download the AIDS 2014 Commercial Invitation or contact Wouter Kruijs at [wouter.kruijs@iasociety.org](mailto:wouter.kruijs@iasociety.org) at our Geneva office.

For those in Australia, please contact Sonja Basic at the AIDS 2014 Secretariat in Melbourne at [sonja.basic@aid2014.org](mailto:sonja.basic@aid2014.org). We would be happy to discuss what opportunities would work best for your organizational needs.



Pacific demonstration at AIDS 2012.  
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# SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

## INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

Conference organizers are committed to making AIDS 2014 accessible to people from resource-limited settings and communities, researchers, young people, 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 programme activity submission has been selected. Scholarship selection will be based on a non-biased scoring system established in advanced. A Scholarship Review Committee will contribute to the reviewing and scoring of the applications.

Although every attempt will be made to assist as many people as possible, we regret that there are only a limited number of international scholarships available. On average, less than 10% of applicants are awarded a scholarship. Applicants are therefore strongly encouraged to seek other funding as well.

Applications will be open online through the conference profile on [www.aids2014.org/profile](http://www.aids2014.org/profile) from 5 December 2013.

**The deadline for applying for an international scholarship is 13 February 2014.**

## MEDIA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

A very limited number of scholarships will be available for media representatives from around the world. Media scholarship applicants will be asked to provide media accreditation and supporting documents.

Those interested in applying for a scholarship must complete the online Media Scholarship application form, which will be available through the conference profile on [www.aids2014.org/profile](http://www.aids2014.org/profile) from 5 December 2013.

**The deadline for applying for a media scholarship is 13 February 2014. For more information please contact [scholarships@aid2014.org](mailto:scholarships@aid2014.org)**



# REGISTRATION, MEDIA CENTRE, EMBARGO POLICY AND ACCOMMODATION

## HOW TO REGISTER

All registrations (regular delegate, student/post-doc, youth delegate, accompanying adult and child, media representative) for the 20<sup>th</sup> International AIDS Conference must be submitted using the online registration form which will be available at [www.aids2014.org](http://www.aids2014.org) from 1 December 2013.

Please also visit the website for terms and conditions of registration and additional information.

Before registering, a conference profile must be created. The conference profile is a central portal for all conference-related submission and application forms. One advantage for users is that they only need to register their personal details once and can then access the different submission and application forms without having to enter their data again.

For any registration related questions, visit the website or contact the AIDS 2014 Registration Department at [registration@aid2014.org](mailto:registration@aid2014.org)

**Registration:** AIDS 2014 registration opens on World AIDS Day – 1 December 2013. Early registration is encouraged to benefit from discounted rates:

AIDS 2014 REGISTRATION FEES			
Conference Delegates	Standard Fee	Late Fee (after 20 February 2014)	Last Minute Fee (after 2 May 2014)
<b>Regular Delegate</b>			
Middle/low-income countries*	USD 635	USD 760	USD 840
High-income countries*	USD 865	USD 1035	USD 1150
<b>Youth (under age 26) / Student / Post-doc</b>			
Middle/low-income countries*	USD 165	USD 200	USD 220
High-income countries*	USD 260	USD 310	USD 340
<b>Accompanying adult (age 18 and over)</b>			
All countries	USD 145	USD 170	USD 190
<b>Accompanying child (under age 18)</b>			
All countries	USD 50	USD 60	USD 65
<b>Media</b>			
All countries	Free	Free	Free

\* For definition of High/Middle/Low income countries, please go to [www.aids2014.org/registration\\_fees.aspx](http://www.aids2014.org/registration_fees.aspx)

**Please note:** Registration fees are including 10% GST. Registration fees must be paid in USD only. All dates and times mentioned refer to Central European Time Zone (CET).

## AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND CONFERENCE DELEGATES

The Australasian Society for HIV Medicine (ASHM) is the Australian scientific partner of AIDS 2014. ASHM is a multidisciplinary professional organisation which supports the HIV, viral hepatitis and sexual health workforce. ASHM will not hold its annual scientific meeting in 2014, instead it is fully incorporated into AIDS 2014. ASHM Membership:

- Australian and New Zealand delegates can join or renew their ASHM Membership when they register for AIDS 2014 and enjoy a near 50% saving on the membership cost.
- Australian and New Zealand delegates not wanting to join or renew their ASHM membership should register for AIDS 2014 using the high income countries rate.
- The cost of ASHM Membership when registering for AIDS 2014 is USD 110 full and USD 44 student incl. GST. This is a considerable discount on the annual ASHM A\$187 full and A\$66 student membership rates.



## MEDIA CENTRE

A state of the art Media Centre, including one press conference room and interview rooms for use by conference organizers and third parties, will be available for all registered media delegates. Access to the Media Centre is restricted to accredited journalists. For more information contact [media@aid2014.org](mailto:media@aid2014.org)

## CONFERENCE EMBARGO POLICY

In the case of AIDS 2014, as with most scientific/medical conferences, all conference abstracts are released to delegates and media under a strict embargo policy. A detailed breakdown of the embargo variations for different types of abstracts is available below. All regular delegates, presenters and media are asked to respect this policy.

## ORAL ABSTRACTS

Information about the oral abstracts may not be published or presented before the start of the session at AIDS 2014 in which the abstract is being presented.

## ORAL POSTER DISCUSSION AND POSTER EXHIBITION ABSTRACTS

Information about the oral poster discussion and poster exhibition abstracts may not be published or presented before 10:00 (Australia Eastern Standard Time) on **Friday, 18 July 2014**.

## EMBARGO BREAKS FOR PRESENTERS

A committee will analyze potential cases of embargo break by presenters. These will be studied on a case by case

basis and as an ultimate consequence it could lead to the abstract being withdrawn from the conference.

Authors may publish the fact that their abstract has been selected for inclusion in the AIDS 2014 programme, but may not publish the results of the study before the lifting of the embargo (as detailed above).

If you have any questions, please contact the AIDS 2014 programme team at [programme@aid2014.org](mailto:programme@aid2014.org)

## EMBARGO BREAKS FOR MEDIA REPORTERS

As well as having access to the materials detailed above, the media is also given prior access to the speakers' slides. However access is only granted to media onsite at the conference and the same embargo rules apply meaning the information in speakers slides cannot be referenced or published before the start of the presentation.

## HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

**Online accommodation booking will open 1 December 2013.**

Accommodation has been reserved for delegates and exhibitors in a range of hotels. A detailed list of hotel rooms reserved for the conference delegates, as well as additional information on rates and how to book accommodation in Melbourne will be available at [www.aids2014.org](http://www.aids2014.org) from 1 December 2013. All room rates are per night and include breakfast, service and taxes.

For any accommodation related questions, visit the website or contact the AIDS 2014 Accommodation Department at [accommodation@aid2014.org](mailto:accommodation@aid2014.org)





# OPTIONAL TOURS AND OTHER INFORMATION

## OPTIONAL TOURS

Optional tours during and after the conference can be booked online at [www.aids2014.org](http://www.aids2014.org) as of 1 December 2013.

For any tours related questions, visit the website or contact the AIDS 2014 Tours Department at [tours@aid2014.org](mailto:tours@aid2014.org)

## VISA INFORMATION

All visitors to Australia must have a valid visa before boarding their plane regardless of the length of stay.

The conference organizers strongly recommend that potential delegates visit the website of the Australian embassy/consulate in their country as soon as possible to learn about the specific Australian immigration processes and timing that will apply to them. It is the delegate's responsibility to obtain the appropriate visa and the conference is unable to intervene in the process.

**Delegates should apply for the visa at least two months before travelling to Australia (i.e. mid-May 2014).**

The conference organizers are working with the Australian Department of Immigration and Border Protection on visa processes for delegates and have put together the following factsheets:

- [Visa Information for Delegates](#)
- [Immigration Health Factsheet](#)

For specific information not covered in these documents, please contact the embassy or visa office for your country: [www.immi.gov.au/contacts/overseas/index.htm](http://www.immi.gov.au/contacts/overseas/index.htm) or send your question to: [visa@aid2014.org](mailto:visa@aid2014.org)

## CONFERENCE VENUE

AIDS 2014 will take place at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (MCEC), Australia's most versatile convention and exhibition facility. The venue is located on the banks of the Yarra River, only a short walk from Melbourne's central business district, and a 20-minute drive to Melbourne Airport connects MCEC to the rest of Australia and the world.

As the first '6 Star Green Star' environmentally rated convention centre in the world, the venue represents world leadership in best practice, innovation and sustainability and continues to raise standards to new heights in technology, imaginative catering and service options.

The MCEC includes 52 meeting rooms of various sizes, a grand banquet room, a spectacular entry level foyer, and a 5550+ state-of-the-art plenary. Sitting alongside and internally linked to the convention centre is the Melbourne Exhibition Centre featuring 30,000 square metres of purpose-built clear-span exhibition space, meeting rooms, a 466-seat auditorium and the Clarendon Room with spectacular views over the Yarra River.

For more information on the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (MCEC), please visit: [www.mcec.com.au](http://www.mcec.com.au)



Françoise Barré-Sinoussi, AIDS 2014 International Chair, at the AIDS 2012 Global Village.  
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## LOUNGE FOR DELEGATES LIVING WITH HIV

The Positive lounge will be a place of rest, support and networking. For many delegates living with HIV, the Positive lounge can be a valuable part of their conference experience, providing opportunities to meet and talk with other people living with HIV from across the globe in a relaxed and nurturing environment. The lounge will provide complimentary snacks, spaces for informal meetings and relaxation, and private facilities for taking medication.

## USE OF CONFERENCE NAME AND LOGO

Use of the conference logo without written permission is strictly prohibited. Requests for permission to use the logo must be made in writing to the conference secretariat at [media@aid2014.org](mailto:media@aid2014.org)

## SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Conference organizers are committed to Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and are always looking for innovative ways to incorporate CSR and environmentally sustainable practices into the organization and impact of the International AIDS Conference.

Based on 'The Four Rs' principle of 'reduce', 'reuse', 'recycle' and 'raise awareness', the conference secretariat takes formal measures to reduce the environmental impact of the International AIDS Conference while enhancing

the local economy, reusing conference surplus materials, recycling conference waste and raising awareness of CSR efforts while on-site.

The XVIII International AIDS Conference, AIDS 2010, was awarded the IMEX Green Meetings Award 2011. The IMEX board noted that AIDS 2010 conference organizers successfully balanced the environmental, social and economical aspects of the conference both in their strategic thinking and onsite operations.

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