

UNAIDS AT THE INTERNATIONAL AIDS CONFERENCE

THE PROGRAMME

20-26 JULY 2024
(ALL TIMES CEST)



UNAIDS FLAGSHIP EVENTS

Time (CEST)	Sessions	Description
SATURDAY, 20 AND SUNDAY, 21 JULY 2024		
Saturday, 15:00–20:00 Sunday, 07:30–16:30	Interfaith Pre-Conference Sustaining Hope for All—Through 2030 and beyond Venue: Room 13a/Channel 6 – Room 5/Channel 8	<p>The Interfaith pre-conference “SUSTAINING HOPE FOR ALL—Through 2030 and beyond” captures the essence of our commitment with Faith partners of the response to a resilient, enduring response to the HIV epidemic, with a core principle of putting people first.</p> <p>All discussions will be centred around the individuals and communities impacted by or at risk of HIV, fostering an environment of inclusivity, empathy and respect.</p> <p>Organizers: UNAIDS-PEPFAR Faith Initiative, World Council of Churches, US HIV/AIDS Faith Coalition, PaRD, Islamic Relief Kenya, Caritas Internationalis, ACHAP, INERELA+, St Paul’s University (Limuru, Kenya), Emory University (Atlanta, US) and Inter-Faith Health Platform</p>
MONDAY, 22 JULY 2024		
07:30–09:00	Achieving scale and equity: models to simplify, normalize, and diversify PrEP service delivery Venue: Room 14c/Channel 10	<p>Taking pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) to scale as part of combination HIV prevention is critical to combat new infections and achieve the goals of ending HIV transmission. Between 2019 and 2022, PrEP coverage rose from 233 000 to 2.6 million people, however this expansion was driven by a small number of countries. To meet ambitious global goals of 10 million people on PrEP by 2025, global adoption of models that simplify, normalize and diversify PrEP are needed to promote equitable access among all those who may benefit from it.</p> <p>This session will spotlight diverse real-world PrEP service delivery models from a variety of contexts and for different populations that showcase examples of the innovative, out-of-the-box thinking needed to accelerate PrEP scale-up.</p> <p>Organizers: UNAIDS, WHO, US-CDC, IAS, PATH, EpiC Project, GPC</p>
09:00–11:30	Global Condom Community of Practice session: The status and future of condom programming: Commodity security, people-centered design, promotion, and effective stewardship Venue: UNAIDS Meeting Room #12 Link: ZOOM	<p>Condoms remain among the most impactful interventions in the global HIV response and were estimated to have averted 117 million new HIV infections from the onset of the epidemic to 2020. The past decade, however, has seen condom programming in crisis. Declining procurement volumes and reduced funding for social marketing and promotion contributed to declining condom use in several countries. There is a major risk of additional declines, which requires urgent action now.</p> <p>This session will provide a comprehensive analysis of the status and chart a way forward in the spheres of commodity security, people-centred design, demand generation and effective stewardship. It will also discuss what sustainable condom programming could look like in different epidemic and socio-economic contexts.</p> <p>Organizers: UNAIDS, the Global Fund and PEPFAR</p>

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09:30–11:00	<p>Connecting data, programs and communities: The Global Alliance Roadmap to Ending AIDS in Children by 2030</p> <p>Venue: Hall B0b/Channel 5</p>	<p>In July 2022, UNAIDS, UNICEF, WHO, PEPFAR and the Global Fund, together with partner governments, networks of people living with HIV and technical partners launched a new Global Alliance to End AIDS in Children by 2030. The Alliance builds on the momentum and lessons learned from the Global Plan towards the Elimination of New HIV Infections among Children by 2015 and Keeping their Mothers alive, and the Start Free Stay Free AIDS Free Partnership 2016–2020. The Global Alliance works with women living with HIV and their families, national governments, and partners to mobilize leadership, funding and action to end AIDS as a public health threat by 2030. The Global Alliance supports efforts to end AIDS in Children across 12 Countries which together account for 66% of new infections and 64% of AIDS related death.</p> <p>The aim of this satellite session is to appraise the trajectory of the Global Alliance to End AIDS in Children, explore challenges, achievements and best practices from the implementation of Alliance action plans with a view to offering fresh insights into how we can address the prevention and treatment gaps for children. The session will offer an in-depth examination of the current status and results of implementing the country action plans. Additionally, it will explore avenues to strengthen the implementation of these plans, fostering collaboration and innovation at both the global, regional and country levels.</p> <p>Organizers: UNAIDS, UNICEF and WHO</p>
10:00–11:00	<p>Press Conference to launch the 2024 Global AIDS Update</p> <p>Venue: Central Munich</p>	<p>UNAIDS will launch a new report, <i>The Urgency of Now: AIDS at a Crossroads</i> just ahead of the 25th International AIDS Conference #AIDS2024 in Munich, Germany. The report will demonstrate that ending AIDS as a public health threat is achievable by 2030 but that success is being threatened by pushes to reduce funding and to restrict human rights.</p> <p>To attend in person (MEDIA ONLY) email: bartonknotts@unaids.org</p> <p>Follow live on YouTube</p>
11:05–12:00		<p>Followed by a Special Focus on Eastern Europe and Central Asia</p> <p>Organizer: UNAIDS</p>

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13:00–14:30	<p>The societal enablers: Sustaining and progressing the HIV response for those still left behind</p> <p>Venue: Room 1/Channel 2</p>	<p>The session will take stock of the progress made on the societal enabler targets, including sharing most up-to-date data available and deep diving into the targets touching on the gender inequalities, punitive laws and policies, and the stigma and discrimination that people living with HIV and other key populations face and how these intersect with the sustainability agenda.</p> <p>The sustainability agenda cannot be achieved without human rights, gender equality and community leadership. The approach to sustaining the HIV response must go beyond financial sustainability and domestic finances to ensure that ongoing societal enablers work, and truly community-led responses are integrated into national plans as we approach 2030. Work will be shared from selected countries to provide a pathway for this integration and identify pathway to sustain the HIV response in an anti-rights and anti-gender environment.</p> <p>Organizers: UNAIDS in collaboration with Community networks including women-, People Living with HIV-, and key population- led networks</p>

TUESDAY, 23 JULY 2024

15:00–17:00	<p>Secure the Future: Civil society and human rights imperative for public health and HIV response in Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia</p> <p>Venue: UNAIDS Meeting Room #12</p>	<p>The event aims to gain the commitment of the international community to support civil society efforts to maintain the HIV response in the context of shrinking civic space and pushback on human rights in the region. This event will bring together representatives of international organizations, development agencies, donors, philanthropic foundations, and civil society leaders.</p> <p>Organizers: Community-led regional networks–Eurasian Coalition on Health, Rights, Gender and Sexual Diversity (ECOM), Eurasian Harm Reduction Association (EHRA), Eurasian Network of People Who Use Drugs (ENPUD), Eurasian Women’s Network on AIDS (EWNA), and Sex Workers Rights’ Advocacy Network (SWAN). The event is supported and hosted by UNAIDS</p>
18:00–19:30	<p>Defining “sustainability” for key population programs in the era of epidemic control</p> <p>Venue: Room 1/Channel 2</p>	<p>As countries inch closer to HIV epidemic control, funders and stakeholders are focusing on sustaining the HIV response. Recent PEPFAR guidance and the UNAIDS HIV Response Sustainability Primer call for the development of individual country sustainability roadmaps to guide investments and actions in the coming years.</p> <p>This session will explore the intersections of political leadership, quality access to services, system capacities and financing related to sustaining the HIV response for key populations, including men who have sex with men, transgender people, sex workers and people who use drugs. The session will share outcomes from consultations with key population communities and service providers and share perspectives from KP-led organizations, UNAIDS and the US State Department Bureau of Global Health Security and Diplomacy on the unique considerations for key population communities related to sustaining the HIV response.</p> <p>Organizers: UNAIDS, Meeting Targets and Maintaining Epidemic Control (EpiC) Project and Global Black Gay Men Connect</p>

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WEDNESDAY, 24 JULY 2024		
09:00–10:30	<p>Advancing Anti-Racism and Decolonization in Global Health</p> <p>From Montreal to Munich, Reclaiming Space for Anti-Racism: A New Paradigm for Action</p> <p>Venue: UNAIDS Meeting Room #12</p> <p>Link: ZOOM</p>	<p>Building on the momentum from the highly successful 2022 session, this year’s event at AIDS 2024 will transition from dialogue to concrete, action-oriented strategies aimed at decolonizing global health. Participants will engage with thought leaders, experts, and activists in dynamic discussions focused on dismantling systemic racism and promoting equity. The session will delve into the lived experiences of marginalized groups and explore robust methods for tracking and implementing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives. This event is a critical call to action to ensure anti-racism remains a priority within the global health landscape.</p> <p>Organizer: UNAIDS</p>
12:00–13:00	<p>People-centred and sustainable HIV prevention: Towards a new generation of prevention responses in a changing epidemic context</p> <p>Venue: Room 14b/Channel 3</p>	<p>Building on latest evidence and mathematical modelling analyses, this session will outline a new generation of people-centered, precise and sustainable prevention. The next generation of prevention will build on a precise analysis of the epidemic and consider differentiated people-centered packages of services, delivery modalities, outreach and community-led models. The primary approach to precision is not individual risk screening, but designing differentiated access platforms that reach most affected communities with intensified prevention and larger populations with scaled basic prevention packages, thereby also making prevention responses sustainable.</p> <p>Organizers: Global HIV Prevention Coalition/UNAIDS with support from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation</p>
12:00–13:00	<p>Sustaining the equity of the HIV response</p> <p>Venue: Room 1/Channel 2</p>	<p>Attention to equity in the HIV response has increased in recent years. Governments and donors, including UNAIDS, The Global Fund and PEPFAR, have increasingly pursued a range of strategies to prevent disparities in HIV service provision. Despite the increased focus, specific programming addressing equity is still nascent and there is limited analytic work in this area.</p> <p>The groundbreaking analysis presented at this satellite session will highlight that inequities and inequalities continue to persist. These extend beyond the traditional key populations that have been the focus of HIV programming over the past two decades. It is now clear that there are other sub-groups, such as the poor and those living in rural areas, whose outcomes are less favorable compared with those in the higher income quintiles and those living in urban areas.</p> <p>The satellite session will also highlight the potential dangers of not focusing on equity. The data show that inequities in the general health system are persistent across the countries in terms of income quintiles, gender, urban and rural residence and age.</p> <p>Organizers: UNAIDS, PEPFAR and the Global Fund</p>

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13:30–14:15	<p>Global Prevention Coalition press conference</p> <p>Venue: UNAIDS Meeting Room #11</p> <p>Link: ZOOM</p>	<p>The urgency to accelerate HIV Prevention efforts towards targets has never been greater than today. This press conference, follows the launch of the 2024 Global AIDS Update, aims at facilitating a deep-dive discussion regarding the epidemic trends as it relates to HIV Prevention by programmatic area, geographical locations, and implications for the coalition. The speakers will include the GPC co-chairs and UNAIDS leadership.</p> <p>Organizers: GPC and AVAC</p>
14:30–16:30	<p>Getting decriminalization right: What do good laws look like?</p> <p>Venue: Room 14a/Channel 9</p>	<p>This workshop will facilitate knowledge exchange on good practices on decriminalization. The legal reforms for decriminalization can sometimes recreate the same problems as punitive approaches. How have countries reformed or repealed laws to remove barriers to HIV services and create an enabling environment? What approaches have worked well and what do communities consider best practice? Participants from countries that have introduced new, or reformed existing, legislation that moves the country towards decriminalization, will present on these efforts: what does and does not work; with recommendations on how to improve outcomes. Global experts will present on the variety of approaches to decriminalization and the pros and cons of these. The workshop will cover sex work, drug use, same-sex sexual activity, gender identity and HIV criminalization.</p> <p>Organizers: UNAIDS, UNDP and GNP+</p>
15:00–16:00	<p>Reinvigorating parliamentary leadership in HIV</p> <p>Venue: Hall B0a/Channel 4</p>	<p>In the face of escalating political divisions and imminent elections across more than 60 nations, the urgency for sustained global solidarity in the response to HIV and AIDS has reached unprecedented levels. This symposium will delve into the crucial role of parliamentary leadership in bolstering political support for the HIV response. Focused on protecting key populations, fostering community leadership, and optimizing national appropriations and official development assistance (ODA), the session will examine strategies to enhance legislative engagement and resource allocation. Participants will explore effective advocacy approaches and discuss innovative policy frameworks aimed at accelerating progress towards ending the HIV pandemic.</p> <p>Organizers: UNAIDS, IAS, WACI Health, UNITE, STOPAIDS, Global TB Caucus, and The Global Equality Caucus</p>

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THURSDAY, 25 JULY 2024		
09:00–10:30	<p>Men and HIV: Innovative strategies and challenges in addressing HIV among men: Insights and future directions</p> <p>Venue: UNAIDS Meeting Room #12</p> <p>Link: ZOOM</p>	<p>Exploration of Innovative Strategies: Presentation of cutting-edge approaches and interventions tailored to men, aimed at reducing HIV transmission and improving health outcomes.</p> <p>Addressing Unique Challenges: Discussion on the specific barriers faced by men in accessing HIV prevention, testing, and treatment services.</p> <p>Insights from Recent Research: Review of the latest findings and evidence-based practices in the field of HIV among men.</p> <p>Future Directions: Identification of gaps in current strategies and formulation of actionable recommendations for future research and policy development.</p> <p>Organizers: UNAIDS and WHO</p>
12:00–13:00	<p>Key Populations Community of Practice (KP COP) Theme 10: How to use law reform to advance HIV prevention for key populations</p> <p>Venue: UNAIDS Meeting Room #12</p> <p>Link: ZOOM</p>	<p>There is clear evidence that countries with higher levels of protection and support in their legal and policy environment have a greater number of individuals from key populations accessing healthcare services and therefore, lower HIV incidence among key populations.</p> <p>The tenth meeting of the key population community of practice aims to achieve the following objectives: Summarize the evidence about the role of the legal environment in facilitating or harming HIV prevention efforts with key populations; Share evidence about strategies that have been used to reform or mitigate the impact of discriminatory and harmful laws or policies; Understand the tactics and approaches that country governments and key population-led organizations are adopting to address harmful laws in their respective countries.</p> <p>The meeting will specifically focus on punitive and discriminatory laws and policies related to sex work, same-sex sexual behavior, transgender people, and people who use drugs. The meeting will also address laws and policies concerning the age at which young people can independently consent to sexual and reproductive health, which directly affects young key populations in many parts of the world underscore the need for greater commitment from all stakeholders.</p> <p>Organizers: UNAIDS, UNDP, SSLN and GPC</p>
15:00–16:00	<p>Global Partnership for Action to Eliminate all Forms of HIV related Stigma & Discrimination</p> <p>Venue: Königssee (2.160), Second floor</p>	<p>The meeting will showcase recent successes of the countries and partners efforts to combat S&D within their commitment to the Global Partnership, highlighting innovative initiatives and policies in addressing S&D challenges across different settings. The meeting will also bring in the voices of youths actively engaged in combating HIV stigma and discrimination. Partners and communities will join to reinforce their commitment to the implementation of the Global Partnership and its goals, inspiring others to come onboard.</p> <p>Organizers: UNAIDS and The Global Partnership co-conveners and technical partners</p>



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