

AIDS 2018 Press Programme

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Please note that this schedule (including speakers) is subject to change.

Date and Time (CET)	Press Conference	Description	Location	Confirmed Speakers
Monday, 23 July 11:00-11:45	Chase the virus, not people! – Eastern Europe and Central Asia communities call for immediate joint actions in response to HIV crisis in the region	Third party press conference, hosted by EECA Communities Network	PCR1 G106-107	
Monday, 23 July 12:00-12:45	Is HIV sorted?	Third party press conference, hosted by Gilead	PCR1 G106-107	
Monday, 23 July 17:00-17:45	Official AIDS 2018 kick-off media briefing The official media kick-off briefing hosted by the IAS media team; provides an overview of key science, onsite activities and resources to best guide the week ahead for journalists.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of the conference • Broadcasters, AV services, etc. • The official press conference programme • Media centre access 	PCR1 G106-107	Michael Kessler Pierre Peyrot Leila Darabi Hilary Keno
Monday, 23 July 18:00-18:45	Official AIDS 2018 opening press conference Overview of the state of the global HIV epidemic and key topics of AIDS 2018.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global perspective: what to expect/conference highlights • National epidemic and the importance of returning to Amsterdam • Universal health coverage • Stigma and discrimination 	PCR1 G106-107	Linda-Gail Bekker (Chair) MD, PhD, Deputy Director of the Desmond Tutu HIV Centre, Institute of Infectious Disease and Molecular Medicine, University of Cape Town, and AIDS 2018 International Chair (South Africa)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The work of Elizabeth Taylor from 1992 to 2018 • The role of young people in the HIV response • The Eastern Europe and Central Asia epidemic and the importance of community 		<p>Peter Reiss, Professor of Medicine, Academic Medical Centre (AMC), University of Amsterdam/ AIDS 2018 Local Chair</p> <p>Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director General, World Health Organization</p> <p>Conchita, Artist</p> <p>Quinn Tivey, Ambassador & Officer, the Elizabeth Taylor AIDS Foundation</p> <p>Mercy Ngulube, Youth Activist, CHIVA</p> <p>Yana Panfilova Founder of Eurasian Union, and adolescent and youth Teenergizer</p>
<p>Tuesday, 24 July 9:00-9:45</p>	<p>HIV prevention research highlights</p> <p>At this press conference, important new data will be released on “treatment as prevention,” PrEP, and HIV vaccine development.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First results from PARTNER2 – a follow-up to the landmark PARTNER study – with new evidence on the effectiveness of “treatment as prevention” in gay men • Data from the ANRS PREVENIR study of “PrEP on demand,” a follow-up to the IPERGAY study • New research on the possibility that feminizing hormone therapy may affect the efficacy of PrEP in transgender women 	<p>PCR1 G106-107</p>	<p>Linda-Gail Bekker (Chair) MD, PhD, Deputy Director of the Desmond Tutu HIV Centre, Institute of Infectious Disease and Molecular Medicine, University of Cape Town, and AIDS 2018 International Chair (South Africa)</p> <p>Frank Tomaka, MD, Senior Director, Janssen, Franchise Clinical Leader, HIV Vaccines</p> <p>Jean-Michel Molina, Prof, St-Louis Hospital and University</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress in the development of “digital PrEP,” which would provide a new way to monitor PrEP adherence precisely and in real time • The first long-term results from APPROACH, a major HIV vaccine study evaluating the safety and immunogenicity of multiple regimens 		<p>of Paris Diderot, ANRS, France</p> <p>Akarin Hiransuthikul MD, The Thai Red Cross AIDS Research Centre</p> <p>Sara H Browne, MD MPH, Associate Professor of Medicine University of California San Diego & President, Specialists in Global Health</p> <p>Alison Rodger MD, University College London, United Kingdom</p>
<p>Tuesday, 24 July 10:00-10:45</p>	<p>HIV treatment and cure research highlights</p> <p>This press conference will feature HIV treatment and cure research highlights, including several new studies involving the drug dolutegravir.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detailed safety and efficacy data from the GEMINI studies of an experimental two-drug treatment for HIV (dolutegravir + lamivudine) • Results from a “real world” cohort study in Brazil looking at the comparative effectiveness of a three-drug, DTG-based regimen – tenofovir plus lamivudine plus dolutegravir (TDF+3TC+DTG) • Latest data on the possibility that dolutegravir-based HIV treatment may be linked to birth defects • Results from RIVER, the first randomized controlled trial of a “kick and kill” approach to attacking HIV reservoirs 	<p>PCR1 G106-107</p>	<p>Linda-Gail Bekker (Chair) MD, PhD, Deputy Director of the Desmond Tutu HIV Centre, Institute of Infectious Disease and Molecular Medicine, University of Cape Town, and AIDS 2018 International Chair (South Africa)</p> <p>Pedro Cahn, MD, PhD, Scientific Director of Fundacion Huesped, Buenos Aires, Argentina</p> <p>Rebecca Zash, Attending Physician, Division of Infectious Diseases, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center Research Associate, Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health and Botswana-</p>

				<p>Harvard AIDS Institute Partnership</p> <p>Sarah Fidler, Professor of HIV medicine, Imperial College London UK</p> <p>Mariana Veloso Meireles, MSc, Department of STI, AIDS and Viral Hepatitis - Ministry of Health of Brazil</p> <p>Sharon Lewin, FRACP, PhD, Director, The Peter Doherty Institute for Infection and Immunity, University of Melbourne and Royal Melbourne Hospital</p>
Tuesday, 24 July 11:00-11:45	Harm reduction and the war on drugs: community based work in a challenging environment in francophone Africa and the Caribbean	Third party press conference, hosted by Coalition PLUS, AIDES	PCR1 G106-107	
Tuesday, 24 July 11:00-11:45	ICASA and new trends in Africa	Third party press conference, hosted by Society for AIDS in Africa	PCR2 G109	
Tuesday, 24 July 12:00-12:45	Mylan announces new initiative to help expand access to PrEP and ARV treatment	Third party press conference, hosted by Mylan	PCR1 G106-107	
Tuesday, 24 July 13:00-13:45	Cutting through the noise of AIDS 2018	Third party press conference, hosted by International Treatment Preparedness Coalition	PCR2 G109	
Tuesday, 24 July 14:15-15:00	Eastern Europe and Central Asia	Official IAS press conference hosted by the Elton John AIDS Foundation	PCR1 G107-108	Chris Beyrer (Chair) , Desmond M. Tutu Professor of Public Health and Human

	<p>This press conference will highlight the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Eastern Europe and Central Asia.</p>			<p>Rights, Johns Hopkins University</p> <p>Sir Elton John, Founder, Elton John AIDS Foundation</p> <p>David Furnish, Chairman, Elton John AIDS Foundation</p> <p>Lambert Grijns, Ambassador for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights & HIV/AIDS, Government of the Netherlands</p> <p>Assel Terlikbayeva, Regional Director, Global Health Research Centre of Central Asia</p> <p>Alexey Lahov, Project Coordinator, Humanitarian Action</p> <p>Louise van Deth, Director, Aidsfonds</p>
<p>Tuesday, 24 July 16:00-16:45</p>	<p>Are efforts to #endAIDS by 2030 at an optimistic point or a vulnerable point?</p>	<p>Third party press conference, hosted by Citizen News Service, AIDS Society of India (ASI), People's Health Organization (PHO)</p>	<p>PCR1 G106-107</p>	
<p>Wednesday, 25 July 9:00-9:45</p>	<p>The future of HIV funding</p> <p>This press conference will feature news on key issues and trends in global HIV/AIDS funding.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kaiser Family Foundation to provide an in-depth of recent global HIV funding trends • Ways to optimize global investments in HIV within the 55 countries that account for about 90% of all new infections 	<p>PCR2 G109</p>	<p>Jennifer Kates (Chair), Vice President and Director, Global Health & HIV Policy, Kaiser Family Foundation</p> <p>Annie Haakenstad, Researcher at the Institute for</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Estimating HIV domestic public spending in low and middle-income countries from 2006-2016 		<p>Health Metrics and Evaluation, University of Washington</p> <p>John Stover, Director of Modeling and Analysis, Avenir Health</p> <p>Deepak Mattur, UNAIDS, Geneva, Switzerland</p> <p>Maureen Milanga, Senior Campaigner, East Africa, HealthGap</p>
<p>Wednesday, 25 July 10:00-10:45</p>	<p>Sub-Saharan Africa: new insights, new impact</p> <p>Studies released at this press conference will show major progress on HIV in sub-Saharan Africa, and highlight challenges ahead.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A UNICEF study analyzing how demographic trends affect the prospects for controlling HIV among young people in sub-Saharan Africa Evidence that the first African country has reached the ambitious UNAIDS 2020 target for HIV viral suppression New data from the SEARCH, a community-cluster randomized study evaluating whether ‘test and treat’ reduces HIV incidence in Kenya and Uganda Botswana-based evaluation of the combined impact of several prevention strategies, including linkage to care, early treatment, and voluntary male circumcision Data from the world's first implementation trial of “universal test and treat” in a government-managed health system 	<p>PCR2 G109</p>	<p>Linda-Gail Bekker (Chair), MD, PhD, Deputy Director of the Desmond Tutu HIV Centre, Institute of Infectious Disease and Molecular Medicine, University of Cape Town, and AIDS 2018 International Chair (South Africa)</p> <p>Hon. Minister Bernard Haufiku, Minister of Health and Social Services, The Republic of Namibia</p> <p>Diane Havlir, MD, Professor of Medicine, University of California, San Francisco, USA</p> <p>Moeketsi Joseph Makhema, CEO, Botswana Harvard Aids Institute</p> <p>Velephi Okello, Deputy Director Clinical Services at Ministry of Health Eswatini</p>

				Principal Investigator, MaxART Early Access to ART for All Implementation Study Aleya Khalifa , Statistics Officer, HIV/AIDS, UNICEF Allan Achesa Maleche , Executive Director KELIN-Kenya
Wednesday, 25 July 11:00-11:45	Criminal acts – The HIV epidemic cannot end while LGBT people are criminalized	Third party press conference, hosted by Hornet	PCR2 G109	
Wednesday, 25 July 12:00-12:45	Out with it: community solutions for the sexual health and rights of young gay and bisexual men	Third party press conference, hosted by MPact (formerly known as MSMGF)	PCR2 G109	
Wednesday, 25 July 13:00-13:45	A reality-check on progress towards HCV elimination in five middle-income countries	Third party press conference, hosted by Coalition PLUS	PCR1 G106-107	
Wednesday, 25 July 13:00-13:45	Hologic, Inc. to announce partnership to improve access to molecular diagnostic testing in resource-limited settings	Third party press conference, hosted by Hologic, Inc.	PCR2 G109	
Wednesday, 25 July 14:10-15:15	The criminalization of HIV This press conference will highlight the release of an expert consensus statement calling for an end to HIV criminalization laws.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce the Expert Consensus Statement • Discuss statement development and purpose • Community supporters' perspective • Global trends in HIV criminalisation: overview, analysis and country ranking 	PCR2 G109	Linda-Gail Bekker (Chair) , MD, PhD, Deputy Director of the Desmond Tutu HIV Centre, Institute of Infectious Disease and Molecular Medicine, University of Cape Town, and AIDS 2018 International Chair (South Africa)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The new AIDS denialism: how criminal courts dismissal of modern science perpetuates HIV stigma, discrimination and criminalization My body, my right! The power of women's advocacy in defeating HIV criminalisation in Malawi's HIV Bill Perspective of a person who has experienced HIV criminalization 		<p>Peter Godfrey-Faussett, Senior Adviser, Science, UNAIDS (United Kingdom)</p> <p>José Zuniga, International Association of Providers of AIDS Care</p> <p>Edwin Bernard, HIV Justice Network</p> <p>Sarai-Chisala Tempelhoff, Women Lawyers Association, Malawi</p> <p>Kerry Thomas, Sero Project</p>
Wednesday, 25 July 15:00-15:45	HIV nurses join nursing now campaign to raise awareness of nurses' response to the HIV epidemic	Third party press conference, hosted by Association of Nurses in AIDS Care	PCR1 G106-107	
Wednesday, 25 July 16:00-16:45	Get back on track to end the epidemics	Third party press conference, hosted by Global Fund Advocates Network	PCR1 G106-107	
Wednesday, 25 July 16:00-16:45	Revolutionizing HIV testing	Third party press conference, hosted by Unitaid	PCR2 G109	
Thursday, 26 July 10:00-10:45	<p>Sex workers and end demand policies</p> <p>This press conference will feature new studies showing that laws intended to “end demand” for sex work may be creating barriers to HIV prevention and care.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highlights the Prudence Mabele Awarde and session, and the Me & My Healthcare Provider initiative Research examining Canada's decision to adopt “end demand” legislation in 2014 Reviewing the impact of the “end demand” law in France, adopted in 2016 	PCR2 G109	<p>Linda-Gail Bekker (Chair), MD, PhD, Deputy Director of the Desmond Tutu HIV Centre, Institute of Infectious Disease and Molecular Medicine, University of Cape Town, and AIDS 2018 International Chair (South Africa)</p> <p>Elena Argento, PhD(c), University of British Columbia</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The perspective of sex workers and other key populations on End Demand policies • Malawian provider nominated for Me and My Health Care Provider award by a sex worker patient • Speaking to her work with the Guyana Sex Workers Coalition 		<p>Research Associate, Gender and Sexual Health Initiative</p> <p>Hélène Lebail, Assistant research professor, CNRS - Sciences Po, Centre de Recherches Internationales, Paris, France</p> <p>Duduzile (Dudu) Dlamini, SWEAT/Sisonke and Mothers for the Future Coordinator</p> <p>Loveness Bowa Gunda, Drop In Centre Manager, Health Worker, YONECO</p> <p>O'Cindy Cynthia Samuels, Youth Representative, Guyana Sex Workers Coalition</p>
Thursday, 26 July 11:00-11:45	BRAZIL: Latin America HIV/AIDS champion is the first developing country to provide treatment for all and free PrEP	Third party press conference, hosted by the Brazilian Ministry of Health	PCR2 G109	
Friday, 27 July 10:00-10:45	Impact of the global gag rule (breakfast briefing)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report examining the impact of the expansion of the global gag rule on PEPFAR-funded NGOs • The impact of the gag rule on organizations in Ethiopia and Zimbabwe that provide HIV services that are integrated with sexual and reproductive health • Assessment of the gag rule's applicability in several African countries, including an exception in policy regarding local laws that require 	PCR2 G109	<p>Anton Pozniak, Executive Director of HIV research and Director of HIV services, Chelsea and Westminster Hospital/ IAS President-Elect, (United Kingdom)</p> <p>Jennifer Kates, Vice President and Director, Global Health & HIV Policy, Kaiser Family Foundation</p>

		<p>healthcare providers to provide counselling and abortion referrals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Additional evidence of the gag rule's impact, both now and historically, and strategies for sustaining global health progress in this environment	<p>Luisa Orza, Technical Lead, Gender and HIV, International HIV/AIDS Alliance</p> <p>Brian Honermann, Deputy Director of Public Policy, amfAR, The Foundation for AIDS Research</p> <p>Chloe Cooney, Senior Director, Global Advocacy, Planned Parenthood Global and Planned Parenthood Federation of America</p> <p>Tikhala Itaye, Chairperson, Global She Decides Movement</p> <p>Barbara Lee U.S. Representative for California's 13th Congressional District</p>
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