

# **AIDS 2016**

## **21ST INTERNATIONAL AIDS CONFERENCE**

**DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA** JULY 18–22, 2016

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# AIDS 2016 At a Glance

Beginning on Nelson Mandela Day, AIDS 2016 promises to be an historical moment bringing together:

- 18,000 attendees and 1,000 journalists representing 180 countries
- High-level participation and performances
- A best-in-class programme with more than 500 sessions, workshops, and programme activities
- The most inclusive and representative AIDS conference ever – with an historic commitment to **doubling the number of scholarships** and creating specific mechanisms to support attendance by people living with HIV, women, and youth



# GV Programme for the week

**GV OPENING: 17 July 2016: 18h00-22h00**

Expected VIP participants:

1. **Charlize Theron**
2. **Yvonne Chaka Chaka**
3. **Darren Walker**
4. **Traditional Zulu Group**

**GV WEEKLY PROGRAMME: 18-22 JULY**

**Monday 18 July - Thursday 21 July: GV open daily from 08:30 – 18:30, with GV sessions running until 20:30 (except Monday)**

**Friday 22 July: GV open from 08:30 - 12:00**



# Programme Highlights

- **HIV Vaccine & Functional Cure: Continuing Momentum**
- **Prevention Interventions and Trials: Key findings and pathways**
- **Implementation Science: Progress across the HIV cascade**
- **PrEP: Fulfilling its Current & Future Potential**
- **HIV Co-infections & Co-morbidities: Overcoming Remaining Challenges**



# South African Speakers in programme

- Cyril Ramaphosa, Deputy President
- Aaron Motsoaledi, Minister of Health
- Justice Edwin Cameron, Constitutional Court
- Olive Shisana, Evidence Based Solutions (EBS)
- Willies Mchunu, Premier of KwaZulu Natal
- Malebona Precious Matsoso, Director-General, NDoH
- Susan Shabangu, Minister, Department of Women
- Yogan Pillay, Deputy Director - General, NDoH
- Justice Zak Yacoob, Constitutional Court
- Graça Machel, Former First Lady
- Naledi Pandor, Minister of Science and Technology



# South African Civil Society Speakers

- Steve Letsike, Deputy Chair, SANAC
- Mark Heywood, Section 27
- Anele Yawa, TAC
- Nkhensani Mavasa, TAC
- Vuyiseka Dubula, Sonke Gender Justice



# High-Level Participation

- Aaron Motsoaledi: Minister of Health, Department of National Health, South Africa
- Anthony Fauci: Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, USA
- Anthony Lake: Executive Director, UNICEF
- Bill Gates: Co-founder, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, USA
- Carl Dieffenbach: Director, Division of AIDS, NIAID, USA
- Charlize Theron: Actress, Charlize Theron Africa Outreach Project (CTAOP), South Africa/USA
- Cyril Ramaphosa: Deputy President, South African Government, South Africa
- Darren Walker: President, Ford Foundation, USA
- David Parirenyatwa: Minister of Health, Government of Zimbabwe, Zimbabwe
- David Wilson: Global AIDS Programme Director, The World Bank
- Deborah Birx: U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator / U.S. Special Representative for Global Health Diplomacy: US Department of State, USA
- Elizabeth Taylor's grandchildren: Ambassadors, Elizabeth Taylor AIDS Foundation, USA
- Edwin Cameron: Judge, Constitutional Court of South Africa, South Africa
- Eric Goosby: UN Special Envoy on Tuberculosis, UCSF, USA
- Festus Mogae: Former President, Botswana
- Graça Machel: Founder, Graça Machel Trust, South Africa/Mozambique
- James Chau: Goodwill Ambassador, UNAIDS
- Jane Philpott: Minister of Health, The Canadian Government
- Jimmy Kolker: Assistant Secretary for Global Affairs (Ambassador), United States Government
- Joyce Banda: Former President, Malawi



# High-Level Participation (cont.)

- Kweku Mandela: HIV Advocate, Africa Rising Foundation, South Africa
- Lambert Grijns: AIDS Ambassador, Netherlands
- Lelio Marmora: Executive Director, UNAIDS
- Lennarth Hjelmåker: AIDS Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sweden
- Luis Loures: Deputy Executive Director, Programme, UNAIDS
- Mark Dybul: Executive Director, The Global Fund, Switzerland
- Marisol Touraine: Minister of Social Affairs and Health, France
- Michel Kazatchkine, UN Secretary-General Special Envoy on HIV/AIDS in Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Switzerland
- Michel Sidibe: Executive Director, UNAIDS, Switzerland
- Mwaba P. Kasese-Bota: Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Mission of Zambia to the United Nations, United States
- Ndaba Mandela, Co-founder, Africa Rising Foundation
- Prince Henry of Wales: British Royal Family, United Kingdom
- Princess Mabel of Orange-Nassau: Dutch Royal Family, The Netherlands
- Ruth Dreifuss: Former President, Switzerland
- Sandra McCardell, Canadian High-Commissioner to South Africa
- Siddika Mithani, President of the Public Health Agency of Canada
- Susan Shabangu: Minister of Women, South Africa
- Tedros Adhanom: Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ethiopia
- Zak Yacoob: Former Justice, Constitutional Court of South Africa, South Africa



## Registration breakdown (per May 30th)

- To date we have received 10,507 registrations in total, of which more than 8,000 have been confirmed
- 5% increase compared to AIDS 2014
- 14% of confirmed registrations are from South Africa

REGION	PERCENT
All fully paid and confirmed registrations:	100.0 %
Africa	33.59 %
USA and Canada	24.75 %
Asia & the Pacific Islands	10.59 %
Europe	13.80 %
Latin America & Caribbean	3.52 %
No country	13.75 %

# Pre-conferences - Schedule

**At presentation time, there are 16 different pre-conference meetings and sessions:**

Saturday: July 16	Sunday: July 17
PEPFAR Annual Meeting (private)	
TB2016	
Towards an HIV Cure Workshop & Symposium	
Global TB Caucus (private)	
Living 2016 – The Positive Leadership Summit	
MSMGF's Action + Access	IRGT's No more lip service
NursingHIV 2016	Ford Foundation & AAI (private)
VE's Global HIV Clinical Forum	Hepatitis Co-Infection Meeting
	UN Target 90-90-90 Target Workshop
	BMSF's In Our Voice – Positive Teens!
	Pangea Global AIDS Session
	Viiv's Positive Action for Children Fund Collaborathon

**Very important: distinguish between these OFFICIAL pre-conferences in the ICC and any off-campus AFFILIATED pre-meetings. There will be delegates who think Interfaith (for example) will be at ICC.**



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# Affiliated Independent Events

- 17 approved Affiliated Events with 5 pending
- Events include pre-conferences, meetings and social functions
- Applications close on the 30th June



# Engagement Tours

- Engagement Tours are designed to provide delegates with unique learning experiences through interactive site visits to local community based organizations. Tours will be available to conference delegates at no cost.
- Tours:
  - Khaya Art Centre/K-CAP
  - Hillcrest AIDS Centre
  - Blue Roof Wellness Centre
  - North Start Alliance
  - Usizo Lwethu Clinic
  - Malvern Children's Home
  - CAPRISA
  - Gugu Dlamnini Foundation
  - Chatsworth Youth Centre



# Immigration

- Connection with the Department of Home Affairs established. Primary liaison - Mr. Ronney Marhule.
- Copies of official letters of invitation and other conference documents shared.
- Basic information including infographics on required visas, fact sheets on yellow fever, etc. posted on the AIDS 2016 website.
- **Department of Home Affairs has granted visa fee waiver for all AIDS 2016 delegates.**
- Email set up for visa inquiries: [visa@aids2016.org](mailto:visa@aids2016.org)
- Application issues for delegates from Rwanda and from countries with no South African representation are being resolved.



# Community Activist Liaisons (CALs)

- Peaceful protest has always been and continues to be a key element of participation at the conferences
- 4 CALs – two local and two international hired to open a dialogue between activists and the conference and to coordinate peaceful protests, to ensure protesters are heard and speakers are able to present.
  - Andy Velez and Fred Bladou will serve as the international CALs
  - Silungile Mtambo and Pholokgolo Ramothwala have been selected as the local CALs



# Confirmed marches

- Treatment Action Campaign, 18 July
  - **“People’s March”**: King Dinuzulu Park, Durban to ICC
  - Focus will be on access to treatment and intellectual property rights (cost of drugs and relaxing patents)
- Steven Lewis Foundation
  - 1000 grandmothers march
  - route from beach front to ICC
- AHF march on 17<sup>th</sup>
  - organised privately



# Media Coverage Summary

- Weekly tracking, reporting, and promoting of key conference coverage, including the appointment of the inter-ministerial committee for AIDS 2016
- Proactive pitching to increase weekly to key South African outlets
- Registered media from AFP, The Sunday Times, BBC, SABC, El Pais, Business Day, and The Guardian

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## Getting back to the Aids basics

South Africa and the world have won many battles in the fight against HIV/Aids, but the race for a cure and the war against the epidemic with its epicentre still in KwaZulu-Natal, are not yet over, writes **Lyse Comins**

Stigma, risky social behaviour and a slow-down in prevention messages are some of the challenges facing those at the forefront of the battle where scientists are working hard to develop a cure, leading health expert and local co-chairman of the International Aids Conference 2016, Professor Olive Shisana, told Lyse Comins ahead of the event which takes place in Durban in July.



**Professor Olive Shisana at the 20th International Aids Conference (Aids 2016) held at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre in Melbourne, Australia.**

**S**OUTH AFRICA's actions, NGOs, government officials and departments seem to have laid down their cards and stopped communicating constant messages of HIV/Aids prevention to such, on billboards and radio, as just rolled back some of its gains against stigma and behaviour changes in the fight against the disease in recent months. But the slow-down in communication is only part of the problem which has contributed to an unacceptable high new infection rate among young people, with young women still most at risk of contracting the disease according to a case, which she believes she can see in her lifetime.

According to a report released by Statistics SA in July 2015, it was estimated that about 11.2% of South Africans first director-general of the Department of Health in post-apartheid South Africa has experience opening from epidemiological studies of communicable diseases and HIV/Aids to health systems, quality and financing. Shisana highlighted the challenges in the fight against the disease and the victories of the country's Aids treatment rollout campaign which has led to a decline in the number of HIV/Aids related deaths since 2002. But this could, in her view, also be contributing to new infections related to behaviour changes, as well as scientific breakthroughs in the search for further preventive measures like female condoms and a cure, which she believes she can see in her lifetime.

According to the South African National HIV Prevalence, Incidence and Behaviour Survey released by the Human Sciences Research Council in 2014 there were 49000 new infections in 2013 and almost 80% of people infected with HIV/Aids live in KwaZulu-Natal, while the Western Cape had the lowest prevalence at almost 8%.

Other provinces with a prevalence above 8% were the Free State, Mpumalanga and North West. The study found the country still ranks first in the world in HIV incidence and that it has the largest anti-retroviral treatment (ART) programme.

KwaZulu-Natal is still the epicentre of the global epidemic and most infections are with its African in places like Nigeria, Tanzania, Zimbabwe, Botswana and Indonesia," she said.

Shisana said until people's living conditions and standard of living were raised, HIV/Aids and TB would be diseases which would not disappear.

**Poverty**  
"HIV thrives in a place where there is a lot of poverty. The knowledge about how the disease is contracted and the high number of new infections could also partly be due to the availability of a service to them," she said.

Shisana said many citizens seemed to have "lost" their knowledge about how the disease is contracted and the high number of new infections could also partly be due to the availability of a service to them," she said.

Shisana said another challenge around communication was a culture that parents should not speak to their children about sex and the Department of Health had recently employed a new communication company to revise the HIV/Aids campaigns, while the rollout of Nurse Initiated Management Aids followed therapy was a victory that



**Professor Olive Shisana says she is optimistic about the chances of a cure for HIV/Aids being developed during her lifetime.**

was making an impact with 40% of people living with HIV/Aids now on treatment despite limited human and financial resources.

But she said a lack of financial and human resources to get the other 60% of infected people on treatment was a problem, which could be fixed by the implementation of National Health Insurance (NHI), which would redistribute medical schemes' resources.

In so far as treatment we have done well and are winning the battle in terms of keeping people living longer because life expectancy has gone up," Shisana said.

"We have really cut down on infections in babies because of Mother-to-Child Transmission programme has been really effective and we have also taken steps to introduce medical male circumcision especially in KwaZulu-Natal, which is important to us as we are averting new infections from men as well as women."

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In this age group out of a total of 49000 new infections in 2012, HIV is staying with us and we have to not let our guard down in terms of education," she said.

Shisana said young women aged 15 to 24 were most at risk of contracting the disease as the prevalence among the population group was 5.5%, accounting for 11000 of 19000 infected in the age group.

HIV is affecting young people so much and at the conference one of the big groups we will be focusing on is young women," she said.

Shisana said young women needed to be aware they were at high risk and should prevent infection by consistently using a condom, while women participating in microbicide gel prevention studies should follow instructions for use of the gel.

"If they don't, we have no way of testing the efficacy of this prevention tool which means for years and years we won't have women prevention control methods."

Shisana said abstinence was not a message she was bothered with because young people were going to have sex and it should be safe sex and they should also be educated about the availability of the pre-exposure prophylaxis, Truvada, which could thwart

the disease's ability to infect a healthy person.

Shisana added that South Africa was one of only four countries, France, Kenya, and the US, where the drug had been approved.

But she said people were still dying in this country because of stigma.

"We have made progress where people can say I have a child, who is HIV-positive but for people to say I am HIV-positive, they face stigmatisation and discrimination," she said.

She said the country was leading the way in terms of treatment roll-out and scientific research such as the Centre for the Aids Programme of Research's "breakthrough" microbicide gel discovery which had been shown to reduce the infection in women by between 80% and 90%.

"There are some great scientists in Durban who are doing some really great work and we encourage them to continue to do that because of their hard work, the medical intervention may come from them."

"I do think we are going to see a cure in our lifetime."

"One of the pleasures at this conference will be focusing on this and will tell on the state of cure research, how far we are, what is promising and what the potential is, what is meeting," Shisana said.



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# AIDS 2016 Partners

## Co-chairs

Chris Beyrer, International Co-chair      Olive Shisana, Local Co-chair

## Permanent Partners

International AIDS Society  
International Council of AIDS Service Organizations  
Global Network of People Living with HIV  
International Community of Women Living with HIV  
UNAIDS

## International Partners

The Global Forum on MSM & HIV  
International Community of Women Living with HIV – East Africa

## Regional Partners

Enda Santé  
AIDS & Rights Alliance for Southern Africa  
African Network for AIDS Physicians-Practitioners

## Local Partners

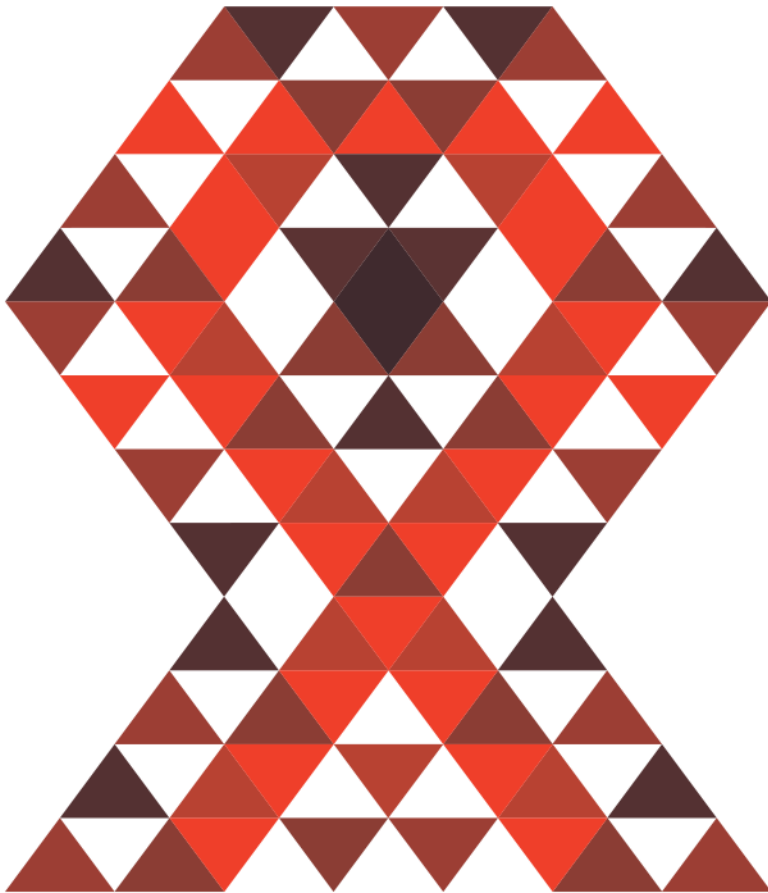
Department of Health, South Africa  
South African National AIDS Council  
South African Medical Research Council

# Upcoming Engagements

Date	Activity planned
May	AIDS 2016 Disability Sector Dialogue
July	10 Days Count Down : AIDS 2016 Carnival
16-17 July	Pre-Conference Meetings

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movement and together  
let's define the next  
legacy of the  
International AIDS  
Conference.**

**Thank you.**



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