The International AIDS Conference is the largest conference on any global health or development issues in the world. First convened during the peak of the epidemic in 1985, it continues of to provide a unique forum for the intersection of science, advocacy, and human rights.

Leaving behind lasting legacies in each host country…
AIDS 2016 Partners

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AIDS 2016
Return to South Africa
2000: South Africa is at a boiling point

Frustration with global inaction on access to HIV treatment reaches a boiling point.

The Conference becomes a platform for anger and activism-- and the world listened. Several public HIV treatment programmes in Africa begin within 6 months of conference.
2016: AIDS response in South Africa has been transformed

15 years later, more than 15 million people around the world are on treatment.

There have been accelerated advancements in scientific research and significant increases in life expectancy by more than a decade. **South Africa is now home to the largest HIV treatment program in the world.**
The Legacy of the International AIDS Conference

2008: Mexico City
At the conference, the President of Panama announces the repeal of the last remaining law in Latin America criminalizing homosexuality.

2012: Washington, D.C.
As part of agreeing to host AIDS 2012, the United States lifts its 22 year travel ban that prevented people living with HIV from entering the country.

2014: Melbourne
After being criticized for unfairly targeting and stigmatizing people living with HIV, the Australian government pledged to repeal the national HIV criminalization law.
Much like its 2000 predecessor, the 2016 conference comes at another critical moment in the HIV epidemic. It will provide a global platform to raise awareness about the work that remains to be done to make the end of AIDS a reality.

This year, as we take on the challenge of new global targets, the 21st International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2016) will play a pivotal role in setting the HIV/AIDS agenda for the next 15 years.
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 – doubling the number of scholarships and creating specific mechanisms to support attendance by people living with HIV, women, and youth
- Digital platforms and engagement for a virtual conference experience
Access, Equity, Rights - Now

The AIDS 2016 theme reminds us that all our gains will be lost if we do not continue to build a strong global movement to change the course of the epidemic. Responding to this call to action, some of the key issues at the conference will be:

- The epidemic among young women and girls
- Implementation science and the gap between discovery and adoption
- New vaccine and biomedical prevention trials in Africa
- Ending pediatric AIDS
- Continued marginalization of vulnerable populations
- Universal access and financing the response in middle income countries
Key Dates

1 April 2016
Volunteer applications opens

11 April 2016
Satellite Symposium submissions close

21 April 2016
Late breaker abstract submissions open

28 April 2016
Late registration fee starts

3 May 2016
Exhibitions applications close

12 May 2016
Late breaker abstract submissions closes
Expanding Access to AIDS 2016

AIDS 2016 is providing a number of new provisions to financially support conference participation, including:

• **Reducing the registration** cost by up to 23 per cent based on a delegate’s country of residence

• **Extending the Early Registration deadline** to 28 April at the newly decreased registration rate

• **Providing an additional 200 registrations** through the Civil Society Access Initiative
Civil Society Participation On Conference Planning

Permanent Partners
Conference Coordinating Committee
Advisory Group of Friends to the AIDS 2016 Support Committee

NEXT MAJOR EVENT

100 DAYS COUNT DOWN
8 APRIL 2016
GUGU DLAMINI PARK, DURBAN
Join the AIDS 2016 movement and together let’s define the next legacy of the International AIDS Conference.
Thank you.