

WHO at ICASA2015

18th International Conference on AIDS and STIs in Africa
29 November – 4 December 2015, Harare, Zimbabwe



WHO MAIN SESSIONS

SPECIAL SATELLITE

**Global health sector response to HIV –
2000-2015: focus on innovations in Africa**
Sunday, 29 November 2015, 12:45-14:15,
Main Auditorium (Lunch served)

Co-chairs: Winnie Mpanju-Shumbuso, WHO HQ; Magda Robalo, WHO AFRO.

Speakers include: Daniel Low-Beer, WHO HQ; Marijke Wijnroks, the Global Fund; Frank Chimbwandira, MOH Malawi; Peter Godfrey-Faussett, UNAIDS; M. Sylvere Bukiki, ITPC Côte d'Ivoire; Yogan Pillay, MOH South Africa; and representatives from countries and partner organizations.

A new WHO report, entitled "Global health sector response to HIV – 2000-2015: focus on innovations in Africa" will be launched at this satellite session. The report summarizes a remarkable transformation of the global HIV response from 2000-2015 and features innovative approaches and scale up in the African region that contributed to the progress. It also lays out the challenges of the next 5 to 15 years, with a discussion between countries and partners on how to address them.

SPECIAL SATELLITE

**What's new in the 2015 consolidated ARV
guidelines?**
Monday, 30 November 2015, 12:45-14:15,
Main Auditorium (Lunch served)

Co-chairs: Winnie Mpanju-Shumbusho and Gottfried Hirschall, WHO HQ.

Speakers include: Meg Doherty, WHO HQ; Sabin Nsamzimana, Rwanda; Wafaa El Sadr, ICAP; Luiz Loures, UNAIDS HQ; Maurine Murenga, ICW; Ade Fakoye, the Global Fund; Amb. Deborah Birx, US PEPFAR; Philippe Duneton, UNITAID (TBC); and Tsitsi Apollo, MOH Zimbabwe.

In this satellite, WHO will share the new directions of the 2015 WHO consolidated guidelines on the use of antiretroviral drugs for treating and preventing HIV, and will discuss the implications for countries. The satellite features perspectives from WHO, members of the guidelines' development groups, countries, implementers and funders.

SATELLITE

**UNITAID/PSI HIV Self-Testing Africa (STAR)
project launch**
Monday, 30 November 2015, 18:30-20:30,
Jacaranda 1 and 2

Speakers include: Winnie Mpanju-Shumbusho, Rachel Baggaley and Cheryl Johnson, WHO HQ; Rumbidzai Matetwe, Zimbabwe; Karin Hatzold, UNITAID/PSI STAR project, Zimbabwe; Robert Matiru, UNITAID; Laurent Delahousse, France; Frank Chimbwandira, MOH Malawi; Jabin Mulwanda, MOH Zambia; David Parirenyatwa, MOH Zimbabwe; Gerald Gwinji, MOH Zimbabwe; Michael Bartos, UNAIDS Zimbabwe; Ade Fakoya, the Global Fund; Tony Daly, DfID UK; and Melissa Mugambi, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

WHO, UNITAID and PSI are co-hosting this satellite to launch the largest project on HIV self-testing, and to discuss the next steps for HIV self-testing in the Southern African region. The project aims

to provide nearly 750 000 HIV test kits in Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe to evaluate the public health impact of HIV self-testing.

SATELLITE

Celebrating prevention: voluntary medical male circumcisions at 10 million

**Thursday, 3 December 2015, 14:45-16:15,
Jacaranda 3**

Speakers include: Magda Robalo, WHO AFRO; David Chimhini, Parliament of Zimbabwe; Chief Jonathan Eshiloni Mumena, Zambia; Lisa Nelson, OGAC PEPFAR; and Sheila Tlou, UNAIDS Africa; video and music.

This session will celebrate the achievement of a milestone in scaling-up of voluntary medical male circumcision (VMMC) to over 10 million men in 14 priority countries of East and Southern Africa since the release of the 2007 UNAIDS and WHO recommendations.

SATELLITE

Hepatitis B and C infection

**Thursday, 3 December 2015, 16:45-18:15,
Jacaranda 1 and 2**

Co-chairs: Gottfried Hirschall, WHO HQ; Sergie Eholie, Côte d'Ivoire.

Speakers include: Fumi Lesi, Nigeria; Philippa Easterbrook, WHO HQ; Frank Lule, WHO AFRO; and Kenneth Kabagambe, Uganda.

This session will address increasing burden of viral hepatitis in sub-Saharan Africa, especially among people living with HIV. It covers themes such as an assessment of the current status of the epidemiology and burden of hepatitis B and C and HIV-hepatitis coinfection in Africa; the WHO global response with the development of a global hepatitis strategy and targets and normative guidance; response to hepatitis in countries in sub-Saharan Africa; challenges for implementation of testing and treatment, and the role of advocacy in community mobilization and scale up of services for people with hepatitis.



WHO SATELLITE SESSIONS

SATELLITE

Voluntary medical male circumcision in fast-track: a new action framework

**Monday, 30 November 2015, 07:00-08:30,
Committee room 6 (Refreshments provided)**

Moderator: Frank Lule, WHO AFRO.

Speakers include: Karl Dehne, UNAIDS HQ; Buhle Ncube, WHO; and Julia Samuelson, WHO HQ; Victoria Kisaakye, UNESCO; Lisa Nelson, OGAC PEPFAR; and Kawango Agot, Impact-RDO.

UNAIDS and WHO are co-hosting this satellite session to share a draft of the new five-year "Joint strategic action framework on voluntary medical male circumcision in fast-track" and solicit comments from key stakeholders.

NON-ABSTRACT DRIVEN SESSION

HIV Treatment: what's new in the pipeline

**Monday, 30 November 2015, 14:45-16:15,
Committee room 5a and 5b**

Co-chairs: Meg Doherty, WHO HQ; Serge Eholie, Côte d'Ivoire.

Speakers include: Marco Vitoria, WHO HQ; Nandita Sugandhi, CHAI; Kenly Sikwese, AFROCAB; Francois Venter, Wits University South Africa; Nathan Ford, WHO HQ; and Carmen Perez, UNITAID.

In this satellite, WHO will share what's new in the HIV treatment pipeline; where these new ARV drug options fit in the 2015 ARV guidelines and what are the perspectives for future updates. The satellite features perspectives from WHO, members of the guidelines' development groups, countries, implementers and funders.

Early findings and lessons from PMTCT implementation research – the INSPIRE (INtegrating and Scaling up PMTCT through Implementation Research) Initiative; South-South collaboration supported by WHO and DFATD

**Monday, 30 November 2015, 18:30-20:30,
Committee Room 6**

Chairs: Felicitas Zawaira, WHO AFRO; Angela Mushavi, Zimbabwe.

SATELLITE SYMPOSIA

Models to improve the first 90 target – access to HIV testing

**Tuesday, 1 December 2015, 12:45-14:15,
Prof Soudré Room**

Chairs: Badara Samb, UNAIDS HQ; Frances Cowan, UCL, CeSHHAR Zimbabwe.

Speakers include: Rachel Baggaley and Cheryl Johnson, WHO HQ; Gertrude Ncube, Ministry of Health and Child Welfare, Zimbabwe; Kwame Shanaube, Zambart Zambia; and Lina Digolo, LVCT Health Kenya.

The UN has set the ambitious 90–90–90 targets to diagnose 90% of people with HIV, for 90% of people diagnosed with HIV to be on treatment, and for 90% of people on treatment to be virally suppressed. This session focuses on the first 90, which many have called the most challenging. Presenters will discuss new WHO guidelines, emerging evidence on HIV self-testing, lay provider testing, results from PopART in Zambia, community-based testing models in Kenya and other approaches countries can employ to achieve the first 90.

SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM

Spotlight on the dual approach for elimination – doing elimination of mother-to-child transmission of congenital syphilis and HIV together

**Wednesday, 2 December 2015, 07:00-08:30,
Committee Room 5a and 5b**

Chairs: Felicitas Zawaira, WHO AFRO; Shaffiq Essajee, WHO HQ.



WHO PRESENTATIONS IN PARTNER SESSIONS

PRE-CONFERENCE EVENT

Key Populations, Human Rights & HIV – Invest in Communities!

28-29 November 2015, Crowne Plaza

Speaker: Rachel Baggaley, WHO HQ.

SATELLITE SYMPOSIA

HIV modelling consortium joint satellite session with SAA; a dialogue between program planners and model makers

**Monday, 30 November 2015, 18:30-20:30,
Committee Room 4**

Speaker: Meg Doherty, WHO HQ.

SATELLITE SYMPOSIA

Optimizing testing and treatment of HIV-exposed infants: creating sustainable markets for point-of-care technologies within national diagnostic networks

**Tuesday, 1 December 2015, 18:30-20:30,
Prof Soudré Room**

Speaker: Meg Doherty, WHO HQ.

SPECIAL SESSION

Early diagnosis, care, treatment and support of paediatric HIV infection

**Wednesday, 2 December 2015, 14:45-16:15,
Jacaranda 1 and 2**

Speaker: Shaffiq Essajee, WHO HQ.

Title: Management of the HIV Exposed infant Delivering infant prophylaxis including to infants at high risk, promoting optimal strategies for infant feeding, and supported retention of mother-infant pairs.

ORAL ABSTRACT SESSION

VMMC – beliefs, acceptability and care: Nine cases of tetanus identified through voluntary medical male circumcision programs uncover a gender disparity in risk

**Wednesday, 2 December 2015, 16:45-18:15,
Committee Room 6**

Speakers: Julia Samuelson and Rachel Baggaley, WHO HQ.

SATELLITE SYMPOSIA

Engaging adolescents in HIV treatment and care: approaches for improved service delivery

**Wednesday, 2 December 2015, 16:45-18:15,
Prof Soudré Room**

Speaker: Sithembile Dlamini-Nqeketo, WHO, Swaziland.

SIDE EVENT

PrEP – issues and priorities for MSM in Africa

**Wednesday, 2 December 2015, 16:45-18:15,
Crowne Plaza**

Speaker: Rachel Baggaley, WHO HQ.

SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM

WHO/UNICEF IATT: new perspectives in the prevention, treatment and care of HIV in children and adolescents – where do we go from here?

**Wednesday, 2 December 2015, 18:30-20:30,
Jacaranda 3**

Chairs: Gottfried Hirnschall, WHO HQ; Chewe Luo, UNICEF.

Speaker: Shaffiq Essajee, WHO HQ.

Title: The lifecycle of HIV in women, children and adolescents: Emerging successes and ongoing challenges.

SIDE EVENT

Nationalizing the WHO guidelines on oral PrEP: What will it take? Rainbow Towers Hotel and Convention Center

Thursday, 3 December 2015, 7:00-8:30

Speaker: Rachel Baggaley, WHO HQ.

ORAL ABSTRACT SESSION

Innovation in service delivery: “Effect of frequency of clinic visits and medication pick-up antiretroviral therapy outcomes: a systematic review and meta-analysis”

**Thursday, 3 December 2015, 10:45-12:15,
Committee Jacaranda 3**

Speaker: Nathan Ford, WHO HQ.

ORAL ABSTRACT SESSION

Off the shelves and into action: Lessons learned in using social media to bring WHO HIV guidelines to people who need them most Thursday, 3 December 2015, 16:45-18:15, Committee Room 4

Speaker: Cheryl Johnson, WHO HQ.

WHO KEY PUBLICATIONS

WHO publications and information materials will be displayed at WHO Booth and sessions. Key new products include:

- Progress report “Global health sector response to HIV, 2000-2015: public health innovations in Africa
- Short summaries of the progress report (English and French)
- Technical brief: Progress report: six innovations in Africa which changed the course of their HIV epidemics
- Policy brief: Consolidated guidelines on the use of antiretroviral drugs for treating and prevention HIV infection: what’s new, November 2015 (English and French)
- Policy brief: WHO expands recommendation on oral pre-exposure prophylaxis of HIV infection
- Guideline on when to start antiretroviral therapy and on pre-exposure prophylaxis for HIV, 2015
- Fact Sheets:
 - What’s new in HIV treatment
 - What’s new in HIV monitoring
 - What’s new in HIV service delivery models
 - What’s new in treating and caring for adolescents
 - What’s new in Early Infant Diagnosis

All our information materials are available on our website: www.who.int/hiv

WHO POSTERS

During the conference WHO will also be presenting posters on topics such as HIV self-testing, target setting for key populations, and PrEP for adolescents.

WHO PRESS CONFERENCE

WHO press conference at ICASA 2015
Monday, 30 November 2015, 14:30

Speakers include: Dr Matshidiso Moeti, WHO Regional Director for Africa; Dr Winnie Mpanju-Shumbusho, Assistant Director General for HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, Malaria and Neglected Tropical Diseases; and other high-level AIDS leaders in the African Region and the world at large.

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