AIDS 2008: Universal Action Now

• Universal Action Now is a call to action to stakeholders at the global, national, regional and local levels.

• Universal Action Now emphasizes the need for continued urgency in the global response to AIDS.
Planning Committees

- Conference Coordinating Committee
  - Scientific Programme Committee
  - Community Programme Committee
  - Leadership Programme Committee
  - Track Committees
Conference Programme Overview

Programme Sessions

Plenary
- Opening / Closing Sessions
- Plenary Sessions
- Rapporteur Summary Session
- Special Sessions

Concurrent
- Abstract-driven Sessions
- Bridging Sessions
- Controversy & Common Ground
- Learning From Practice
- Symposia
- Skills Building Workshops

Programme Activities

- Youth Programme
- Cultural Programme
- Global Village
Abstract Tracks and Session Types

- **Oral Presentations**
  - Track A: Biology and Pathogenesis of HIV
  - Track B: Clinical Research, Treatment and Care
  - Track C: Epidemiology, Prevention and Prevention Research
  - Track D: Social, Behavioural and Economic Science
  - Track E: Policy and Political Science

- **Poster Discussion**

- **Poster Exhibition**

- **Late Breaker Presentations**
TB/HIV Sessions at AIDS 2008

• Plenary Session (August 8th)

• Abstract Driven Sessions:
  - oral session (BCG, TB & HAART)
  - poster discussion (TB & HIV a Deadly Partnership)

• Satellite Symposium (UA of TB services to PL)

• SBW (Wanted TB/HIV in the news:)

• TB Shack in Commercial Exhibition Area
Abstract-driven Sessions

• Over half of all conference sessions will be abstract-driven

• Sessions will provide new, research-based evidence and synthesize already available evidence to inform and guide the global response to these challenges

• Sessions will focus on cutting-edge issues of interest to a range of disciplines

• Online abstract mentoring programme allows younger and/or less experienced abstract submitters to ask questions of more experienced abstract submitters

Abstract submission: 1 November – 19 February 2008
Late Breaker submission: 20 May – 16 June 2008
Non-Abstract Driven Sessions

Variety of session formats designed to encourage constructive debate:

• Bridging Sessions
• Learning from Practice Sessions
• Controversy and Common Ground Sessions
• Symposia
Satellite Meetings

- Meeting times scheduled on Sunday before opening session and on Monday-Thursday mornings and afternoons, before and after official conference sessions
- Sponsored, organized and coordinated by third-parties
- Meetings address issues directly or indirectly related to HIV/AIDS within the context of the conference programme
- All satellite meetings approved by conference organizers
- Slots are available for a fee based on room capacity and time with a limited number of free slots available to meet identified gaps in the conference programme

Satellite Meeting applications due 31 March 2008
Expanded Online Access

- Fully bilingual website (Spanish/English)
- Webcasts and transcripts of key sessions
- Full text of all accepted abstracts
- Multi-language audio files and speaker slides for most sessions available through online Programme-at-Glance
- Rapporteur reports from all sessions
- Online skills exchange database
- Kaisernetwork.org is the official webcaster, with online scientific information and expert analyses provided by Clinical Care Options, Inc.
Skills Building Workshops

• Primary goal is to facilitate delegates’ professional growth

• Cover a diverse range of topics:
  • Scaling up and linkages
  • Latin America and the Caribbean: Lessons shared from a concentrated epidemic
  • Leadership, advocacy and policy
  • Intensifying involvement of affected communities and participation of civil societies
  • Science, medicine and community

Skills Building proposals accepted
25 November – 19 February 2008
Programme Activities: Youth Programme

• Strengthens the participation of youth and the profile of youth issues through:
  • the youth pavilion
  • an electronic bulletin and website
  • a media hub
  • presentation space
  • mentorship activities

• Lower registration fees for all youth under age 26 and youth scholarships

Youth Programme applications accepted
13 December – 19 February 2008