

# DAILY BULLETIN



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## Powerful Voices from around the Globe at Monday Plenary

Monday's plenary session will feature three powerful and notable voices addressing issues of human rights, drug policy and the global AIDS response.

### Keynote Address by President Bill Clinton

Former U.S. President Bill Clinton will deliver the keynote address. The Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI), founded in 2002 under the William J. Clinton Foundation as the Clinton HIV/AIDS Initiative, works with governments and nongovernmental partners to expand treatment access in developing countries, where more than 90 percent of individuals living with HIV/AIDS reside. Since it began, CHAI has helped more than two million people access medications. CHAI also works to strengthen health care delivery systems and fight malaria and tuberculosis.

### Positive Health, Dignity and Prevention

Keeping human rights in the forefront of HIV treatment, care and prevention programs is critical as scientists and activists move to keep access high on the global agenda, according to Vuyiseka Dubula (South Africa), General Secretary of the Treatment Action Campaign (TAC). In her presentation, *Positive Health, Dignity and Prevention*, she will explain this comprehensive approach to supporting people living with HIV with their prevention and social needs through empowerment and with dignity. Positive Health, Dignity and Prevention recognizes the importance of health promotion and access, sexual and reproductive health and rights, stigma and discrimination reduction, and gender equality in the prevention of transmission and access to treatment and support services.

According to Ms. Dubula, when national governments fail to recognize human rights violations that oppress and create legal and policy environments that punish those most vulnerable, they ignore the full spectrum of challenges that shape many HIV-positive people's prevention needs. She will call on PLHIV, governments, NGOs and civil society to envision new ways to ensure that the right to health and human rights are strongly considered when setting and working toward treatment and prevention goals.

### HIV, Drug Policy and Harm Reduction

Anya Sarang (Russia), President of the Andrey Rylkov Foundation for Health and Social Justice, will argue for a human rights-based approach to drug policy and harm reduction in the context of HIV prevention.

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## Positive Lounge: Use Kriau U-Bahn Station

For easy access to the Positive Lounge, located in Hall D, exit the U-Bahn from the Kriau station.

## Global Village: Where the Community Response to AIDS Comes to Life

The Global Village Opening Ceremony kicks off today at 11:00 on the Main Stage in Hall A with welcoming remarks by Sonja Wehsely, Health Councilor for the City of Vienna. From 12:00-13:30, HRH Mette-Marit, Crown Princess of Norway, and AIDS 2010 Chair Julio Montaner will deliver remarks at the opening ceremony of the Youth Pavilion, located in the Global Village.

The AIDS 2010 Global Village is a space to share knowledge and skills, build coalitions, and promote interactive learning among communities living with and affected by HIV and AIDS, policymakers, researchers and other stakeholder groups. It is an interactive, participatory, community-focused space that will give voice to the conference theme, *Rights Here, Right Now*.

Additional information about Global Village activities is available at [www.aids2010.org/globalvillage.aspx](http://www.aids2010.org/globalvillage.aspx), and a schedule of all youth activities is at [www.youthaids2010.org](http://www.youthaids2010.org). The Global Village is open to delegates and the general public and admission is free.

## HIV/AIDS in Austria

Approximately 9,000 people, or 0.2% of the adult population, are living with HIV/AIDS in Austria. In recent years, HIV infection rates have remained relatively stable, with a 5% increase in the number of new HIV infections between 2008 and 2009. Nearly one-third of people living with HIV in Austria are women. All Austrians have access to information, testing, treatment, and care through a nationwide, free-of-cost programme. In fact, HIV treatment is nearly fully integrated into the general health care system. In 2007, the number of AIDS-related deaths was fewer than 100.

In addition to government-sponsored programmes, nongovernmental organizations, such as the Austrian Aides Hilfen, provide HIV prevention services, including free and anonymous testing, to individuals. Intensive information campaigns addressing HIV transmission and prevention have played a large role in maintaining a low prevalence rate. A nationwide drug substitution and harm reduction programme, which provides education, clean needles and syringes, also has assisted in maintaining a stable HIV incidence rate.

Additional information about AIDS in Austria is available (in German) from the AIDS-Hilfen Österreichs ([www.aids-hilfen.at](http://www.aids-hilfen.at)), the Aids Hilfe Wien ([www.aids.at](http://www.aids.at)), and the Austrian AIDS Society ([www.aids-gesellschaft.at](http://www.aids-gesellschaft.at)).

## Programme Highlights

### Advances in Antiretroviral Management in Adult HIV Infection: Discussions of an IAS-USA International Panel of Experts

Location: Session Room 2, 12:45-14:15

International experts in HIV management will discuss how new data and antiretroviral drugs are affecting treatment decision-making, including the timing and regimen of initial therapy, when to change regimens and options after treatment failure.

### Building on Success: A Roadmap for HIV Prevention

Location: Session Room 1, 13:00-14:00

Bill Gates will address the historic opportunity ahead to build on success and continue expanding treatment while charting a course to intensify prevention and dramatically reduce new HIV infections and take questions from the audience.

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Location: Session Room 2, 12:45-14:15

A group of international experts in HIV management will review recent data on untreated HIV infection and new antiretroviral medications and regimens and discuss how treatment paradigms have changed.

### The Forgotten Epidemics: HIV and HCV in Prisons, Pre-trial Detention, and Other Closed Settings

Location: Session Room 7, 14:30-16:00

Presenters will discuss examples of successful responses to HIV, HCV and injecting drug use in closed settings, address the particular needs of women, and present additional solutions other than comprehensive HIV/HCV programmes.

### Regional Session on Sub-Saharan Africa

Location: Session Room 2, 14:30-16:00

Following an overview of the epidemic in the region, speakers will address the role of religious groups in the fight against HIV, the prevention of mother-to-child transmission, and access to services in the contexts of human rights and universal access.

#### HIV/AIDS in Sub-Saharan Africa (Source: UNAIDS AIDS Epidemic Update 2009)

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| Number of people living with HIV | 2008: 22.4 million<br>[20.8 million–24.1 million] | 2001: 19.7 million<br>[18.3 million–21.2 million] |
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| Number of new HIV infections | 2008: 1.9 million<br>[1.6 million–2.2 million] | 2001: 2.3 million<br>[2.0 million–2.5 million] |
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| Number of children newly infected | 2008: 390,000<br>[210,000–570,000] | 2001: 460,000<br>[260,000–640,000] |
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| Number of AIDS-related deaths | 2008: 1.4 million<br>[1.1 million–1.7 million] | 2001: 1.4 million<br>[1.2 million–1.7 million] |
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### The Double-Edged Sword: Long-Term Complications of ART and HIV

Location: Session Room 1, 14:30-16:30

Presenters will examine how possible complications of long-term HAART use – including bone, cardiovascular and renal diseases – are affecting treatment decisions, especially in light of a movement to initiate treatment at higher CD4 counts.

### Law Reform in the Context of HIV: Are Human Rights Protected or Compromised?

Location: Session Room 7, 16:30-18:00

This session will examine whether law reform can be utilized to enhance public health and address underlying social and structural factors that increase vulnerability to HIV without compromising human rights.

## Be a Part of AIDS 2010 Evaluation

The Conference Evaluation Team invites delegates to take part in evaluating the conference.

### Short Interviews

You may be approached during the conference by one of the Evaluation Team members for a short interview. If so, please take a few minutes to give us your feedback.

### Online Instant Poll

Provide feedback on sessions you attend through the online instant poll on the conference website.

### Post Conference Survey

Complete the post-conference online survey that will be emailed to you in August.

Conference organizers are committed to reporting findings of the evaluation and a report will be posted on the AIDS 2010 website in early 2011. Participants' feedback will also be taken into consideration for planning AIDS 2012. Thank you in advance for your participation.

## Logistics

### Lost Name Badges

If you have lost, misplaced or forgotten your badge, or need to change the name on an existing registration, please contact a member of the registration staff immediately. The registration desk is open daily from 6:30 to 18:30 through Thursday and Friday from 8:00 to 15:00. A handling fee of EUR 45 will be charged for a new name badge, and the old name badge will become invalid.

### WiFi Access

For WiFi access in the Global Village and Exhibition Hall, the network name is "AIDS2010". No password required.

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In her presentation, "Timequake": A Way to See a Better Future for Harm Reduction in HIV Prevention, she will call on national governments to not repeat their past mistakes, instead promoting evidence-based approaches to harm reduction and resisting policies that give priority to the criminalization of drug users.

Using personal stories and examples, Ms. Sarang will show how policies of the "war on drugs" generate fear and terror and exacerbate HIV risk, transmission and drug user deaths. She will argue that the implementation of carefully considered approaches – including the scaling up of easy-to-access needle and syringe distribution programmes, opioid substitution therapy, and community organizing – can be successful in mitigating HIV among injecting drug users.

Location: Session Room 1, 8:30-10:30

## Programme Updates – Monday 19 July

Session MOAE02: Socioeconomic Impact of HIV on Households  
Abstract MOAD0202 Socio-economic impact of HIV at the household levels in Indonesia: results from a seven province study will be presented by G. Pramod Kumar, UNDP.

Symposium MOSY05: Innate Immunity - Key to Control?  
Anthony Cunningham has withdrawn.

Workshop MOWS09: Change your Country's Discriminatory Laws: How to Advocate for Removal of HIV-specific Travel and Residence Restrictions will be facilitated by Shaun Mellors, South Africa and Moono Nyambe, Netherlands.

Special Session MOSS04: Scenarios for the Future: How to Move from Market-Driven Innovation to a Needs-Driven Model that Ensures Access and Innovation has been cancelled.