

# WHO events for World AIDS Day 2019 and ICASA2019

## The 20th International Conference on AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Infections in Africa

1-7 December, Kigali, Rwanda



**World Health  
Organization**



# High-level events

## Sunday, 1 December

**Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus,**  
**World Health Organization (WHO) Director-General**  
**Dr Diane Gashumba, Minister of Health, Rwanda**

- 07:00–09:00**
- World AIDS Day 2019 commemorations during “Kigali Car-Free Day” public health event to promote healthy lifestyle and HIV services, Rwanda Revenue Authority ground (start at the Kigali Convention Centre)
- 12:00–12:30**
- Opening press conference for ICASA2019 Kigali Convention Centre

## Monday, 2 December

**08:30–10:30**  
**Cheick sidy**  
**Modibo Kane**  
**(MH 1)**

**Organization of African First Ladies for Development- OAFLED: Leadership of African First Ladies in the fight against HIV and AIDS**

The session will feature African First Ladies taking stock of progress, discussing remaining challenges and solutions to unlock the response to paediatric HIV.

**17:00–18:00**  
**Kigali**  
**Convention**  
**Centre**

**ICASA2019 Opening ceremony**

Keynote address by Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General, WHO

## Tuesday, 3 December

**12:30–13:15**  
**Mezzanine**  
**press room**

**WHO press conference on new recommendations for HIV testing services**

New recommendations will be shared by WHO staff, representatives from donor and implementing countries and community activists.

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# Key sessions

Tuesday, 3 December

**10:45–12:45,**  
**Prudence**  
**Mabele (MH**  
**2+ Corridor)**

**WHO/ HE2RO skills building session:**  
**Using economic analysis to plan and budget**  
**for your HIV testing and PrEP programmes**

Through this skill-building session, participants will gain an understanding of cost-effectiveness and budget impact analysis for implementing high-impact HIV testing services and PrEP programmes.

**13:00–15:00,**  
**Cheick sidy**  
**Modibo Kane**  
**(MH 1)**

**UNAIDS, WHO, PEPFAR and Jhpiego:**  
**Amplifying our gains in HIV prevention for**  
**men: increasing the impact and sustainability**  
**of voluntary medical male circumcision in**  
**2020 and beyond**

This satellite session will feature the story of voluntary medical male circumcision as an effective HIV prevention intervention, and key recommendations and evidence from updated WHO guidance.

**12:45–14:15,**  
**Jeanne**  
**Gapiya**  
**(MH 5)**

**New treatment guidelines, paediatric**  
**treatment and strategies for transition**  
**to DTG regimens**

Participants will be updated on the latest scientific evidence on the efficacy and safety of dolutegravir (DTG), and how to conduct a smooth transition from TLE (tenofivir-lamivudine-efavirinz) to TLD (tenofivir-lamivudine-DTG) based regimens.

**16:45–18:15,**  
**Cheick sidy**  
**Modibo Kane**  
**(MH 1)**

**Accelerating universal health coverage**  
**to end the epidemics of HIV, TB, malaria**  
**and other communicable diseases**

This session will provide an overview of the approach to improve primary health care and equitable access to quality health services, including those aimed at eliminating HIV, tuberculosis (TB) and malaria through integrated services.

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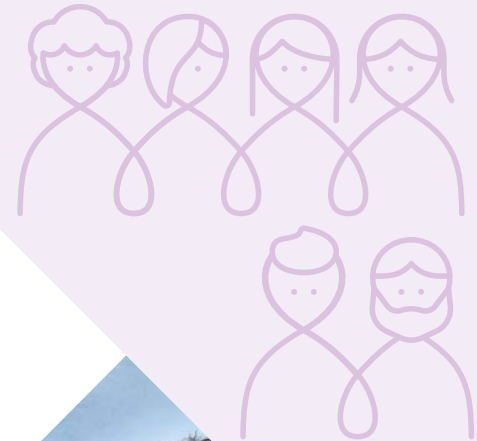
**16:45–18:15,**  
**Professor**  
**Madeleine**  
**Okome**  
**(MH 3)**

## **Leaving no one behind: accelerating the HIV/AIDS response in West and Central Africa**

This meeting will take stock of progress made, and support decision-making on the necessary adjustments to be made by countries in order to achieve expected results with regard to the Global Fund allocation for 2020–2022.

**18:30–20:30,**  
**Cheick sidy**  
**Modibo Kane**  
**(MH 1)**

## **Accelerating implementation of WHO HIV case surveillance guidelines: using new tools and innovation to address key barriers**



# Key sessions

Wednesday, 4 December

10:45–12:15,

Jeanne  
Gapiya  
(MH 4)

**No time to wait: kick-starting  
integration of HIV testing in family  
planning in East and Southern Africa**

This session will build upon new WHO guidance on family planning, HIV testing and the importance of integrated approaches. It will also highlight the need to integrate HIV testing into family planning services, focusing on high HIV burden settings in the context of the ECHO trial results.

14:45–16:45,  
Cheick sidy  
Modibo Kane  
(MH 1)

**Testing for 2030: new WHO guidelines on  
HIV testing services – strategies for reaching  
the undiagnosed**

This session will present the latest WHO HIV testing services guidelines, and share country and community experiences and perspectives to inform operationalization of testing approaches to meet and exceed the targets.

16:45–18:15,  
Joel Nana  
(AD10)

**What's new, what's hot and what's  
happening in viral hepatitis**

This session aims to share recent progress with viral hepatitis responses and selected good practice examples from across sub-Saharan Africa.



# Key sessions

Thursday, 5 December

**12:45–14:15,**  
**Joel Nana**  
**(AD10)**

**SAA, WHO AFRO & MOH Rwanda: Scaling up testing and access to treatment for viral hepatitis in Africa**

This session will feature a high-level meeting of ministers of health, political decision-makers and health-care experts to strengthen collaboration to achieve elimination of hepatitis in Africa by 2030.

**16:45–18:15,**  
**Joel Nana**  
**(AD10)**

**How to adopt and implement WHO-recommended HIV testing strategies and transform your HIV programme for 2020**

This session will present the latest guidance and recommendations to support countries to achieve high-quality HIV testing services, as well as focused scale-up of HIV testing services. The session will provide practical guidance on how to adopt, implement and transform a national programme for maximum effect.

**16:45–18:15,**  
**Jeanne**  
**Gapiya**  
**(MH 4)**

**MDR TB in HIV and non-HIV infected individuals: implications for HIV/TB coinfection management**

The session will present the experiences of the programmatic management of multi-drug-resistant (MDR)-TB in the WHO African Region.

**16:45–18:15,**  
**Professor**  
**Madeleine**  
**Okome**  
**(MH 3)**

**TB preventive therapy in Africa: translating UN high-level meeting rhetoric into reality**

This session will feature programme experiences in implementing TB preventive treatment (TPT) services, with partner organizations sharing perspectives on scale-up across the continuum, from identification of eligible clients to completion of TPT in priority countries.



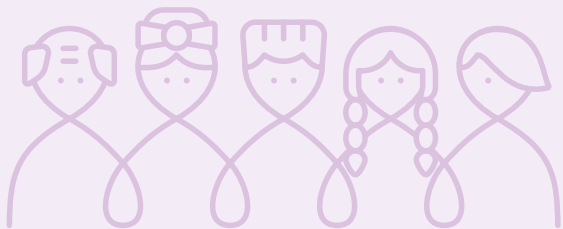
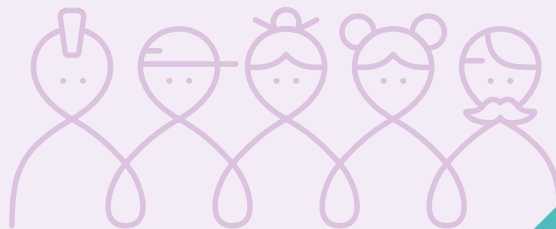
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**(MH 1)**

## **HIV and emerging new viral infections: challenges in prevention and treatment**

This meeting will describe the situation of the Ebola virus disease (EBV) outbreak in West Africa and eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, and discuss strategies for mitigation/anticipation, to be integrated into preparedness and/or response plans.



# Key sessions

Friday, 6 December

**10:45–12:15,**  
**Joel Nana**  
**(AD10)**

**STI control is critical in HIV and SRH programmes: current challenges and opportunities**

This session will explore challenges and opportunities for addressing the social and scientific barriers and lack of dialogue on sexually transmitted infections (STIs), and highlight the importance of budgeting for and integrating STI control into national primary health care programmes, including HIV and sexual and reproductive health (SRH), to achieve universal coverage.

**10:45–12:15,**  
**Cheick sidy**  
**Modibo Kane**  
**(MH 1)**

**Elimination of mother-to-child transmission of HIV, syphilis and hepatitis B virus in high-burden countries – updates, tools and way forward**

This session will include updates and lessons learned on the progress so far in high-burden countries towards processes for validation/certification on the “path to elimination”.

**12:45–14:15,**  
**Cheick sidy**  
**Modibo Kane**  
**(MH 1)**

**Preventing STIs/HIV and unsafe abortion in adolescents and young women – HIV and hormonal contraception**

This session will facilitate discussion on best strategies and priority interventions to address the high burden of STIs and unsafe abortion in adolescents and youth, the most affected population group. It will also explore the programmatic and policy implications of WHO's new guidance statement on Contraceptive eligibility for women at high risk of HIV.

**14:45–16:15,**  
**Cheick sidy**  
**Modibo Kane**  
**(MH 1)**

**Addressing barriers to services for adolescents and young people to achieve universal health coverage**

This session will highlight the current situation and discuss implementable actions to improve access to HIV information, prevention, treatment and care for adolescents and young people.

**16:45–18:15,**  
**Joel Nana**  
**(AD10)**

**Preventing, monitoring and responding to HIV drug resistance in Africa: what are the current data**

This session will present the strategic objectives of the WHO AFRO Regional Action Plan for HIV drug resistance, and provide practical tools and guidance on implementation.



# Scientific posters

## **HIV self-testing – where do we stand? A review of HIV self-testing policies in 45 countries**

Elizabeth Joseph, Magdalena Barr-DiChiara, Melissa Neuman, Shaili Babbar, Caitlin Quinn, Muhammad Jamil, Rachel Baggaley, Cheryl Johnson

**WEPEC206, 4 December, 09:00–18:00**

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## **Approche novatrice de priorisation des propositions soumises au Fonds Mondial par le Tchad et le Gabon, Casimir Manzengo, Hugues Lago**

**WEPEE352, 4 December 2019, 10:15–10:45**

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## **Effectiveness of HIV self-testing distribution models in the general population in SSA: a systematic review**

Muhammad S. Jamil, Ingrid Eshun-Wilson, T. Charles Witzel, Nandi Siegfried, Carmen Figueroa, Lastone Chitembo, Busisiwe Msimanga-Radebe, Muhammad S. Pasha, Karin Hatzold, Elizabeth Corbett, Alison J. Rodger, Rachel Baggaley, Elvin Geng, Cheryl Johnson

**THPEC104, 5 December, 09:00–18:00**

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## **Path to elimination of mother-to-child transmission of HIV and syphilis in high-burden countries: what does it take?**

Morkor Owiredun Newman, Maura Lavery, Melanie Taylor, Françoise Bigirimana, Innocent Nuwagira, Angela Mushavi, Linda Nabitaka Kisaakye, Meg Doherty

**THPEC140, 5 December, 10:15–16:45**

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## **Economic compensation interventions to increase uptake of voluntary medical male circumcision for HIV prevention: a systematic review and meta-analysis**

Caitlin E. Kennedy, Ping Teresa Yeh, Kaitlyn Atkins, Virginia A. Fonner, Michael D. Sweat, Kevin R. O'Reilly, Rachel Baggaley, George W. Rutherford, Julia Samuelson

**FRPEC202, 6 December, 09:00–18:00**

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## **Service delivery interventions to increase uptake of voluntary medical male circumcision for HIV prevention: a systematic review**

Kaitlyn Atkins, Ping Teresa Yeh, Caitlin E. Kennedy, Virginia A. Fonner, Michael D. Sweat, Kevin R. O'Reilly, Rachel Baggaley, George W. Rutherford, Julia Samuelson

**FRPEC200, 6 December, 09:00–18:00**

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# New publications

- 2019 WHO Consolidated guidelines on HIV testing services and associated policy briefs:
  - Policy brief: Overview of guidelines
  - Policy brief: Western blotting
  - Policy brief: New WHO HIV testing strategy for all epidemic contexts
  - Policy brief: Integration of HIV and syphilis testing for pregnant women
  - Policy brief: Optimal timepoints for HIV retesting among pregnant women
  - Policy brief: Social network-based approaches
  - Policy brief: Demand creation approaches for HIV testing services
  - Policy brief: Counselling messages
  - Policy brief: HIV self-testing
- Technical brief: Adolescent-friendly health services for adolescents living with HIV: from theory to practice

## More information

[www.who.int/hiv/](http://www.who.int/hiv/)

[www.who.int/hepatitis/](http://www.who.int/hepatitis/)

