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Opening letter

The world finds itself at a pivotal moment in advancing towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly the vision of ending AIDS as a public health threat by 2030. While considerable progress has been made, the challenges that lie ahead demand our unwavering dedication and collaboration.

In this context, the role of the IAS – to unite the global HIV response – becomes more critical than ever because progress happens when science, policy and activism come together. At the IAS, we carry out our work through our conferences, programmes and membership.

Our conferences: Convening the global response

We look back at the success of IAS 2023, the 12th International AIDS Society Conference on HIV Science, held in Brisbane, Australia, and virtually, on 23-26 July 2023. With over 5,300 participants, IAS 2023 epitomized the spirit of collaboration and knowledge exchange that defines the HIV response.

Now, we eagerly anticipate AIDS 2024, the 25th International AIDS Conference, in Munich, Germany, and virtually from 22 to 26 July 2024. Here, we will bring together up to 15,000 people living with, affected by and working on HIV to share knowledge, best practices and lessons learnt from the HIV response over the past 40 years, as well as from other threats to public health and individual well-being.

We are also preparing for HIVR4P 2024, the 5th HIV Research for Prevention Conference, in Lima, Peru, and virtually from 6 to 10 October. This is the only global scientific conference focused exclusively on the challenging and fast-growing field of HIV prevention research.

Our programmes: Action in priority areas

Beyond our conferences, the IAS has developed a range of programmes on specific topics to close scientific gaps, disseminate the latest research and improve health services.

Closing scientific gaps

Priorities in the global response to HIV remain finding an HIV cure and vaccine and accelerating the development of appropriate paediatric prevention, treatment and care options.

An example of our action: The Global HIV Vaccine Enterprise and IAS Towards an HIV Cure programme held four academies on the African continent in the past year, providing training to a total of 55 change makers to advance vaccine research and cure advocacy.

Disseminating the latest research

Recognizing the need for broad knowledge exchange beyond its conferences, IAS programmes focus on making the latest HIV knowledge available to a wide audience, including regional stakeholders in their own contexts.

An example of our action: Over the past year, the IAS Educational Fund reached over 750 HIV professionals through regional meetings. It supported 150 scholarship recipients (including 112 clinicians and HIV service providers and 38 advocates) from 44 countries to attend IAS 2023.

Improving health services

A cluster of IAS programmes improve HIV outcomes by supporting country policy makers in a shift towards evidence-based differentiated, integrated and stigma-free models of service delivery. These models support people living with HIV and vulnerable to HIV acquisition to demand such services and support individual service providers in better meeting the needs of their clients.

An example of our action: The Me and My Healthcare Provider Campaign recognized 16 champions from Brazil, Hong Kong, Mexico and Taiwan for delivering stigma-free health services during IAS 2023. Sharing their stories encourages others to also confront stigma.

Our people: Governance and membership

As the world's largest association of HIV professionals, the IAS now has 13,123 members in over 170 countries.

The IAS connects people across regions to amplify issues and voices for broader impact. It links its members, its primary stakeholders – people living with HIV, clinicians, scientists, service providers, policy makers and advocates – into global networks. These stakeholders then act as conduits for reaching regional, national and local audiences within their own areas.

In May 2024, the Governing Council, our thought leadership body, welcomed six new members from Africa, Asia and the Pacific Islands, Europe, and the United States and Canada, to guide our work and represent regional interests.

Looking forward

In May, we reached out to our members to canvass their views on the direction of our 2026-2030 Organizational Strategy. This feedback will shape the strategy to address current realities and maximize the impact of our work on the global HIV response.

Together, we echo the theme and rallying cry of AIDS 2024: Put people first! It encapsulates our unwavering dedication to upholding human rights and putting people first in the HIV response, as we strive for a world in which HIV no longer presents a threat to public health and individual well-being.

Birgit Poniatowski
Executive Director

Who we are

IAS – the International AIDS Society – unites the global HIV response because progress happens when science, policy and activism come together.

We do this by hosting the world's most significant HIV conferences and through our programmes, which focus on closing scientific gaps, disseminating the latest research and improving health services.

These all contribute to realizing our vision: a world in which HIV no longer presents a threat to public health and individual well-being.



Our core values

Put people first

- We are independent and ultimately accountable to people living with and affected by HIV
- We weigh and measure our actions against their impact on people's lives
- We champion an environment that empowers all to be part of the conversation
- We respect the lived experiences of all and foster a diversity of perspectives

Build bridges & collaborate

- We unite disciplines, sectors and people at all levels to drive progress in the HIV response
- We build trust by sharing knowledge and being transparent
- We hold ourselves individually responsible for the collective excellence of our work

Be evidence-based & open-minded

- We follow the science and promote evidence-based dialogue
- We intentionally seek out data to inform our attitudes, decisions and actions
- We evolve by challenging our biases and encouraging curiosity

How we work

The IAS 2021-2025 Organizational Strategy is our roadmap to achieving a resilient, science-based, adequately funded HIV response that respects human rights and responds to the varied needs of people living with and affected by HIV.



We promote science

We pursue and support scientific advancements that positively alter the course of the HIV pandemic and promote greater understanding of these discoveries. The IAS pushes for the full spectrum of scientific achievement – from basic science to implementation research – and uses the visibility of its meetings to highlight dynamic, innovative work.

What this means in practice

CIPHER awarded three grants of USD 150,000 each to early-career investigators for addressing research gaps in paediatric HIV in countries with limited resources for HIV research, bringing the number of grants it has awarded since 2012 to 45.

We support action

We use our scientific authority to move science into policy and policy into tangible impact in the HIV response. The IAS advocates for sustained global leadership and increased investment while keeping the fight against stigma and discrimination at the heart of its work.

What this means in practice

The IAS advocates on many issues to advance the HIV response, and we express many of our positions in our statements. Here is a snapshot of the statements we published this year:

- 1 June 2023** [The US must heed the lessons of PEPFAR](#)
- 20 July 2023** [IAS 2023 highlights advances in HIV prevention, treatment and cure research](#)
- 23 July 2023** [Health leaders celebrate Australia's HIV success and call for intensified efforts to end pandemic](#)
- 24 July 2023** [HIV transmission virtually eliminated in Inner Sydney, Australia](#)
- 4 Aug 2023** [IAS welcomes Jeanne Mrazzozzo as new Director of NIAID](#)
- 6 December 2023** [IAS calls for stepping up HIV vaccine R&D after PrEPVacc halts its vaccine arm](#)
- 4 March 2024** [Upsurge in anti-gay laws across Africa threatens the HIV response](#)
- 3 April 2024** [IAS calls on Uganda to abandon its anti-gay law](#)
- 21 May 2024** [IAS urges protection of health services amid the Israel-Hamas conflict](#)
- 31 May 2024** [IAS calls on UN Member States to put people first](#)

We empower people

We invest in strengthening the capacity of the HIV workforce – particularly the next generation of HIV professionals – to build the skills and resources that are needed to end the pandemic. As a membership body, the IAS understands and represents the interests of its members in all of its work, retaining a global perspective that is relevant at a local level.

What this means in practice

Our World AIDS Day (WAD) campaign underlined this key IAS focus point. On 1 December, the IAS launched its WAD campaign calling on all stakeholders to [Put communities first!](#) The campaign recognized that communities impacted by HIV are the best, and most valid, source of information about what is needed in an effective HIV response.

Our conferences

IAS 2023



IAS 2023



IAS 2023, the 12th International AIDS Society Conference on HIV Science, took place in Brisbane, Australia, and virtually, on 23-26 July 2023, with over 5,300 participants.

Delegates heard that Inner Sydney had virtually eliminated HIV transmission, meaning that it may be the first locality in the world to reach the UNAIDS target to end AIDS as a public health threat by 2030. REPRIEVE, a study with global implications for cardiovascular disease prevention in people with HIV, showed that daily statin treatment reduced the likelihood of major cardiovascular events in people with HIV. And the conference heard details of the "Geneva Patient", the first person to achieve HIV remission after receiving a bone marrow transplant containing HIV-susceptible stem cells. Find out more about the [eight takeaways from IAS 2023](#).

The conference featured 30 oral abstract sessions organized into five tracks. The 32 invited-speaker sessions were made up of eight plenaries and 24 symposia. Three pre-meetings and 56 satellite sessions complemented the invited-speaker and abstract-driven programme.

A total of 3,857 abstracts were submitted to IAS 2023, including 395 late-breaker abstracts. Ultimately, 1,571 abstracts were selected for presentation in sessions and the poster exhibition, an acceptance rate of 38%.

IAS 2023 had 5,335 participants; 6% were scholarship recipients and a quarter registered virtually, allowing them to view live sessions, ask questions and network with other delegates online.

Central, eastern, southern and western Africa had the largest representation at IAS 2023, accounting for 26% of delegates. A total of 20% of delegates were from North America, 17% from Oceania, 13% from western and central Europe, and 11% from South and Southeast Asia.

IAS 2023 at a glance



IAS 2023 attracted **5,335** participants from **139** countries.



77% of participants attended IAS 2023 in person.



Just **over one in four participants** (26%) came from central, eastern, southern and western Africa and **48%** came from low- and middle-income countries.



IAS 2023 awarded **327** in-person and virtual scholarships to participants from **63 countries**. Half of all scholarships were awarded to people in central, eastern, southern and western Africa.



Just **over half** (51%) of participants at IAS 2023 were aged **45** years or younger.



Overall, **85%** of delegates agreed that the conference objectives were met.



IAS 2023 generated over **300** original news articles.



A total of 300 news articles about IAS 2023 were published. Top-tiered media outlets, including CNN, Financial Times, The Guardian, AFP News, WIRED and The Australian, published 16 stories on IAS 2023:

Headlines

WIRED

A patient may be free of HIV, thanks to this drug

AFP

'Geneva patient' the latest in long-term remission from HIV

THE LANCET

HIV is sexually untransmittable when viral load is undetectable

THE AUSTRALIAN

HIV virtually eliminated in inner city Sydney

CNN

HIV patients face double the risk of heart disease. Taking statin could help

STAT

Statins reduce cardiovascular risk in people living with HIV, new global study finds

The Guardian

HIV could be eliminated in Australia

The IAS 2023 press programme drove the news stories coming out of the conference. The topics that attracted the greatest media attention were the "Geneva Patient" (53 stories), the WHO U=U "zero risk" brief (43 stories), the REPRIEVE study (32 stories) and HIV transmission being virtually eliminated in inner Sydney (14 stories).

Scholarships

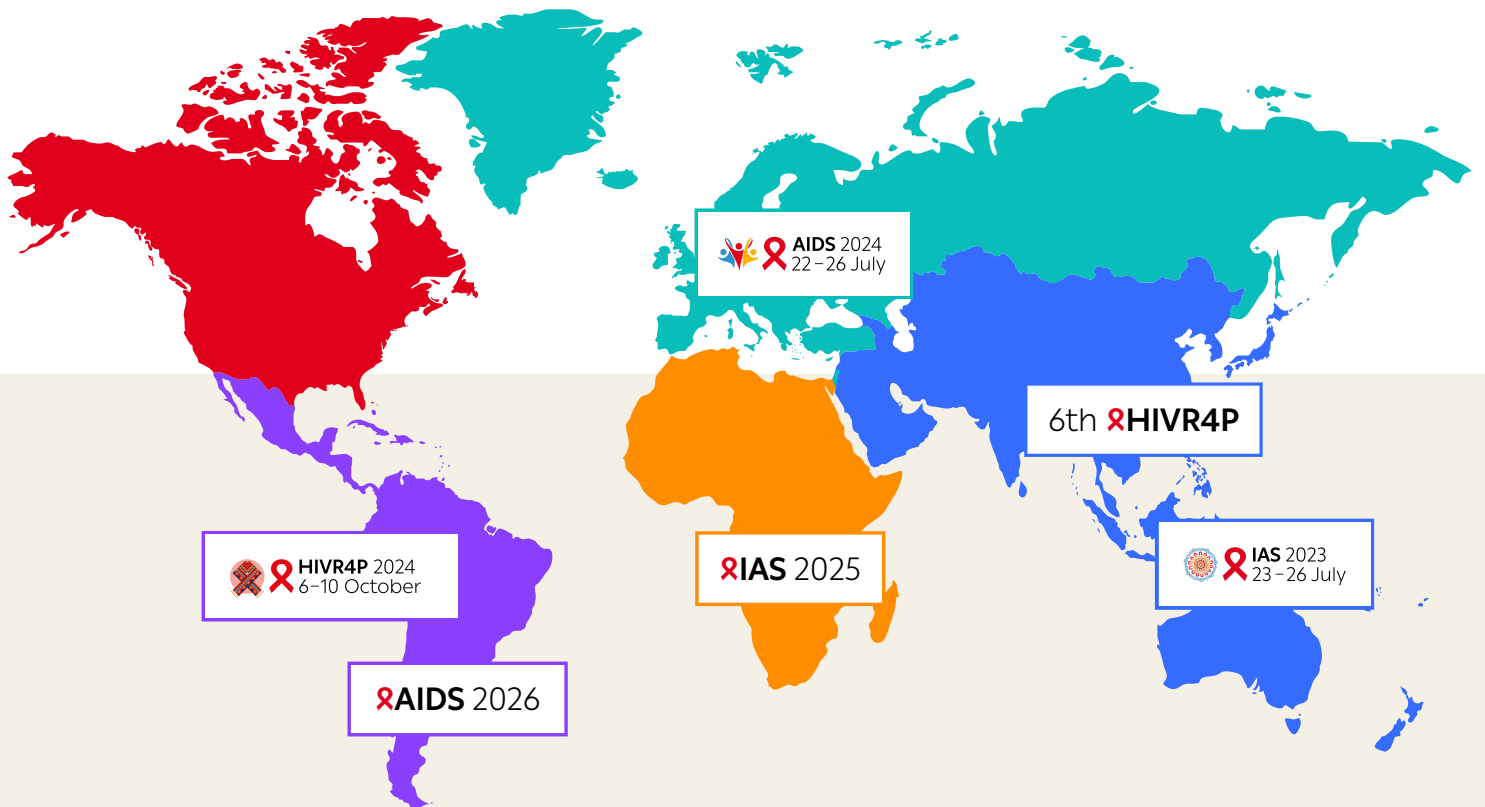
The IAS awarded 327 scholarships for participation in IAS 2023, including 228 people from low- and middle-income countries. A total of 200 scholarships were for in-person attendance and 127 were for virtual attendance.



Global rotation

The IAS took an important decision to follow a global rotation plan for the International AIDS Conference, the IAS Conference on HIV Science and the HIV Research for Prevention Conference. To ensure that people from around the world have an opportunity to participate in our conferences in person, IAS conferences will rotate among five world regions – Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, and the US and Canada – and will not take place consecutively in any region.

Upcoming conferences



[Learn more](#) about the conference rotation, Organizing Committees and the host city selection process.

Improving access to the latest knowledge

HIV science evolves rapidly, requiring constant interpretation, translation and knowledge exchange. The IAS is committed to promoting greater understanding of HIV science and policy to build the skills and provide resources that are needed to end the pandemic – retaining a global perspective that is relevant at a local level.

As part of this commitment, the IAS published the eighth edition of the knowledge toolkits series, developed in collaboration with [NAM aidsmap](#), for IAS Members. The toolkits highlighted important scientific advancements and innovative research presented at IAS conferences.

The [IAS 2023 Knowledge Toolkits](#) offer adaptable PowerPoint presentations with an easy navigation system covering thematic areas presented at IAS 2023. This year, the toolkits were translated into [Spanish](#) and [Portuguese](#) by the [Pan American Health Organization \(PAHO\)](#). This series will continue with the AIDS 2024 Knowledge Toolkits providing more research and tools for IAS Members. For open-access toolkits from AIDS 2020, IAS 2021 and AIDS 2022, visit [IAS+](#).

Our programmes

Beyond our conferences, the IAS develops a range of programmatic activities on specific topics to close scientific gaps, disseminate the latest research and improve health services. The IAS Governing Council identifies these topics and reviews them on an ongoing basis.



Closing scientific gaps

Priorities remain to find an HIV cure and vaccine and accelerate the development of appropriate paediatric prevention, treatment and care options. To move us closer to this, three programmes convene experts, including community representatives, to identify promising areas of research and discuss innovative methodologies. The programmes build on their networks of leading scientists and activists to advocate for adequate research funding. They also offer intensive research training for scientists in low-resource settings.

CIPHER

The Collaborative Initiative for Paediatric HIV Education and Research (CIPHER) sponsored a supplement, titled, "[Understanding challenges and optimising outcomes of children with perinatal HIV exposure](#)", with JIAS in November 2023. It identifies health, development and socioeconomic disparities and informs policies and programming for the over 16 million children and adolescents with perinatal HIV exposure.

CIPHER awarded [three grants of USD 150,000 each to early-career investigators](#) for addressing research gaps in paediatric HIV in countries with limited resources for HIV research. Since its inception in 2012, CIPHER has awarded 45 grants across 19 different countries. CIPHER also convened the second edition of the [International Paediatric HIV Symposium in Africa \(IPHASA 2023\)](#) with the Ugandan Ministry of Health in December 2023.

Global HIV Vaccine Enterprise

The Global HIV Vaccine Enterprise hosted a roundtable discussion with the [EU HIV Vaccine Scientific Reference Group](#), titled "Enhancing HIV vaccine research and development in Europe", in Geneva, Switzerland, and virtually on 20 June 2023.

The Enterprise organized two academies in the past year. Fellows received hands-on training to build their literacy in HIV vaccine research, as well as their advocacy and engagement skills. The first of its kind, the [2023 HIV Vaccine Advocacy Academy](#) in Livingstone, Zambia, on 10-11 December welcomed 15 fellows from 10 African countries. And the [2024 HIV Vaccine Science Academy](#) took place in the Akagera National Park, Rwanda, on 7-9 May 2024, with 14 fellows from nine African countries.

Towards an HIV Cure

The [HIV Cure and Immunotherapy Forum](#) took place in Brisbane on 22 July 2023 ahead of IAS 2023, with 226 delegates attending.

The Towards an HIV Cure programme, in partnership with AVAC, supported five new projects as part of the Advocacy-for-Cure Grant Programme to foster capacity building of alumni of the Advocacy-for-Cure Academy. Grantees worked in Argentina, Botswana, Kenya and Uganda.

It held two Advocacy-for-Cure Academies in the past year. The first in-person edition of the [Advocacy-for-Cure Academy](#) dedicated to alumni took place in Livingstone, Zambia, on 10-11 December 2023, with 11 alumni working in eight countries receiving in-depth training focused on immunotherapy. The 2024 edition of the Advocacy-for-Cure Academy took place in Kigali, Rwanda, on 8-10 June 2024, welcoming 14 change makers selected from a highly competitive pool of 308 applications.



Disseminating the latest research

Recognizing the need for broad knowledge exchange beyond its conferences, two IAS programmes focus on making the latest HIV knowledge available to a wide audience, including regional stakeholders in their own contexts.

IAS Educational Fund

The IAS Educational Fund provides inclusive educational opportunities for key stakeholders in the HIV response to bridge the gap between science, policy and action. Through its regional meetings and partnerships, it encourages healthcare workers, researchers, community actors and policy makers to collaborate and catalyse action at global, regional, country and community levels on key recommendations presented and discussed during the meetings.

Over the past year, the IAS Educational Fund, through its [regional meetings](#) (in-person and hybrid), reached over 750 HIV professionals.

Brazil

21-22 November 2023

[Integrating science and action to accelerate the HIV response in Latin America](#)

Partner organization: INI-Fiocruz, Brazil

Tunisia

24-25 January 2024

[Science et communautés : tous unis dans la réponse au VIH en Tunisie](#)

Partner organization: Association Tunisienne de Lutte Contre les MST et le SIDA Tunis, Tunisia

Philippines

14-15 March 2024

[Why putting people first in the HIV response makes sense](#)

Partner organization: LoveYourself inc., Philippines

Pakistan

2-3 May 2024

[HIV science and community: Progress and challenges in Pakistan](#)

Partner organizations: Nai Zindagi, Pakistan and Aga Khan University, Pakistan



Other IAS Educational Fund activities with local partners over the past year included the following:

- In the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Fondation Femme Plus ran awareness-raising campaigns against HIV-related stigma and discrimination through social (including [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#)) and traditional media and peer education.
- In Mozambique, Doctors with Africa CUAMM conducted a research project to explore barriers to accessing mental health services for adolescents accessing Serviços Amigos dos Adolescentes e Jovens in Sofala Province.
- Partner ASHA Foundation, Bangalore, organized a webinar, "Updates from IAS 2023, the 12th IAS Conference on HIV Science", which shared updates on HIV cure research, ART, PrEP and U=U. This contributed to expanding a database of HIV professionals working in the South Asia region to strengthen networking and collaborations.
- The Indonesia AIDS Coalition hosted a workshop with the HIV-AIDS Research Center of Atma Jaya University, titled "[Progress, Challenges, and Future Prospects in the Prevention, Testing, and Treatment of HIV in Indonesia](#)". It provided updates on progress towards the recommendations developed during the IAS Educational Fund meeting held in Jakarta in November 2022 and produced several recommendations for monitoring progress going forward.
- Fundación Arriarán in Chile organized a virtual workshop, titled "Tools to improve HIV Community work: Challenges and opportunities for people living with HIV". It focused on adherence to care and treatment, mental health and access to care (with a special focus on migrants).



The IAS promoted best practices and strategies from HIV experts through webinars on topics requested by IAS Members. More than 1,500 HIV professionals participated in the webinars, "[STIs: Global trends and prevention interventions](#)" and "[Analytical treatment interruptions in HIV Cure research](#)".

For IAS 2023, the Educational Fund provided support to 150 scholarship recipients (including 112 clinicians and HIV service providers and 38 advocates) from 44 countries. Also, 20 mentors and mentees from 17 countries were selected for the third edition of the [IAS Mentorship Programme in 2023](#).

JIAS

The Journal of the International AIDS Society (JIAS) is a multidisciplinary, peer-reviewed, open-access PubMed and Medline-indexed journal that publishes latest HIV research. It generates and disseminates academic publications on topics that range from social, behavioural, political and economic research to biomedical and clinical research, and leads the way in implementation and operational research. In addition to publishing special thematic supplements, JIAS provides capacity-building opportunities for early-career researchers in low- and middle-income countries. In the past year, JIAS held four workshops on manuscript and scientific abstract writing, in person and virtually, that attracted over 2,000 participants.



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JIAS published three supplements:

1. "Person-centred approaches to address the health needs of people living with HIV and co-infections and co-morbidities"
2. "Advancing use of long-acting and extended delivery (LAED) HIV prevention and treatment regimens"
3. "Understanding challenges and optimising outcomes of children with perinatal HIV exposure"

Impact factor

6.0

Immunology

Ranked
49 out of 162

Infectious diseases

Ranked
20 out of 95

Journal Citation Reports (Clarivate, 2023)

Improving health services

A cluster of IAS programmes improve HIV outcomes by supporting country policy makers in a shift towards evidence-based differentiated, integrated and stigma-free models of service delivery, supporting people living with HIV and vulnerable to HIV acquisition to demand such services and training individual service providers to better meet the needs of their clients.



Community-Led Monitoring

The Community-Led Monitoring (CLM) programme supports greater understanding and adoption of CLM as an effective intervention to improve quality and effectiveness of health programmes, including HIV.

A new initiative at the IAS, the programme got underway in the past year. It led a CLM research workshop in Johannesburg, South Africa, on 20-22 May, bringing together over 50 community-led monitoring implementers and researchers from nine countries in Africa. The workshop focused on dialogue, skills exchange and strategic planning towards potential research partnerships on CLM's impact, best practices and lessons learnt.

Differentiated Service Delivery

The Differentiated Service Delivery (DSD) programme published "[Facilitating effective transitions between differentiated service delivery models for HIV treatment](#)", a supplement to A Decision Framework for antiretroviral therapy delivery, in July 2023, with translations available in [French](#) and [Portuguese](#).

The DSD programme organized a four-country [workshop](#) on DSD for hypertension and diabetes in Harare, Zimbabwe, on 5 and 7 December, reflecting on opportunities of DSD for HIV treatment for clients established on treatment with any chronic disease. The programme also presented at a meeting on integrating non-HIV services into HIV programmes, organized by the CQUIN network in Nairobi, Kenya, in April 2024 (see slides on [family planning integration](#) and [DSD for hypertension](#)).

The programme [analysed](#) national HIV policies of 15 countries in central, eastern, southern and western Africa to assess the impact of visit frequency and viral load timing on access to DSD.

Heart of Stigma

The IAS Heart of Stigma programme supported, published and disseminated research on stigma and HIV in the past year. Heart of Stigma collaborated with a wide range of agencies to develop a [Global consensus statement on HIV-related stigma](#). The statement calls on countries to commit to removing and/or updating laws that impede HIV services and ensuring that no more than 10% of people living with HIV and people in key populations experience stigma and discrimination.

The global consensus statement is also available in [French](#) and [Portuguese](#).

Heart of Stigma, with the Global Network of People Living with HIV (GNP+), [convened a satellite session](#) at the International Conference on AIDS and STIs in Africa (ICASA) in Zimbabwe in December 2023 to share updates and findings from global initiatives to eliminate HIV-related stigma and discrimination and disseminate the Global consensus statement on HIV-related stigma.

Mark Wainberg Fellowship Programme

The [Mark Wainberg Fellowship Programme Initiation Workshop](#) took place at IAS 2023 with fellows from the 2022 and 2023 Africa cohorts and 2023 Asia-Pacific cohort sharing their experiences and aspirations. This was the first time that fellows from Asia-Pacific joined following the expansion of the programme to the region. Fellows also met with the funders at ViiV and Gilead to highlight the impact the fellowship had on their career or their aspirations.

The programme launched a call for applications for the 2024-2026 Africa cohort on 22 April 2024 to select three new fellows.



Person-Centred Care

The Person-Centred Care (PCC) programme organized the IAS 2023 satellite, "[Person-centred approaches to address the health needs of people living with HIV and co-infections and co-morbidities](#)", featuring authors of the [JIAS special issue of the same title](#) to highlight participatory and differentiated approaches to HIV surveillance, treatment and prevention.

The programme also organized the IAS 2023 pre-meeting, "[Putting people first in the prevention, treatment and care of HPV-related cancers among people living with HIV](#)". A [follow-up webinar](#) was held in February 2024, reaching 350 online participants.

The PCC programme launched a resources page on [harm reduction and HIV](#) to enhance literacy on harm reduction and advocate for integrated and person-centred harm reduction services for people who use drugs living with or affected by HIV.

Youth Hub

The IAS 2023 Young Leaders Programme, the eighth [Young Leaders Programme](#), brought together 27 young people (aged 18-26) of 15 nationalities for a capacity-building and engagement curriculum. The vast majority of surveyed Young Leaders reported high satisfaction with the sessions and increased motivation to collaborate with other young researchers and advocates.

Quote: "I had an amazing experience as a Young Leader! Every session was enjoyable and helped me understand my role as a young leader in supporting the HIV response." – Jennifer Joy Abah, Young Leader, Nigeria

[Youth Hub Seed Grant Programme](#): Four grantees were supported to implement projects in their communities. Skills-building events were coupled with networking and speaking opportunities at IAS 2023 and beyond. The grantees' projects were: a capacity-building initiative for young people in Malaysia; a sex worker-led advocacy campaign in Kenya; a digital platform for retention to care from Uganda; and a walk-in centre for sexual and productive services and education in Nigeria in West Africa's largest refugee settlement.

"It's like a ray of sunshine in a dark room. If I were to characterize the impact, it was like turning a switch. On the scale of 1 to 10 of how much impact that [the Youth Hub Seed Grant] programme has had to me, I'll give it a 5,000,000."

– Norman Chong, Young Leader, Malaysia

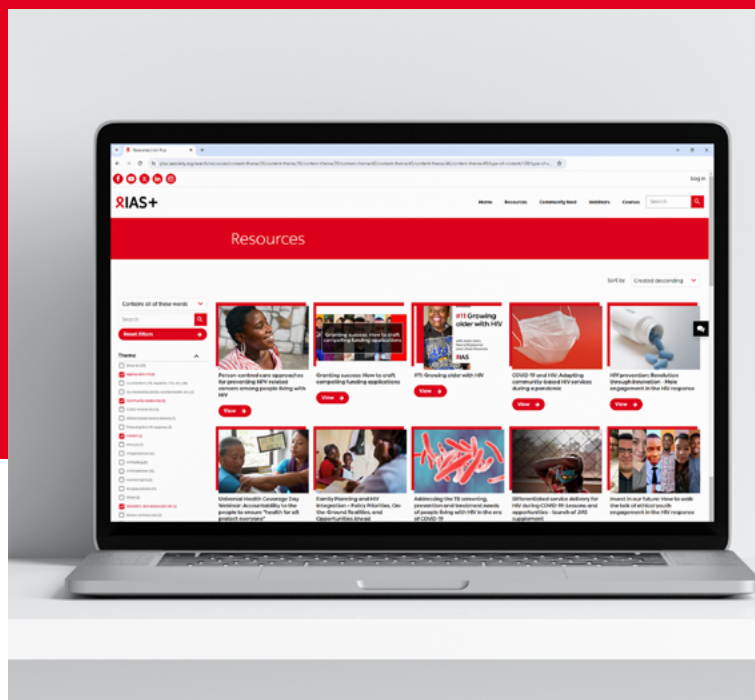
Me and My Healthcare Provider

The Me and My Healthcare Provider (MMHCP) Campaign recognized [16 champions](#) from Brazil, Hong Kong, Mexico and Taiwan for delivery of stigma-free health services [during IAS 2023 in Brisbane](#). The champions supported peer-to-peer training activities in their countries to disseminate and inspire others on best practices. The 2024 campaign adds Türkiye to the list of countries where the campaign is active.

To mark Zero Discrimination Day, the IAS launched the [#StigmaFreeCare social media campaign](#) on 1 March with implementing partners in the five countries, inviting the public to share stories and tools to eliminate HIV-related stigma in healthcare settings. The campaign ran throughout the month of March and reached over 700,000 people globally. Also, during the first half of 2024, the [Stigma-free services cookbook](#) was released in Portuguese.



IAS+ is a new interactive digital platform that provides free HIV-related educational resources and virtual live events to scientists, policy makers and community activists. During the first six months of going live, more than 10,000 unique users from 165 countries accessed the platform. HIV professionals now have access to more than 1,600 educational resources in 13 languages. These resources include conference sessions, podcasts, webinar and meeting records, policy documents, reports and toolkits. In June 2024, IAS+ received an International and European Success Award for "Best Education or Professional Development Offering".



Corporate Partnership Programme

The Corporate Partnership Programme (CPP) is made up of the Industry Liaison Forum, Towards an HIV Cure: Industry Collaboration Group, and HIV Vaccine Industry Partnership Group.

The Forum hosted a three-part virtual roundtable series, titled ["Reaching the 95-95-95 Targets: Industry's Contribution"](#), which led to the development of a guidance document outlining considerations for policy makers, healthcare professionals and stakeholders in the global HIV response. Given the challenges and gaps that remain in providing optimal care and treatment for pregnant and breastfeeding women, and newborns, in resource-limited settings, the Forum hosted the session, ["Advancing HIV care for mothers and newborns: Exploring long-acting solutions"](#), at IAS 2023. The session dived into the potential of long-action HIV prevention and treatment options and explored the challenges and opportunities in embedding these options for these populations with key speakers.

To reflect on the promise of bnAbs research and development (R&D) in the HIV prevention and cure fields during IAS 2023, the Cure and Vaccine groups hosted the session, ["bnAbs: From prevention to cure"](#). With experts from both fields, the session explored how bnAbs R&D for HIV prevention could contribute to the use of bnAbs in cure strategies.

In 2023, the CPP reviewed the scientific literature and interviewed industry members to develop two papers to be published in 2024.

HIV unmuted

HIV unmuted, the award-winning IAS podcast, features global HIV change makers who have shaped the response and asks what we must do to end the HIV pandemic. Each episode unites scientists and community activists with policy makers to take an in-depth look at diverse themes, delivering a comprehensive analysis of each issue.

In 2023, we opened with an episode on [the breaking science from IAS 2023](#). We took a deep dive into the breaking science released at IAS 2023 and explained why these breakthroughs are so important for people living with and affected by HIV. The season closed with a special episode for World AIDS Day, calling on the HIV response to put communities first. This episode put the spotlight on a specific, often overlooked community – people [growing older with HIV](#).



During the 2023 season, HIV unmuted received a [Silver Signal Award](#) in the activism, public service and social impact category.

It also received the [Listener's Choice Award](#).

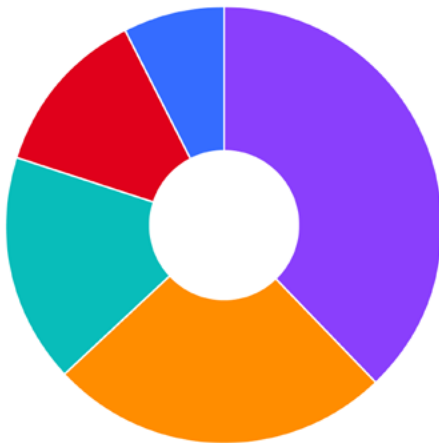
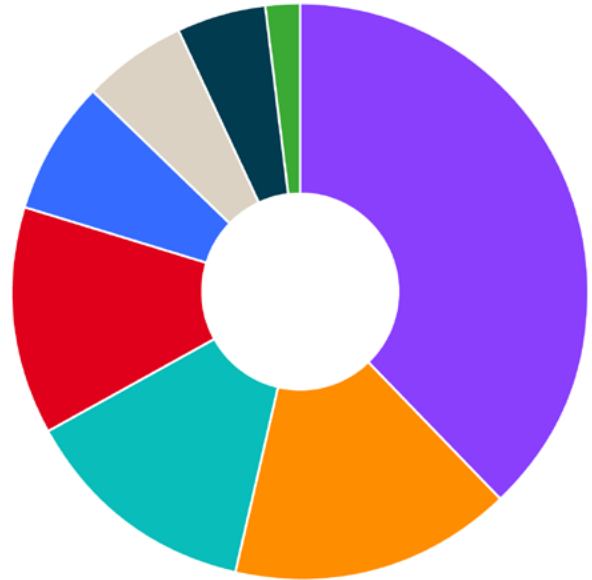
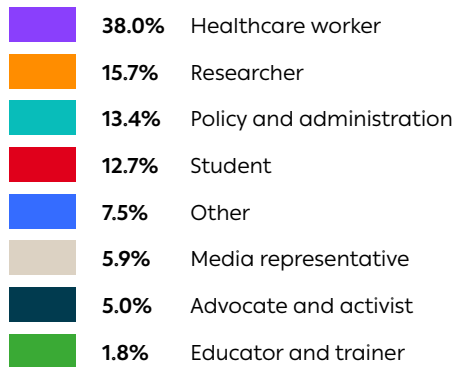
Any recognition of the podcast helps elevate the voices of people living with and affected by HIV.



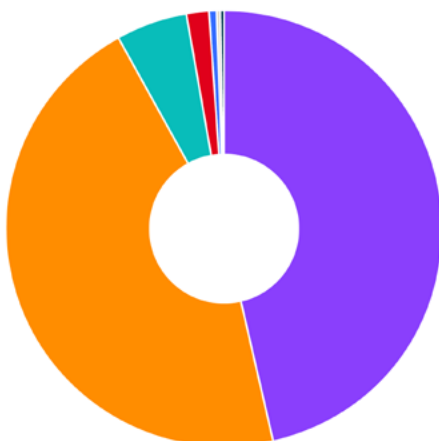
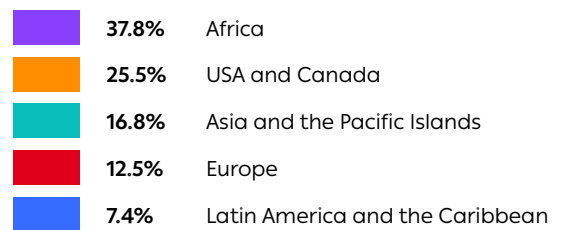
Our members

The IAS is the world's largest association of HIV professionals with members in over 170 countries. IAS Members work at all levels of the global HIV response, and they include researchers, clinicians, service providers, policy makers, people living with HIV and community advocates. In the year under review, the IAS counted 13,123 members.

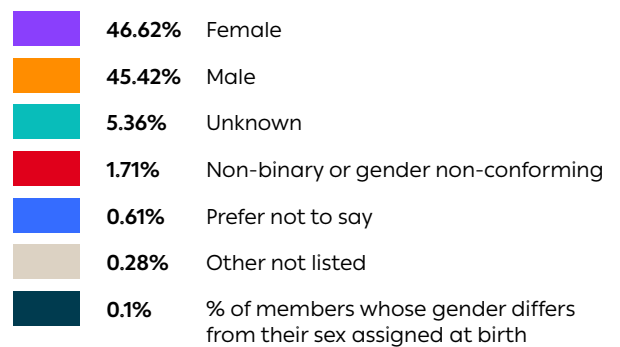
Members by profession



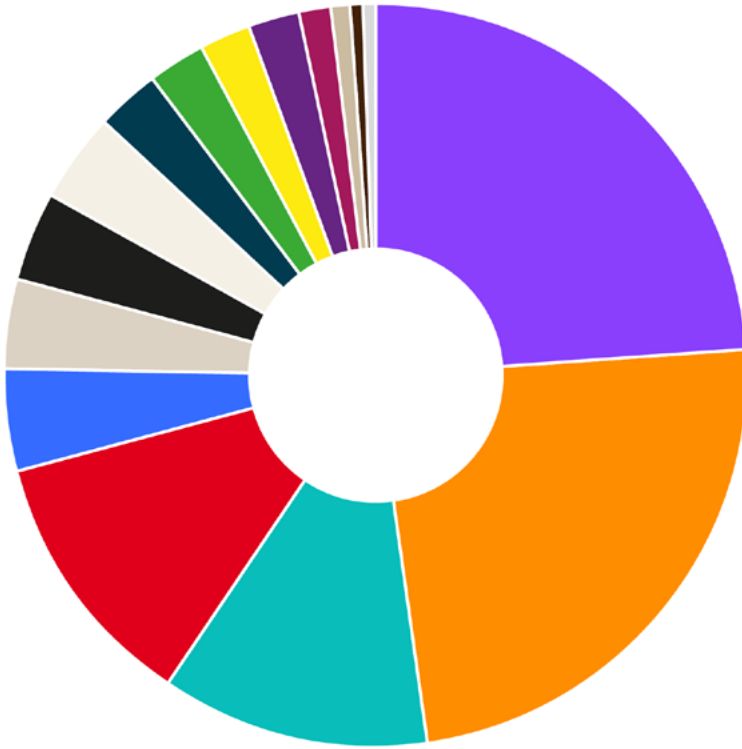
Members by region



Members by gender



Members by sector



- 24.14%** Academia (university, research institute, etc.)
- 23.64%** Non-governmental organization
- 11.64%** Hospital/clinic
- 11.54%** Government
- 4.34%** Media organization
- 4.04%** Pharmaceutical company
- 3.94%** People living with HIV group/network
- 3.74%** Grassroots community-based organization
- 2.74%** Other organization/affiliation
- 2.54%** Private sector (other than pharmaceutical company)
- 2.34%** Intergovernmental organization (e.g., United Nations, WHO)
- 2.04%** Self-employed/consultant
- 1.34%** Charitable foundation
- 1.04%** Faith-based foundation
- 0.44%** Cooperative
- 0.44%** Trade union

Top 10 member countries



IAS General Members' Meeting

To build a strong, informed and connected IAS membership body, the IAS convenes the annual IAS General Members' Meeting. The IAS General Members' Meeting took place on 24 July during IAS 2023. More than 200 IAS Members attended the in-person meeting, which was chaired by IAS President Sharon Lewin. This session was also broadcast on the IAS YouTube channel, which allowed IAS Members not attending the conference to participate. The full meeting can be viewed [here](#).

#IASONEVOICE

The #IASONEVOICE membership campaign continued for the sixth year. It highlights the key topics most important to IAS Members, sharing their personal perspectives from working and volunteering on all fronts of the HIV response.

In 2023-2024, the #IASONEVOICE campaign featured one personal story covering stigma and discrimination, as well as young people and female scientists engaged in the HIV response. The stories were diverse, addressing a variety of themes, genders, professions, ages and regions. They highlighted how tirelessly people throughout the world are working to improve the lives of people living with HIV.

Jerome's story can be found [here](#).

"The more HIV can be treated in primary healthcare settings with mental health services and other social services, the more it will help dampen the stigma and be accepted like other chronic diseases."

Supporting IAS change makers

[IAS change makers](#) are carefully selected HIV researchers, advocates, healthcare providers and others we support through a range of fellowship, grant, mentorship and scholarship programmes.



Our governance

IAS Governing Council

The IAS Governing Council, the thought leadership body of the IAS, guides and contributes to the thematic work of the IAS, and informs strategic activities towards achieving our mission. In addition, the Governing Council ensures compliance with the IAS Bylaws and IAS internal rules and regulations and election procedures. It also represents the interests of IAS Members. The Nomination and Election Committee, other committees and thematic working groups support the Governing Council in its functions.

The IAS Governing Council is composed of 20 elected members and three officers (the President, President-Elect and Treasurer), plus two non-voting members (the Immediate Past President and the Executive Director). The current Governing Council will remain in office until 26 July 2024 when the Governing Council for 2024-2026 will take office at the closing of AIDS 2024.

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Mitchell Warren

IAS Executive Board

The IAS Executive Board acts on behalf of the IAS Governing Council and provides effective oversight and review of IAS operations, risks and finances. The Executive Board also approves the annual plan and budget and initiates the policy direction of the IAS.

The Executive Board consists of the three officers (the President, President-Elect and Treasurer), two non-voting members (the Immediate Past President and the Executive Director) and three appointed individuals with specific competencies relevant for the IAS as defined in the IAS internal rules and regulations. The three appointed individuals are selected by and from within the Governing Council via a separate appointment process. They can be co-opted from within the membership and/or external to the IAS if the candidate pool is insufficient to fulfil the required competencies as determined by the Governing Council. The three appointed members for July 2022-July 2024 are Andriy Klepikov, Kenneth Ngure and Ricardo Rubio.

The Governance and Membership Committee and the Finance Committee support the Executive Board in its functions.

The heart of our work takes place at the intersection of science, policy and activism because that's where progress happens.

With gratitude

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Australia – Queensland Health	Merck Sharp & Dohme
Australia – Tourism and Events Queensland	Open Society Foundations (OSF)
Australia – Tourism Australia	PATA – Paediatric-Adolescent Treatment Africa
Beckman Coulter	Paediatric HIV/AIDS Cohort Study (PHACS)
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Gilead Sciences	World Health Organization (WHO)
Hetero Labs Limited	
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Financial reports

The audited statements of the IAS have been prepared in accordance with Swiss GAAP.

The IAS accounting policies and the format used for the presentation of its financial statements are designed to accurately present its conferences, programmes and other activities.

[Read the report](#) of the Auditor on the consolidated financial statements for 2023 and on the statements of income and expenditures of IAS 2023, the 12th International AIDS Society Conference on HIV Science.

* The financial report will be made publicly available following approval at the IAS Members' Meeting in July 2024.

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