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**BACKGROUND AND MISSION**

The International AIDS Society (IAS) leads collective action on every front of the global HIV response through its membership base, scientific authority and convening power. Founded in 1988, the IAS is the world's largest association of HIV professionals, with members in more than 170 countries. Working with its members, the IAS advocates and drives urgent action to reduce the impact of HIV.

**AREAS OF INTEREST**

- HIV/AIDS treatment, cure and prevention
- International advocacy to end stigma and discrimination
- Promoting HIV/AIDS workforce
- Scientific research on HIV/AIDS

**HEALTH-RELATED ACTIVITIES**

**Conferences**

The IAS is the steward of the world's most prestigious HIV conferences, each convened biennially. These conferences have established a gold-standard meeting that convenes the world's top scientists, civil society members and policymakers to jointly discuss the fight against HIV. For more information, visit the [IAS Conference](#) section.

[International AIDS Conference](#)

**The International AIDS Conference is the premier global platform to advance the HIV response.** As the world's largest conference on HIV and AIDS, it sits uniquely at the intersection of science, advocacy and human rights, bringing together scientists, policy makers, healthcare professionals, people living with HIV, funders, media and community. Since its start in 1985, the conference continues to serve as an opportunity to strengthen policies and programmes that ensure an evidence-based response to HIV and related epidemics.

[IAS Conference on HIV Science](#)

**The IAS Conference on HIV Science is the world's most influential meeting on HIV research and its applications.** This biennial conference presents the critical advances in basic, clinical and operational HIV research that move science into policy

and practice. Through its open and inclusive programme, the meeting sets the gold standard of HIV science, featuring highly diverse and cutting-edge research.

#### [HIV Research for Prevention Conference](#)

**HIV Research for Prevention is the only global scientific conference focused exclusively on the challenging and fast-growing field of HIV prevention research.** HIVR4P fosters interdisciplinary knowledge-exchange on HIV vaccines, microbicides, PrEP, treatment as prevention and biomedical interventions as well as their related social and behavioural implications.

#### **IAS Educational Fund**

To make scientific fora more accessible to our members, their communities and the HIV workforce, the IAS convenes smaller scientific symposia around the world targeted at healthcare workers, advocates, and policymakers. Through these smaller scientific meetings, the IAS Educational Fund provides access to the latest science and opportunities to question how that information impacts local epidemics. For more information, visit the [IAS Educational Fund](#).

#### **HIV Programmes and Advocacy**

We promote the implementation of evidence-informed and human rights-based strategies for improving the lives of people living with and most vulnerable to acquiring HIV. Through our various programmes and campaigns, we harness research, shape the evidence base and amplify the voices of vulnerable communities to influence policy across the HIV prevention to care continuum. For more information, visit the [IAS Programmes and Advocacy](#) section.

#### [Towards an HIV Cure](#)

An initiative that provides leadership in driving concerted efforts to accelerate global scientific research and engagement towards a cure for HIV.

#### [Collaborative Initiative for Paediatric HIV Education and Research \(CIPHER\)](#)

A programme aimed at optimizing clinical management and delivery of services to infants, children and adolescents affected by HIV in resource-limited settings through advocacy and research promotion.

#### [Journal of the International AIDS Society \(JIAS\)](#)

A peer-reviewed platform to disseminate essential HIV research with the mission to contribute to an evidence-based response to the HIV epidemic and to support research capacity building in resource-limited settings.

#### [Industry Liaison Forum \(ILF\)](#)

A mechanism to inform and support collaboration and partnership between diverse stakeholders, from both the private and public-sectors, including industry.

### Differentiated Service Delivery (DSD)

An initiative to support the scale up and implementation of differentiated service delivery, both across the HIV care continuum and for all populations.

### Nobody Left Behind

A programme that advocates for services across the continuum of prevention, treatment and care for Key Populations (KPs) in order to work towards the reversal and eradication of HIV.

### Youth Voices

A campaign aimed at collaborating and engaging young people through a series of in-person dialogues to influence and guide the adolescent needs in the HIV response.

### Generation Now: Our Health, Our Rights

A bold new partnership between IAS and Women Deliver aimed at moving the dial for young women and adolescents by working to ensure that integrated and comprehensive SRHR and HIV policies, services, and systems are the norm and not the exception.

### Me and my Health Care Provider

A campaign celebrating frontline healthcare providers who are #DoingTheRightThing by delivering high quality HIV prevention, treatment and care services to key populations, often in the face of discriminatory laws, traditions and belief systems.

### HIV Co-Infections and Co-Morbidities

A programme that addresses existing gaps in the response to HIV co-infections and co-morbidities, in particular at the intersection of HIV with hepatitis C, tuberculosis and non-communicable diseases.

### Adolescent Treatment Coalition (ATC)

Hosted by the IAS, is a diverse network of organizations, researchers and networks of young people living with HIV that advocates for accessible quality HIV treatment and care for adolescents living with HIV (ALHIV).

## GOVERNANCE AND STAFF

The president of the IAS is Anton Pozniak. The executive director of IAS is Kevin Osborne.

[More Info](#)

## FUNDING SOURCES AND BUDGET

IAS relies on a range of sources to fund its programmes and conferences. Members provide support through membership fees, while donations are received from foundations, companies, governments and various UN organisations.

## PUBLICATIONS

Publications can be found at <http://www.iasociety.org/The-latest/Publications>

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