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
## High-level events

### Sunday, 1 December

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

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<td>07:00–09:00</td>
<td>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)</td>
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<td>12:00–12:30</td>
<td>Opening press conference for ICASA2019 Kigali Convention Centre</td>
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### Monday, 2 December

**Organization of African First Ladies for Development- OAFLAD:** 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.

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<td>Keynote address by Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General, WHO</td>
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<td>WHO press conference on new recommendations for HIV testing services</td>
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### Tuesday, 3 December

**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.

12:45–14:15, Jeanne Gapiya (MH 4)
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 (tenofovir-lamivudine-efavirinz) to TLD (tenofovir-lamivudine-DTG) based regimens.

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.

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.
Key sessions

Tuesday, 3 December

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

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<td>10:45–12:15, Jeanne Gapiya (MH 4)</td>
<td><strong>No time to wait: kick-starting integration of HIV testing in family planning in East and Southern Africa</strong>&lt;br&gt;   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.</td>
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<td>14:45–16:45, Cheick sidy Modibo Kane (MH 1)</td>
<td><strong>Testing for 2030: new WHO guidelines on HIV testing services – strategies for reaching the undiagnosed</strong>&lt;br&gt;   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.</td>
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<td>16:45–18:15, Joel Nana (AD10)</td>
<td><strong>What’s new, what’s hot and what’s happening in viral hepatitis</strong>&lt;br&gt;   This session aims to share recent progress with viral hepatitis responses and selected good practice examples from across sub-Saharan Africa.</td>
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<td>MDR TB in HIV and non-HIV infected individuals: implications for HIV/TB</td>
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<td>TB preventive therapy in Africa: translating UN high-level meeting</td>
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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.

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

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.

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.
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

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

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

Path to elimination of mother-to-child transmission of HIV and syphilis in high-burden countries: what does it take?
Morkor Owiredu Newman, Maura Laverty, Melanie Taylor, Francoise Bigirimana, Innocent Nuwagira, Angela Mushavi, Linda Nabita Kisaakye, Meg Doherty
THPEC140, 5 December, 10:15–16:45

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

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
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/
www.who.int/hepatitis/