



**XIX INTERNATIONAL AIDS
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The AIDS 2012 Washington, DC office scales up for the XIX International AIDS Conference

A team of 25 will be put in place with four key positions being recruited immediately

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The Washington, DC office for the XIX International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2012) is now scaling up its activities and logistical preparations for the biennial conference which will convene more than 20,000 delegates from nearly 200 countries. AIDS 2012 will be held in Washington, DC from 22 to 27 July 2012 at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center.

Key appointments will be made in the coming weeks including a Senior HIV and AIDS 2012 Stakeholder Advisor, a Public Affairs and Communications Manager, a Global Village Coordinator and a Youth Programme Coordinator. Two staff are already in place, the Head of the Local Secretariat, Tiffany Chester and her Assistant. The office will expand to over 25 people in the months leading up to the conference.

"It is key that we have the very best people in place to ensure this conference fulfils its potential. We want experts working for us who can reach out and engage with all stakeholders and interested parties to ensure the success of the conference in terms of its inclusivity, its diversity, its breaking science and its educational opportunities." explained Elly Katabira, Chair of AIDS 2012 and President of the IAS.

Under the leadership of the international conference secretariat based in Geneva, the Washington, DC office will liaise with local officials and interested stakeholders, conduct outreach in the Washington, DC, metropolitan area and in communities across the U.S., help coordinate conference volunteers, and work with local media.

All current vacancies can be found at www.aids2012.org.

About AIDS 2012

The International AIDS Conference is the largest gathering of professionals working in the field of HIV, including people living with HIV and other leaders in the HIV response. It plays a fundamental role in shaping the global response to HIV and in keeping HIV and AIDS on the international political agenda.

Conference registration, individual hotel reservations, and abstract submissions will open in December 2011. As more details about these and other matters become available, they will be posted at www.aids2012.org.

Conference organization:

AIDS 2012 is convened by the International AIDS Society and the conference's permanent partners are the Global Network of People Living with HIV (GNP+); the International Council of AIDS Service Organizations (ICASO); the International Community of Women with HIV/AIDS (ICW) and the United Nations Joint Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS).



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The U.S.-based Black AIDS Institute; the District of Columbia Department of Health (DOH); the HIV Medicine Association (HIVMA) of the Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA); the National Institutes of Health (NIH); the Office of National AIDS Policy (ONAP) at the White House; and the U.S. Positive Women's Network (USPWN) are serving as local partners.

About the IAS

The International AIDS Society (IAS) is the world's leading independent association of HIV professionals, with over 16,000 members from more than 196 countries working at all levels of the global response to AIDS. Our members include researchers from all disciplines, clinicians, public health and community practitioners on the frontlines of the epidemic, as well as policy and programme planners. The IAS is the custodian of the biennial International AIDS Conference and lead organizer of the IAS Conference on HIV Pathogenesis, Treatment and Prevention, which will be held in Rome, Italy in July 2011.

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