

The 3rd Eastern Europe and Central Asia AIDS Conference

Moscow, Russia

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The Eastern Europe and Central Asia AIDS Conference (EECAAC 2009) is the leading regional forum on public health and HIV/AIDS. The last two conferences were held in Moscow under the leadership of the Russian government with support from UNAIDS, The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (The Global Fund) and the International AIDS Society (IAS), all of which are serving as international co-chairs of the 2009 conference organizing committee.

Conference Purpose

The purpose of EECAAC 2009 is to strengthen regional cooperation, and join efforts to fight HIV/AIDS and achieve the goal of universal access to HIV prevention, treatment and care. EECAAC 2009 recognizes that universal access includes not only the essential biomedical interventions, but also social justice and human rights considerations that are necessary to overcome stigma and discrimination and reach the most-at-risk targeted groups, including young people and people who use drugs.

Why EECAAC 2009?

EECAAC 2009 presents a unique opportunity for Eastern Europe and Central Asia to review progress in achieving universal access by 2010. It will set priorities for the region, with special emphasis on prevention among targeted groups, while taking into consideration peculiarities of the epidemic in each country in the region. EECAAC 2009 will also build on lessons and successes of previous conferences, paying greater attention to the long-wave nature of the epidemic's development, and will take into consideration modeling of potential consequences if adequate action is not taken. The immense challenges of drug use, which fuels over 70% of the epidemic regionally, will be a special focus.

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