10th International AIDS Society Conference on HIV Science (IAS 2019)
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
Background

The IAS Conference on Science (previously known IAS Conference on HIV Pathogenesis, Treatment and Prevention) features the latest HIV science, including basic, clinical and prevention research. It brings together a broad cross section of HIV professionals from around the world with a focus on implementation – moving scientific advances into practice.

This biennial forum is the largest open scientific conference on HIV/AIDS related issues and typically gathers some 6,000 delegates from across the globe. Previous editions of the IAS conference were held in the following cities:

- IAS 2015 – Vancouver, BC, Canada
- IAS 2013 – Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- IAS 2011 – Rome, Italy
- IAS 2009 – Cape Town, South Africa
- IAS 2007 – Sydney, Australia
- IAS 2005 – Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Request for Proposal

You are invited to bid for IAS 2019. Proposals must be received no later than 30 October 2015. Please submit complete proposal to: futuredestinations@iasociety.org.

In order for the IAS to assess the strength of the application to host the conference and compare bids, we ask that you provide short and concrete answers to each of the questions and to submit the completed Schedules A-E.

If you have any questions regarding the conference or the bidding process, please do not hesitate to contact us at futuredestinations@iasociety.org.

A. Statement of Interest

Please express why you are interested in hosting the IAS Conference by using the below questions as a guideline.

1. What impact on the response to HIV and AIDS do you anticipate globally and on your country, and how will your country/city impact the conference?
2. How has the epidemic impacted your population?

3. How will the city engage stakeholders in all disciplines of the response?

4. Who are your key players in the HIV field and how will they take part in the conference planning and delivery?

5. Can all key populations\(^1\) enter your country or are there any travel restrictions?

**B. Venue**

1. Does your city have a suitable conference center that is available for a period of 8-10 days around the 3\(^{rd}\) week of July 2019? Please indicate dates.

2. Please provide a complete offer based on the requirements indicated in Appendix 1.

3. Please provide information regarding Wi-Fi coverage and capacity in the venue and costs linked to Wi-Fi service and internet connectivity. Please include bandwidth availability and cost.

4. Please provide information and costs related to electricity and air conditioning that can impact the Conference (e.g. setup/consumption).

5. When was your conference centre constructed? Has any renovation been done since then? Would there be any construction ongoing during the dates listed above?

6. In an effort to ensure our conferences are socially responsible, the Conference Secretariat has taken measures to reduce, reuse, recycle & raise awareness of green issues. Please can you provide details on your venue’s green initiatives and other social responsibility policies?

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Please attach the floor plans of the facility to this questionnaire.

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\(^1\) Men who have sex with men, people who use drugs, prisoners/incarcerated populations, sex workers, transgender people, young people and adolescents, young women and girls, migrants and displaced populations, serodiscordant couples, indigenous people, people living with disabilities
C. Accommodation

1. How many hotels are in the city, per category?
   - 3 star:
   - 4 star:
   - 5 star:

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   - 3 star:
   - 4 star:
   - 5 star:

3. What is the expected price range for 2019, per category, in USD?
   - 3 star:
   - 4 star:
   - 5 star:

4. How many hotel rooms are located within walking distance (max. 15 min) of the conference centre?
   - 3 star:
   - 4 star:
   - 5 star:

D. Transportation

1. Does the city have direct flights to international destinations? How many international and domestic airlines does the airport(s) host? How many destinations does the airport serve?

2. Briefly describe the transportation options to access the venue.

3. How far is the conference centre from the city centre (on foot, by public transport, by car)?

   Please attach a map of the relevant transportation system(s), clearly indicating the closest stop(s) to the venue.
E. Support

1. What kind of financial support can the conference expect from the city, state and federal authorities (cash and in-kind)?

   A minimum of USD 800,000 is usually required to be provided by local / national sources to be applied to the core conference budget. This contribution depends on the locality and context of the conference.

2. What are the key private sector industries that have a strong presence in your city, region, and/or country? (Please list top three, for example: financial sector, extractive industry, technology sector etc.) Please include specific company examples where possible.

3. Will the city tourism bureau get involved? And if so, what would they be able to offer?

4. What kind of technical sponsorship can the conference expect from:
   - Public companies (electricity – internet connectivity)?
   - Regional/National providers (Internet connectivity - mobile phone communication)?
   - Academic/Governmental organizations (stakeholder engagement, internet connectivity - suppliers)?

5. Has the city hosted similar (size, audience, topic) conferences in the recent past, or is the city planning to host similar conferences in the upcoming years?