

**The 9th International Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific (ICAAP 9)**  
9–13 August 2009  
Bali, Indonesia

The ICAAP 9 theme, Empowering People, Strengthening Networks, reflects a vision that a vibrant community of empowered people, linked by strong networks that reach across Asia and the Pacific and beyond, can mobilize a holistic and effective response to HIV. Based on the latest best practices and scientific evidence, that response can address the specific and cross-border challenges of the HIV pandemic faced by countries in the region today.

ICAAP 9 will mark almost two decades of the congress. Starting in Canberra in 1990, the congress has been held in New Delhi (1992), Chiang Mai (1995), Manila (1997), Kuala Lumpur (1999), Melbourne (2001), Kobe (2005) and, most recently, Colombo (2007). The decision by the AIDS Society of Asia and the Pacific to award ICAAP 9 to Indonesia is important because it is well-placed to represent the crossroads of both Asia and the Pacific. It is the hope of the local organising committee that there will also be more visibility of Pacific nations in this congress. In addition to the scientific programme and skills building workshops, the congress will feature a community forum, cultural programme, satellite meetings and exhibitions.

ICAAP 9 will be held at the Bali International Convention Centre, located in the self-contained resort area of Nusa Dua, which is 10 km from the Ngurah Rai International Airport.

Important Dates

**Abstract Submission**

Closed at the end of March

Late breaker abstract submission: Monday, 1 June 2009 – Tuesday, 30 June 2009

Congress tracks (Scientific and experience-based studies)

Track A: Understanding the Epidemic and Strengthening Prevention Efforts

Track B: Strengthening Partnership for Treatment, Care and Support

Track C: AIDS in Context: Understanding and Addressing Socio-Cultural, Economic and Political Determinants

Track D: Leadership and Broadening the Response

**Skills Building**

Skills Building tracks:

1. Leadership skills
2. Organisational development and management
3. Empowering infected and affected people to improve their quality of life
4. Strategy and education skills on HIV prevention, care and supports
5. Resource mobilisations skills

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