

# AIDS 2026 pre-conference, "Advancing HIV prevention science and access"

## Session outline

Session	Time	Title	Description
Session 1	08:00 – 09:00 (60 min)	<b>Framing the future of HIV prevention: Progress, gaps and the meaning of choice</b>	A scene-setting keynote and panel discussion examining what has changed in HIV prevention since AIDS 2024, and interrogating what the concept of "choice" really means for individuals, providers, funders and governments in today's constrained landscape
<i>Break</i>	<i>09:00 – 09:30</i>		
Session 2	09:30 – 11:00 (90 min)	<b>Expanding the biomedical HIV prevention toolbox</b>	An overview of the latest advances in antiretroviral-based prevention, including long-acting injectable and implantable technologies, featuring invited talks and oral abstract presentations of recent clinical data
<i>Break</i>	<i>11:00 – 11:30</i>		
Session 3	11:30 – 13:00 (90 min)	<b>Basic science shaping the future of HIV prevention: Innovations in HIV vaccine development</b>	A deep dive into the science underpinning HIV vaccine candidates, including the latest immunogen research, broadly neutralizing antibody induction, and mucosal immune responses, paired with a discussion of why sustained advocacy for vaccine development remains critical
Lunch break	13:00 – 14:00 (60 min)	<b>Guided poster walk</b>	IAS early-career researcher and advocate fellows and prevention ambassadors will lead a guided poster walk over lunch, encouraging young people and participants to engage

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			with the science and connect across the programme. Lunch is provided.
<b>Session 4</b>	14:00 – 15:00 (60 min)	<b>Maintaining the momentum: From scientific innovation to real-world choice</b>	A bridging session exploring how today's basic science becomes tomorrow's prevention tools, and what the field must do now to ensure that future discoveries translate into equitable, accessible options for those who need them
<i>Break</i>	<i>15:00 – 15:30</i>		
<b>Session 5</b>	15:30 – 17:00 (90 min)	<b>Delivering prevention: From innovation to real-world choice</b>	Country experiences and implementation models for bringing multi-product PrEP programmes to diverse populations, including community-led, pharmacy-based and digital delivery approaches across different health system contexts
<i>Break</i>	<i>17:00 – 17:30</i>		
<b>Session 6</b>	17:30 – 19:00 (90 min)	<b>Perspectives and priorities: What will change the course of the epidemic?</b>	A closing session of short provocations and open audience discussion, "hot takes" from leading voices across the field, followed by structured networking to close the day and set priorities for the conference ahead