



AIDS 2026

Terms and conditions for AIDS 2026 Affiliated Independent Events

The Affiliated Independent Events Programme allows external event organizers to promote their HIV-related events that take place around the activities of AIDS 2026, the 26th International AIDS Conference.

Format

Affiliated Independent Events have no specific format. They can be workshops, pre-meetings, forums, art exhibits, theatre and more. Events can be in person (in the AIDS 2026 host country, Brazil, and abroad, in any location worldwide) or virtual.

Affiliated Independent Events should address HIV and/or AIDS, co-infections, issues faced by people living with and affected by HIV, or organizations responding to the HIV pandemic. Events may be population or issue specific and can be organized by groups, organizations or individuals.

Fees

There is no cost to apply for Affiliated Independent Event status.

Criteria

An event must meet the following criteria to be approved as an AIDS 2026 Affiliated Independent Event:

- It must take place between 1 May and 3 August 2026.
- It must take place outside the official AIDS 2026 programme hours. These are:

Sunday, 26 July:	08:00 to 19:00
Monday, 27 July:	07:30 to 18:30
Tuesday-Thursday, 28-30 July:	08:30 to 19:00
Friday, 31 July:	08:30 to 17:00
- It must take place outside the conference venue.



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IAS – the International AIDS Society – will allow some flexibility around the official AIDS 2026 programme hours for certain events that are not bound to set hours, such as art exhibitions. These timings will be decided on a case-by-case basis.

Application process

Anyone seeking to organize an event affiliated with AIDS 2026 must submit an online application through their conference account. The IAS will consider only fully completed applications. Once the IAS has approved an Affiliated Independent Event, it will send the applicant confirmation by email.

Organizers wishing to hold an Affiliated Independent Event should wait for event affiliation approval before making any arrangements, using the AIDS 2026 logo or name or communicating about their affiliated status.

The IAS reserves the right to approve or reject any Affiliated Independent Event application. It may decline a request if the event is not in keeping with the character or purpose of AIDS 2026.

The IAS is not responsible for the final content or the organization of any Affiliated Independent Event; the content and management of the event are the sole responsibility of the event organizers.

Promotional and outreach materials

Once an event has been approved, the IAS will send the Affiliated Independent Event organizers third-party logos and approved boilerplate language that can be used in promotional materials and on the event website. Organizers must have written approval from the IAS before they publish any content that includes the AIDS 2026 logo or name. This includes publications (virtual and printed), announcements or invitations related to promotion of their event or coverage of the conference.

The IAS may use information that the organizers provide in the application form for promotion. Therefore, any relevant changes to approved events must be sent to the Affiliated Independent Events team promptly.

Promotion to AIDS 2026 delegates

Affiliated Independent Events will be published on the dedicated AIDS 2026 webpage and may be promoted on IAS social media.



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Promoting during AIDS 2026

In-person promotion of accepted Affiliated Independent Events is not allowed at the AIDS 2026 venue in Rio de Janeiro. However, organizers are allowed, and encouraged, to promote their events on social media at any time. They may tag the IAS, as outlined in the brand and language guidelines included in the "accepted" notification email.

Responsibilities of the IAS and Affiliated Independent Event organizers

The sponsoring company or organization is responsible for the actions of its employees and/or agents. Events should comply with the terms and conditions for AIDS 2026 Affiliated Independent Events.

Organizations are responsible for all direct costs for their event, such as food and beverages, room rental and audio-visual equipment. The IAS will promote Affiliated Independent Events before and during the conference but will not support any cost related to the organization of an Affiliated Independent Event.