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AIDS 2026: Terms and conditions for delegates

Definitions

These terms and conditions for delegates are valid for every person registered as a delegate or student/postdoc/young person (hereinafter referred to as "delegate", "student /postdoc/ young person" or "data subject") for AIDS 2026, the 26th International AIDS Conference, which is planned to take place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and virtually from 26 to 31 July 2026, with pre-conferences on 26 July

All references to the age of a person, mentioned in this and other conference documents, refer to the age of that person on 26 July 2026, unless otherwise specified.

All references to a date or a deadline, mentioned in this and other AIDS 2026 documents, refer to Central European Time (CET).

The organizer of AIDS 2026 is IAS – the International AIDS Society – a Swiss non-governmental organization with its principal office at Avenue de France 23, CH-1202 Geneva, Switzerland (Federal number: CHE-111.717.829).

Conference registration

Registration fees are published on the AIDS 2026 conference website.

Registration fees are in USD. The IAS is a not-for-profit organization registered in Switzerland with no establishment in Brazil. The amount indicated on the payment order and the invoice/registration confirmation must be paid in full, free of any deductions for withholding taxes or bank charges. The IAS must receive the exact amount stated. The payer is solely responsible for any taxes or charges imposed by their jurisdiction on this payment order. The IAS shall bear no cost or responsibility for any local taxes related to registration.

Only fully completed registration forms will be accepted. The registration will be confirmed only upon receipt of payment in full. If the full payment has not been received before the respective fee deadline, the registration will be cancelled; it will then have to be re-submitted at the fee applicable at that time. If the maximum in-person delegate capacity is reached, the IAS reserves the right to decline new in-person plus virtual registrations or requests to change from virtual registrations to in-person plus virtual registrations.



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To register as a delegate, individuals must be at least 18 years old. Delegates may be asked to present an official identity card stating their age or birthdate.

To register as a student/postdoc, individuals must be at least 18 years old and present proof of full-time enrolment at a recognized university or college at both the time of registration and during AIDS 2026.

To register as a young person, individuals must be between 18 and 25 (inclusive) years old and present proof of age (official identity card stating the age or birthdate).

Persons under the age of 18 who would like to register for the conference must contact the AIDS 2026 Registration Team at registration@aids2026.org to enquire about the specific registration terms and conditions.

In-person plus virtual registration

The in-person plus virtual registration fee for delegates and students/postdocs/young persons includes:

- In-person access to all conference sessions, satellite sessions, pre-conferences, the poster exhibition, the exhibition and the Global Village.
- Online access to all conference, satellite and pre-conference sessions streamed live on the virtual platform, session recordings and e-posters, available on-demand throughout the conference and after.

If we receive the completed registration form, the payment in full and the required supporting documents (if applicable) on or before 07 May 2026, a printed pocket programme is guaranteed for in-person delegates. If we receive the completed registration form and/or the full payment and/or the required supporting documents (if applicable) after 07 May 2026 (including on-site registrations), the IAS cannot guarantee that a printed pocket programme will be available. All pocket programmes will be distributed on site only.

The delegate's first name(s) and last name(s), as entered in the conference account and registration form, will be printed on the name badge. If you would like your preferred name(s) to be printed instead of these name(s), please request this change at the registered delegates desks in the registration area on site.

Virtual registration

The virtual registration fee for delegates and students/postdocs/young persons includes:

- Online access to all conference, satellite and pre-conference sessions streamed live on the virtual platform, session recordings and e-posters, available on-demand throughout the conference and after.

Invoice/registration confirmation

We will send an invoice/registration confirmation by email once the AIDS 2026 Registration team has received the fully completed registration form, the related payment and any



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required supporting documents (if applicable). Delegates are requested to bring their invoice/registration confirmation to AIDS 2026 in order to receive their name badge on site.

Methods of payment

The registration fee must accompany all conference registrations. Payments have to be made in advance and in USD only, using a credit card or by bank transfer; no cheques are accepted. The transmitter must prepay all bank fees and money transfer costs. Clearly indicate AIDS 2026, the participant number and the delegate's last name as a reference on all bank transfers.

Registration name change

A name change fee of USD 65 will be charged for every name change to an existing registration. Please contact the AIDS 2026 Registration team to process a name change. No name changes will be accepted after 10 July 2026.

Registration format change

AIDS 2026 allows you to change your registration to virtual or in-person plus virtual as follows:

- If there is a change from in-person plus virtual registration to virtual registration, the difference will be refunded free of charge until 07 May 2026. After this date, all refunds are subject to a USD 65 handling fee.
- If there is a change from virtual registration to in-person plus virtual registration, the difference will be charged.

Conference format change

If the IAS changes the conference format to fully virtual, all in-person plus virtual registrations will be converted to virtual registrations and the difference refunded at no extra cost to the delegate. Delegates cannot hold the IAS liable for any damages, costs, financial losses or any other losses incurred.

Cancellation and refund policy

Notification of cancellation must be made in writing and sent to the AIDS 2026 Registration team by email.

If the written notification of cancellation is received on or before 07 May 2026, 50% of the registration fee will be refunded. No refund requests will be accepted after 07 May 2026. The cancellation will not be effective until a written acknowledgement from the AIDS 2026 Registration team is received.

In the case of overpayment or double payment, refund requests (including any required supporting documents, if applicable) must be made in writing and sent to the AIDS 2026



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Registration team, by email, no later than 31 July 2026. A handling fee of USD 65 will be charged. No refund requests will be accepted after 31 July 2026. The refund will not be effective until the delegate receives a written acknowledgement from the AIDS 2026 Registration team.

Refunds, if applicable, will be made in the same form as the original transaction. If the original transaction was processed by credit card, refund will be made to the same credit card used for the original transaction. If the original transaction was processed by bank transfer, refund will be made to the same bank account used for the original transaction.

Credit will not be given for unattended events or early termination of attendance.

Cancellation of AIDS 2026

If AIDS 2026 cannot be held or is postponed due to events beyond the control of the IAS (including force majeure) or due to events that are not attributable to wrongful intent or gross negligence of the IAS, delegates cannot hold the IAS liable for any damages, costs, financial losses or any other losses incurred.

In these circumstances, the IAS reserves the right to either retain the entire registration fee and use it for a future conference or to reimburse the delegate after deducting costs already incurred for the organization of AIDS 2026 and which could not be recovered otherwise.

Modification of the programme

The IAS reserves the right to modify the programme, which is published as an indication only.

Replacement name badge

The conference name badge must be worn at all times during the in-person conference. Access to the conference venue will not be granted without a proper name badge. If a delegate loses, misplaces or does not have the name badge in their possession, a handling fee of USD 65 will be charged for a new name badge. Upon handing out a new name badge, the replaced badge will be deactivated and become invalid.

Letter of invitation

Individuals requiring an official letter of invitation from the IAS can download one through their conference account. To download a letter of invitation, delegates must first register for AIDS 2026, pay in full and submit any required supporting documentation (if applicable).

This letter of invitation does not place any financial obligations on the IAS. All expenses incurred in relation to conference participation are the sole responsibility of the delegate. The letter of invitation does not guarantee an entry visa for Brazil.



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Visa requirements

It is the sole responsibility of the delegate to comply with any entry and/or visa requirements. Delegates should therefore contact their nearest Brazilian embassy or consulate to determine their entry and visa requirements.

Delegate registration details may be shared with Brazilian immigration authorities to assist in the immigration process. However, the IAS and/or the AIDS 2026 Registration team will not directly contact embassies and consulates on behalf of delegates.

If the delegate correctly applied for a visa and can show proof that the visa was not granted even though all requested documents were provided as required, the delegate may request:

- Changing their in-person plus virtual registration to a virtual registration and getting the difference to their in-person plus virtual registration fee refunded.
- Full reimbursement for their in-person plus virtual registration minus a handling fee of USD 65.

To request either of these options, requests (including any required proofs) must be made in writing and sent to the AIDS 2026 Registration team, by email, no later than 25 July 2026. No requests will be accepted after 25 July 2026.

Further information on entry and visa requirements as well as the refund process and proofs to be provided can be found on the [AIDS 2026 Immigration page](#).



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Data protection and sharing of contact details with third parties

The IAS will collect, process, transfer and store data subjects' personal data only for: (i) the preparation and execution of AIDS 2026; and (ii) the preparation of future IAS, AIDS and HIVR4P conferences. Data protection is warranted in accordance with the Swiss Federal Act on Data Protection (nFAPD), the European Union General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and, where applicable, the Brazilian General Data Protection Law (Lei Geral de Proteção de Dados Pessoais – LGPD). Data subjects' personal data will be retained securely and accessible only on a need-to-know basis by duly authorized persons. For further information, please read the IAS data [privacy policy](#).

The details of data subjects registering for AIDS 2026 entered in the conference account – that is, full first and last name(s), date of birth, email, country of residence and healthcare professional status – will be shared with the following parties:

- AIDS 2026 Registration team, c/o K.I.T. Group, Germany
- AIDS 2026 virtual platform provider, c/o Key 4 Events, France

The data subjects' details entered in the conference account and registration form (first and last name, date of birth, gender, passport number, nationality, country of residence and email) may also be shared with Brazilian immigration and security authorities.

The contact details (full name, home address, participant type, email and healthcare professional status) of data subjects who have agreed to share their contact details when registering will be shared periodically with the following conference sponsors in countries where legislation might not ensure an adequate level of data protection:

- Gilead Sciences, USA
- Merck, Sharp & Dohme Corp., USA
- ViiV Healthcare, UK

The above-mentioned conference sponsors may use these contact details only to contact data subjects regarding activities during AIDS 2026 or other communications that may be of related interest. Therefore, data might be passed on to third parties unless otherwise explicitly indicated by the data subject on the registration form.

The data subjects who have agreed to receive satellite sessions, pre-conferences and exhibition related communications when registering will periodically receive promotional emails related to satellite sessions, pre-conferences and exhibition booths organized by third parties at AIDS 2026.

The data subjects herewith authorize the IAS to collect, process and transfer their personal data to the above-listed third parties and authorities. The data subjects further expressly acknowledge and agree that any personal data disclosed in connection with the conference account and registration form will be subject to the laws of the country where it is transferred and may not be covered by Swiss law. The IAS cannot assure the data subjects that the laws



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and regulations in the recipient country will necessarily offer the same level of confidentiality or data protection as under Swiss law and may require the above-listed third parties and/or authorities to whom the personal data is transferred to disclose all or any part of the personal data to other authorities or third parties.

The IAS will nevertheless contractually ensure that data subjects' personal data will be processed by the above-listed third parties and authorities to the same extent as it is authorized for itself under the nFADP, the GDPR and, where applicable, the LGPD. The IAS will also ensure that all third parties that will process data subjects' personal data have implemented appropriate technical and organizational measures to protect data subjects' personal data against accidental or unlawful destruction or accidental loss, alteration and unauthorized disclosure or access, and which provide a level of security appropriate to the risk represented by the processing and the nature of the data to be protected.

K.I.T. Group will collect and store all personal data for the preparation and execution of AIDS 2026 and will not use it for any other purposes.

During the registration process and the execution of the conference, the personal data of each data subject is processed. All personal data will be processed in accordance with the applicable data protection regulations, in particular, the GDPR and the German Federal Data Protection Act (BDSG) and, where applicable, the LGPD.

Personal data will not be forwarded to a third party unless in accordance with Art. 6 Sec 1 lit a-f GDPR: (a) express consent; (b) performance or conclusion of a contract; (c) fulfilment of a legal obligation; (d) protection of vital interests of the data subject or another natural person; (e) public interest or exercise of official authority; and (f) legitimate interest of the data controller and balancing of interests.

In the course of participation in the conference, personal data may be processed by companies based in third countries outside the European Union. The data subject consents to such data processing insofar as it is necessary for their participation and the full use of the conference services.

For further details on data processing, your rights about information and access to personal data and how to contact the data protection officer, please refer to the IAS data [privacy policy](#).

Conference embargo policy

All AIDS 2026 abstracts are released to delegates and media under a strict embargo policy. A detailed breakdown of embargo procedures for different types of abstracts is available on the [AIDS 2026 embargo policy page](#).

All conference participants, presenters and media commit to adhere to this policy when they apply for conference registration.

Photo and video consent

In view of the fact that the events related to AIDS 2026 will be filmed and photographed, you hereby agree that, by attending the conference, your image and/or voice may be recorded and published or broadcast through different media.

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If you do not consent to close-up photography or close-up filmed material, please inform the photographer or videographer immediately during the event. Following the conference, you may also request the removal of your image from IAS communications by contacting media@iasociety.org.

Principles of conference participation

By attending AIDS 2026, delegates agree to comply with the [IAS conferences code of conduct](#).

Liability

The IAS shall be held liable in the framework of a duty of care as a respectable business according to statutory provisions. The liability of the IAS – for whatever legal reason – shall be limited to intent and gross negligence. The liability of commissioned service providers shall remain unaffected by this. The delegate shall take part in AIDS 2026 at their own risk. Oral agreements shall not be binding if these have not been confirmed in writing by the IAS.

Fulfilment and jurisdiction

These terms and conditions for delegates and the rights of the parties hereunder shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Switzerland, without regard to choice of law rules.

Any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of, or in relation to, these terms and conditions for delegates, including the validity, invalidity, breach or termination thereof, shall be resolved by arbitration in accordance with the Swiss Rules of International Arbitration of the Swiss Arbitration Centre in force on the date when the Notice of Arbitration is submitted in accordance with these Rules. There shall be one sole arbitrator. The seat of the arbitration shall be in Geneva, Switzerland. The arbitral proceedings shall be conducted in English. The arbitration shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions for Expedited Procedure.

Click [here](#) for further information on the IAS privacy policy.