

# International AIDS Society and AIDS2010

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## Who is IAS?

- World's largest membership assn of HIV professionals – 13,000 members
- Elected Governing Council
- Secretariat Staff Based in Geneva
- Conferences
- Programmes and Policy/Advocacy -  
NEW

# IAS Policy Advocacy Priorities

- **Promoting strategies to strengthen the Global Health Workforce and build Health Systems capacity; and Integration of HIV and other Health Services**
- **Promoting research on TB/HIV co-infection and scale-up of TB Prevention, Care and Treatment services for PLHIV**
- **Promoting scale up of Operations Research and Implementation of Evidence-Based interventions for effective HIV Prevention and Treatment**
- **Fighting Stigma and Discrimination, and Promoting Rights of PLHIV**
- **Promoting expanded Social and Political Science Research on HIV**

# Policy Tools and Approaches

## 5 Priority Areas:

About Health Systems & Health Workers

About Scaling-up Research

About Evidence-based Interventions

About Stigma & Discrimination & Rights of PLHIV

About Soc/Pol. Science & Research

## Multiple Tools

Policy Papers

Expert Groups

Special Summits

Communications

Campaigns

Conferences

High-Impact Policy Engagement & Global Advocacy

# Tools and Approaches

## Tool

Policy Papers,  
Mapping &  
Consultation –  
In order to:  
*Provide  
Leadership  
On  
An Issue*

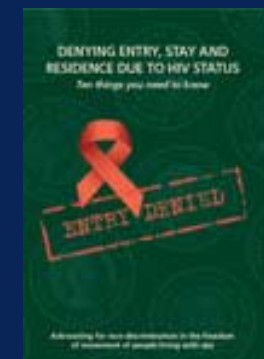
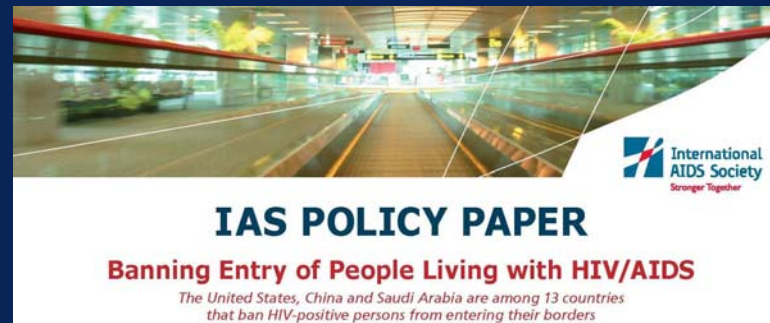
## Policy priority

Promoting  
rights of  
PLHIV

## Activities/Outputs

- Secretariat of the International Task Team
- Global Fund decision
- US advocacy env.
- Special session at AIDS 2008

## Evidence/ Example



# Tools and Approaches 2

## Tool

**Expert Groups:  
*Convening &  
Supportive Role  
Building  
Partnerships***

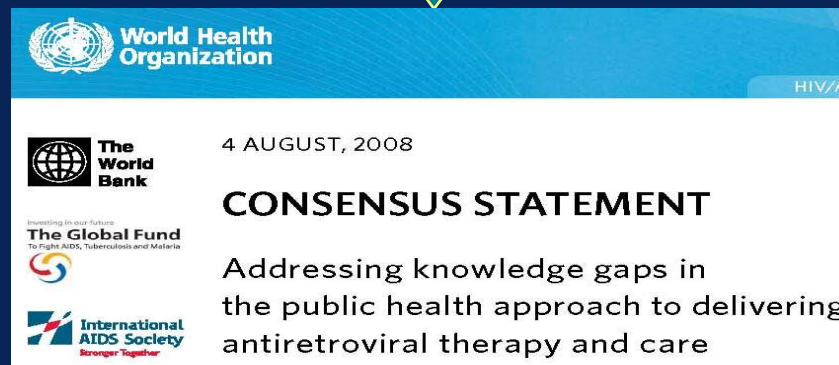
## Policy priority

**Promoting  
research**

## Activities/Outputs

- Sydney Declaration
- Consensus Statement
- GHWA at G8
- Vancouver Summit 2009

## Evidence/ Example



World Health Organization

HIV/AIDS

The World Bank

4 AUGUST, 2008

**CONSENSUS STATEMENT**

Addressing knowledge gaps in the public health approach to delivering antiretroviral therapy and care

The Global Fund  
To Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

International AIDS Society  
Stronger Together



# Tools and Approaches 3

## Tool: Special Summits

Living 2008  
MSM  
IDU  
*Bringing focused  
attention where  
progress is  
lacking*

## Policy priority

Promoting  
evidence-  
based  
interventions

## Activities/Outputs

- MSM: Follow up with WHO & UNAIDS
- IDU: Yalta statement
- LIVING:

## Evidence/ Example



# Tools and Approaches - Partnership



*Partnership - GNP+, ICW, ICASO, WHO, UNAIDS, HIV/AIDS Alliance, Int. Fed of Red Cross/Red Crescent, Mex Network of PLHIV*

Year-long process of developing Advocacy Priorities for PLHIV Globally

- Criminalization
- Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights
- Access to Care Treatment and Support
- Positive Prevention

IAS supported the partnership with technical and logistical assistance (facilitation, writing briefing documents, fundraising, etc.)



# Tools and Approaches 4

## Tool: Communications

Website  
Newsletter  
Open Letters  
Press Statements  
Commentary in  
Journal

## Policy priority

All

## Activities/Outputs

- Challenge accountability
- Put pressure
- Lend IAS independent voice

**QUICK &  
REACTIVE  
PRO-ACTIVE &  
ONGOING**

*The Lancet,  
26 July '08*

### Strengthening accountability in the global response to HIV

As the world turns its attention towards Mexico City for the XVII International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2008), the International AIDS Society and its organising partners are taking steps to use their influence at the conference to track progress on international commitments and to strengthen accountability for those commitments in key areas.

The conferences and its themes have served as milestones in the global response to HIV. The theme of Access for All (AIDS 2004, Bangkok) signalled an

further strengthen such alliances and to make the case that delivery of HIV programmes can catalyse other areas of the health-care system.<sup>2</sup>

AIDS 2008 will also be an opportunity to reflect on the June 2008 UN High-Level Meeting on AIDS. Progress reports released in advance of that meeting indicate that most countries are far off-target to reach universal access goals.<sup>3,4</sup> At AIDS 2008, civil society and scientific leaders will join government officials to assess progress as equal partners in the response. The International AIDS Society



**AIDS 2008**  
XVII INTERNATIONAL AIDS CONFERENCE  
Mexico City, 3-8 August

See Editorial page 263

# The International AIDS Conference



## IAC Basic facts

- **Largest Health conference**
- – **23.000 delegates for 6 days**
- **Unique:**
  - **researchers/Health professionals**
  - **people living with HIV/AIDS**
  - **leaders**
  - **welcoming activists**
- **Truly global** – **unlike most other health related conf.**

# **Global Media Attention**

**60-70.000 articles from  
an IAC help keeping  
HIV high on the Global  
political agenda**





**Webcast  
with  
hundreds  
of  
thousands  
of users**

# 124 Hubs to AIDS 2008



# ? Hubs to AIDS 2010



**What happened at AIDS**  
**2008?**

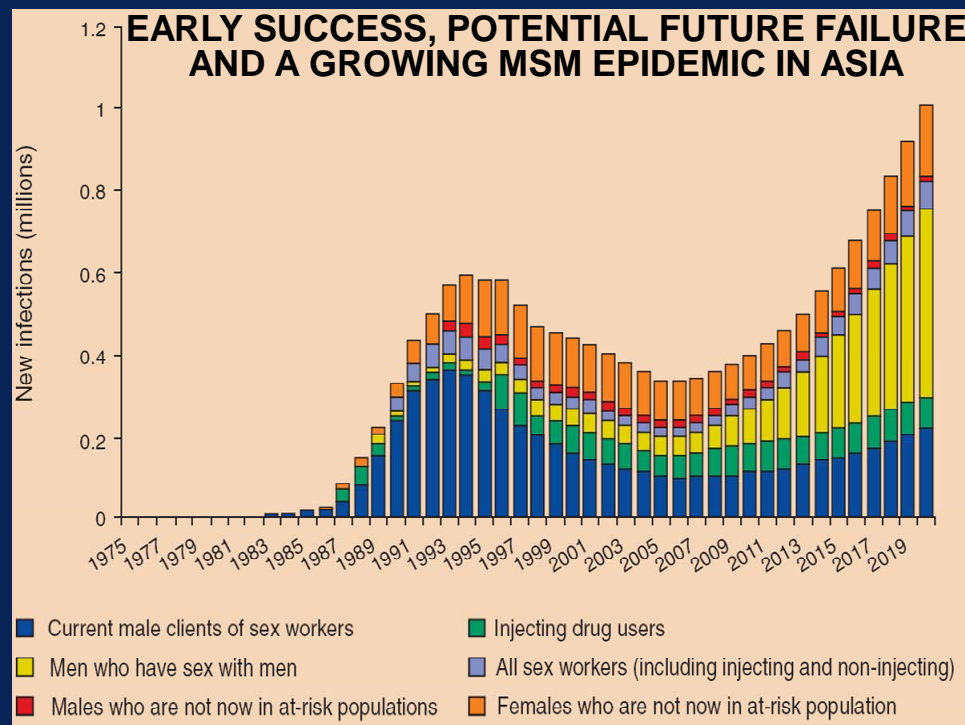


# AIDS 2008 - Implications from Epidemiology

- **Methodologies improved; many countries still have inadequate surveillance systems/infrastructure problems**
- **Establishing population-specific incidence rates increasingly critical as mature epidemics**
- **Lack of epi data on most at-risk populations (MSM, sex workers, IDUs) undermining countries' ability to 'know their epidemic'**
- **Social epidemiology (structural, individual) and proximate factors of risk (# of partners, biological factors) need to be integrated in overall approach to HIV epidemiology**

# AIDS 2008 Epidemiology

- Forecast: Implications of ignoring expanding MSM epi in Asia



# AIDS 2008 - Implications for Basic Science

- **Conflicting reports on origin of residual viremia;**
- **Increased focus on how HIV integrates with human DNA at cellular level in gut associated lymphoid tissue and other reservoirs; ongoing challenge to eradication**
- **Increased focus on leveraging innate immunity and inflammatory response in new approaches (e.g., role of Toll-Like Receptors (TLRs))**

# AIDS 2008 - Implications from Clinical Research

- **Mounting evidence suggesting early initiation provides improved clinical outcomes (pressure on WHO guidelines revision)**
- **Studies and modeling indicate enormous potential of task shifting as strategy for addressing health care worker shortages (frees up to 78% of physician time)**
- **Lack of laboratory diagnostics/monitoring in resource-limited settings can lead to increase in resistance-related mutations; less precise clinical decision-making**
- **Results after an 18-month follow-up to the Kisumu circumcision trial indicate risk reduction increased to 65% from 60% at two years**

## AIDS 2008 Impact on Prevention Research

- **Vaccines: back to basics, new focus on replicating adenovirus vectors rather than the non-replicating vector used in the failed STEP trial**
- **ART as prevention: substantial discussion about implications of the Swiss consensus statement, NIH trial of serodiscordant couples will yield results in 2016**
- **Microbicide research focusing on using ARV compounds in topical applications rather than broad-spectrum compounds**

# AIDS 2008 Social, Behaviour and Economic Science Learning

- **‘Combination Prevention’**: deploy multiple, concurrent approaches that include structural/social as well as behavioural and biomedical interventions
- **Most at-risk populations (MSM, IDUs, sex workers) continue to face high HIV prevalence and lower access to HIV interventions due to structural barriers**
- **HIV-related stigma index: quantitative and qualitative approach to assess changes at country level over time**
- **Reform of GFTAM granting guidelines to strengthen participation by MARPs in CCMs, priority-setting**

## AIDS 2008 - Learning from Policy and Political Science

- **Strong focus on human rights as a precursor to achieving universal access: gender equity, decriminalization of homosexuality and sex work; Brazil example**
- **Ongoing human rights violations reported: sex worker plenary example: coercive health interventions, mandatory testing /denial of health services:**

# AIDS 2008 Impact from Policy and Political Science



## PEPFAR Support for Renovation of Existing PHCs



Before HIV renovation work, October 2006



After HIV renovation work, April 2007

### Rutobwe Primary Health Center Lab

\*Photo courtesy of FHI



# AIDS 2008 - Learning from Regional Focus

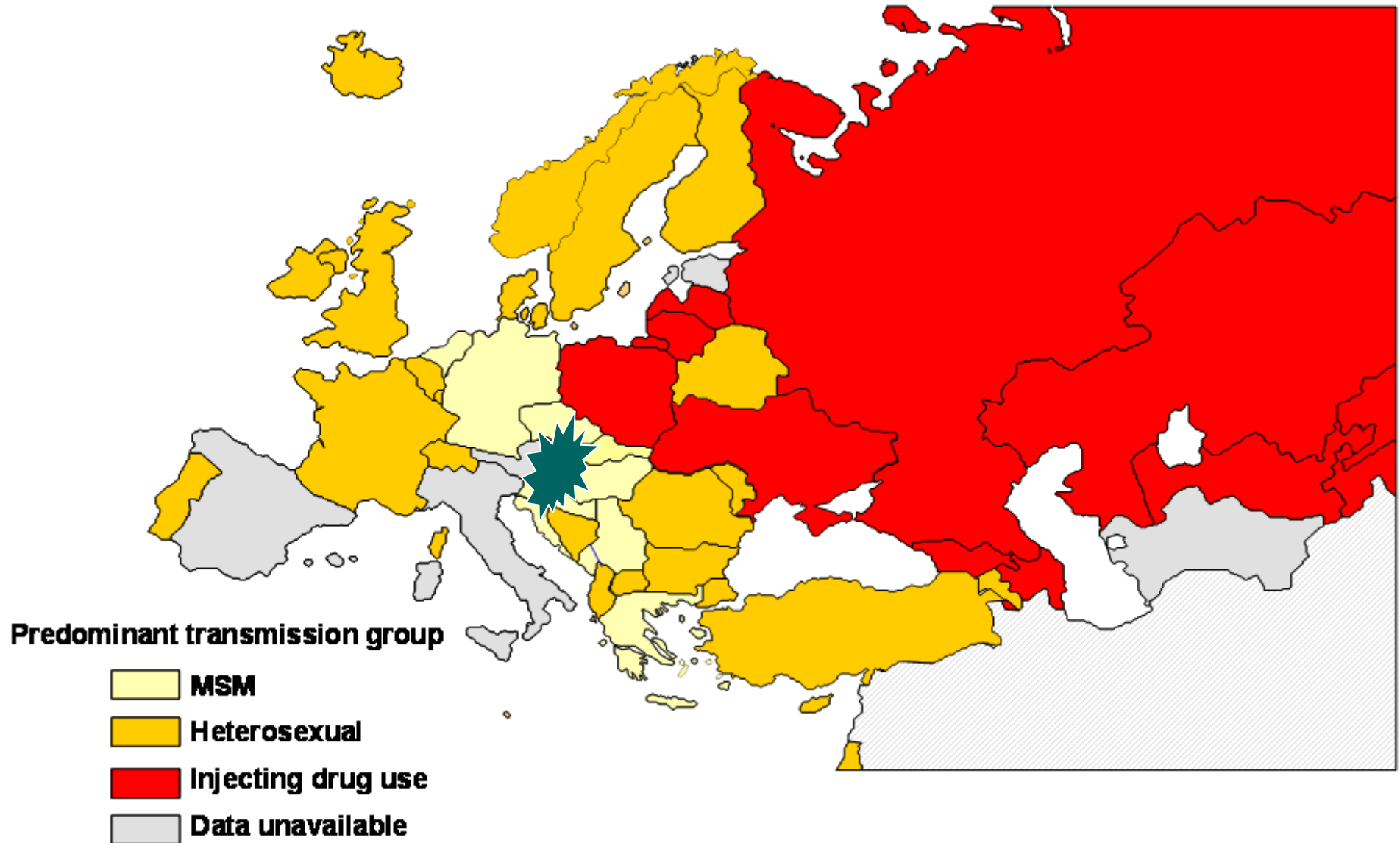
Eastern Europe/Central Asia:

- **Challenges: Access to substitution therapy/harm reduction programs very low in region; very limited data on gay/MSM community in Kiev**
- **Progress: Ukraine scaling up ART/harm reduction programs; increased resources from Russian Federation (need to strengthen dialogue with Russian Federation on removing barriers to OST/NSP)**

A high-angle, wide shot of a large crowd gathered in a stadium or arena at night. The crowd is dense and fills most of the lower half of the frame. In the background, a stage is lit up with a large, glowing red AIDS ribbon. The arena's upper levels are visible, with blue light strips and some signage, including the word "SIEMENS". The overall atmosphere is one of a significant public event.

# Europe in AIDS 2010

# Why Vienna ?



# Content of 2010 so far



**Conference content to be decided  
by AIDS 2010 Committees**

**Plenary Speakers**

**Programme Sessions**

**Prof. Deve/Skills Building**

**Programme**

**Conference Theme**

**Conference Communication**

A large crowd of people is gathered at a night event, likely a conference or concert. In the center, a large red AIDS ribbon is visible on a stage or screen. The scene is illuminated by blue and white lights, creating a vibrant atmosphere. The text is overlaid on the top half of the image.

## European representation at Conference Coordinating Committee:

- Wolfgang and Irene from EC (with Henning as observer)
- Brigitte Schmied (co-chair) Austrian AIDS Soc.
- Petra Bayr, Austrian member of Parliament
- Elke Schlitz, AIDS Hilfe Austria
- Sonja Wehsely, City of Vienna
- Peter Reiss, IAS European region
- Jürgen Rockstroh, European AIDS Clinical Society (EACS).
- Terry White, European and Central Asian Union of PLWH organizations (*ECUO*), Ukraine
- Local co-chairs and (Eastern) regional focal points

# AIDS 2010 Programme Committee

- 48 Committee members
  - 28 women
  - 20 men
- **European**
  - 25 members
- **International**
  - 23 members
- *North America*
  - 9 members
- *South America*
  - 2 members
- *Asia-Pacific*
  - 5 members
- *Africa*
  - 7 members

# Programme Committee Co-chairs

- **SPC Co-Chairs**
  - **Robert Zangerle** *Austria*
  - **Adeeba Kamarulzaman** *Malaysia*
  - **Diane Havlir** *United States*
- **CPC Co-Chairs**
  - **Helmut Garcia Solarte** *Austria*
  - **Jennifer Gatsi** *Namibia*
- **LPC Co-Chairs**
  - **Petra Bayr** *Austria*
  - **Francoise Girard** *Canada*



## (EE & CA) Regional Focal Points

- SPC Regional Focal-Point
  - Vladimir Mendeleevich *Russia*
- CPC Regional Focal-Point
  - Svetlana Moroz *Ukraine*
- LPC Regional Focal-Point
  - Raminta Stuikyte *Lithuania*

# AIDS 2010 SPC Members

- **Alexendra Trkola**  
*Switzerland*
- **Christine Rouzioux**  
*France*
- **Anton Pozniak**  
*United Kingdom*
- **Paula Munderi**  
*Uganda*
- **Maria Prins**  
*Netherlands*
- **Ying-Ru Lo**  
*Germany/China/Indonesia*
- **Christiana Nöstlinger**  
*Belgium*
- **Barbara de Zaluondo**  
*Switzerland/United States*
- **Konstantin Lezhentzev**  
*Ukraine*
- **TBC**
- **Frank Amort**  
*Austria*
- **Christine Stegling**  
*Botswana*

# 2010 CPC Members

- **Gennady Roshchupkin**  
*Lithuania*
- **Wiltrut Stefanek**  
*Austria*
- **Olayide Akanni**  
*Nigeria*
- **Dauda Diouf**  
*Senegal*
- **Cheryl Overs**  
*Australia*
- **Anastasia Kamlyck**  
*Russia*
- **Christo Greyling**  
*South Africa*
- **Ratri Suksma**  
*Malaysia*
- **Korey Anthony Chisholm**  
*Guyana*
- **Philippa Lawson**  
*United States*
- **Paul Kawata**  
*United States*
- **Sally Smith**  
*United Kingdom*

# 2010 LPC Members

- **Gottfried Mernyi**  
*Austria*
- **Kamila Fatihova**  
*Uzbekistan*
- **Nathan Ford**  
*South Africa/United Kingdom*
- **Ralf Jurgens**  
*Canada/Germany*
- **Lennarth Hjelmaker**  
*Sweden*
- **Richard Horton**  
*United Kingdom*
- **Silvia Petretti**  
*United Kingdom*
- **Inviolata Mwali Mbwavi**  
*Kenya*
- **Manuella Donato**  
*Brazil*
- **Mary Ann Torres**  
*Canada/Venezuela*
- **Liping Mian**  
*China*
- **Anurita Bains**  
*Canada*
- **Linda Jackson**  
*United States*
- **Srdan Matic**  
*Croatia*

**2008 Mexico City, Mexico**

**2006 Toronto, Canada**

**2004 Bangkok, Thailand**

**2002 Barcelona, Spain**

**2000 Durban, South Africa**

**1998 Geneva, Switzerland**

**1996 Vancouver, Canada**

***Universal Action Now !***

***Time to Deliver***

***Access for All***

***Knowledge and***

***Commitment for Action***

***Break the Silence***

***Bridging the Gap***

***One World. One Hope***

**Your ideas for AIDS 2010 theme?**