Navigating the Conference

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Before leaving
Checklist for Melbourne

• **Emirates Airline** has been selected as the official airline for the 20th International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2014). All international delegates traveling to Melbourne for AIDS 2014 with Emirates can benefit from a special discount.
• To benefit from this offer, you will need the event code which you will find under the Flights section on your Conference Profile.

**Airline ticket**

**Valid passport**

• For easy replacement, bring a photocopy as well

**Visa(s)**

• For easy replacement, bring a photocopy as well
• Do not forget transit visas
• Delegates should also check the country-specific information by contacting the embassy or visa office for their country: [www.immi.gov.au/Help/Locations/Pages/our-offices.aspx](http://www.immi.gov.au/Help/Locations/Pages/our-offices.aspx)

**Letter of invitation**

• Individuals requiring an official Letter of Invitation from the conference organizers can request one on the online registration form or by contacting the AIDS 2014 Registration Department
Checklist for Melbourne

- Conference registration confirmation
  - All registrations for AIDS 2014 must be submitted through the online registration form

- Hotel voucher and/or confirmation
  - Address and telephone number

- Health insurance (recommended)

- Medications
  - Do not forget a letter/prescription from your doctor

- A warm jumper, socks, closed shoes, a coat and an umbrella
  - It is winter in Melbourne, and it will be cold. Be prepared for a bit of a thermal shock
  - Take layers of clothes, as it can be freezing in the morning and warm in the afternoon. The weather is humid and thus the sensation of cold can be greater than in our latitudes
Travelling to Melbourne
Visa and custom information

- All visitors to Australia must have a valid visa before boarding their plane regardless of the length of stay. The Australian Government does not require holders of Australian visas to have a ‘visa label’ in their passport.

- Your **Incoming Passenger Card**, which will be issued on the plane before landing in Australia, is a legal document. Everyone who arrives at an Australian airport must present their travel documents and IPC to officers in immigration and customs clearance.
Travelling with medication

- The IPC includes the question *Are you bringing into Australia goods that may be prohibited or subject to restrictions, such as medicines, steroids, illegal pornography, firearms, weapons or illicit drugs?*
  - **Declare** medicines and substances which may be subject to misuse, abuse or dependence.
  - **Declare** traditional medicines which may contain endangered plant or animal products
  - **Do not declare** aspirin, paracetamol or Australian over-the-counter medications
  - **Do not declare** prescription medication, but carry a letter of prescription from your doctor in English

- **REMEMBER – IF IN DOUBT, DECLARE IT!**
Arrival at the airport

AIDS 2014 Welcome Desk - Melbourne Tullamarine Airport

**Where:** inside the international arrivals hall (Terminal 2)

**Times of Operation:**
Friday 18 July – 10:00 to 24:00
Saturday, 19 & Sunday, 20 July – 08:00 to 24:00

**What:**
City maps, hotel information, public transport, opening hours, scholarships and general information.
Transportation

From/to the Airport
• **SkyBus**: between Melbourne Airport (Tullamarine) and Southern Cross Station. 24/7 with departures every 10 minutes. Costs: USD 25 return

Within Melbourne
• Public Transport Victoria (PTV) is the public transportation company. The **PTV pass**, for delegates who purchased it while registering for the conference, allows unlimited travel in zones 1 and 2 on bus, tram and train from Saturday 19 to Friday 25 July 2014. Costs: USD 20

• **Delegates who will not register to the conference**, will need to purchase a **Myki Card** at the train station or in any 7-Eleven stores and top-up. 7 day pass: travel as many times as you want in a seven day period in Zone 1 (AUD 35.80) or Zone 1 & 2 (AUD 60.60)
At the conference
From hotel to conference venue (MCEC)
Registration

Where
Exhibition Centre, Door 2 and 3

When
Saturday 19 July 13:00 – 20:00
Sunday 20 July 08:30 – 19:30
Mon 21 July – Thurs 24 July 06:30 – 18:30
Friday 25 July 08:00 – 15:30
Conference bag and material

Conference Bag
• Containing: sponsor/partner flyers & gift inserts

Conference Material
• Pocket programme
• IAS membership letter
• Abstract USB memory stick, can be bought on-site - US $5
• Abstract book, can be bought on-site – US $35

All collected from the Material Pick-up counter in registration area, using the voucher on the badge letter
Accessibility

**Where:** Registration Area

**Opening hours:**
- Saturday, 19 July: 13:00 – 20:00
- Sunday, 20 July: 08:30 – 19:30
- Monday, 21 – Thursday, 24 July: 06:30 – 18:30
- Friday, 25 July: 08:00 – 15:30

**What:**
- Pocket Programme in Braille pick-up
- Electronic version of the programme on large screen
- General information
- Onsite request for SL or CART

Contact [accessibility@aids2014.org](mailto:accessibility@aids2014.org)
Childcare

**Who:** Children between 2-12 years

**How:** Booking online before July 13, 2014.

**How many?** Up to 24 children per shift. From Sunday, 20 – Friday, 25 July, parents can sign their child(ren) up to attend AM (8:30 - 13:00) and/or PM (13:30 - 18:00) shifts for a non-refundable fee of AUD15/shift. Evening babysitting services also available (carers to be paid in cash directly).

**Contact:** Visit the Childcare page on the AIDS 2014 website or contact childcare@aids2014.org
# Engagement Tours

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Information desk

Location:
Registration

Times of Operation:
Saturday 19 July 13:00 – 20:00
Sunday 20 July 08:30 – 19:30
Monday 21 – Thursday 24 July 06:30 – 18:30
Friday 25 July 08:00 – 15:30

What:
City and public transport maps, general information and opening hours, scholarships etc.

Staff:
One hostess and one volunteer

Customer service desks are also available at both entrances (Exhibition Centre, Clarendon Street and Convention Centre, South Wharf), and will be staffed by the venue.
Internet access

• Wi-Fi available throughout the venue
• Internet café (Exhibition area):
  – Free access
  – 9 computers
  – 1 printer
  – Sunday, 20 July  12:00 - 18:30
  – Mon-Thurs, 21-24 July  10:00 - 18:30
Meals and snack

• Food from hot main meals to snacks and drinks will be available, including vegetarian & gluten free options.

• Food outlet locations-3 indicated on map
  – Convention Centre:
    • Ground Floor – 2 x food outlets; soup kiosk; & coffee stand
  – Exhibition Centre:
    • Exhibition – food court
    • GV – food court & juice bar
    • Concourse – 2 x coffee stands

• AIDS 2014 has several agreements with some restaurants located on the South Wharf Promenade, directly in front of the Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre. You can find a list of these places here.
Medical services

Two First Aid Stations On-site:

**Convention Centre First Aid**
- Wed, 16 – Sat, 19 July     09:00 – 20:00
- Sunday 20 July           08:00 - 23:00
- Mon, 21 – Thur, 24 July  08:00 – 21:00
- Friday 25 July           08:00 – 19:00

**Exhibition Centre First Aid**
- Sunday 20 July     17:00 – 21:30
- Mon, 21 – Fri, 25 July 08:30 – 20:30

**Staffed by:**
St. John Ambulance First Aid Officers/Health Emergency Response Team

Locations:
Harm reduction services

- Doctor onsite to assist those not able to have take aways in country

- If you have any questions regarding the provision of OST or NSP at AIDS 2014 please send an email to harmreduction@aids2014.org.

- At AIDS 2014, please go to the People Who Use Drugs Networking Zone (803) or Harm Reduction Victoria/Australian Injecting & Illicit Drug Users League Exhibition Booth (606), both within the Global Village.

Positive lounge

• Designed for delegates living with HIV/AIDS

• Lounge/Networking Area
  – Healthy drinks/snacks
  – Musical entertainment during lunch time
  – Computers

• Rest Area
  – Massage
  – Day beds

• Opening hours:
  Sunday 20 July      12:00 – 17:30
  Monday 21 July – Thursday 24 July   08:00 – 18:00
  Friday 25 July       08:00 – 13:00
WHERE?

- The Speaker Centre is located on level 2
- Opening hours:
  - Saturday 19 July: 14:00 – 18:30
  - Sunday - Thursday 20-24 July: 08:00 – 18:30
  - Friday 25 July: 08:00 – 16:00
Speaker centre

WHO?
• All invited speakers, session chairs, oral abstract presenters, oral poster discussion presenters and workshop facilitators

WHEN?
• Check in at least 4 hours prior to the start of their session, although earlier is always better!
• Check-in is mandatory for all presenters, including those who used the online upload system and those who do not have a presentation

WHY?
• Upload and check presentations
• Check consent for publication of presentation material
• Last minute session updates to chairpersons
• Keep track of no-shows
Media centre

• Open from Saturday, 19 July at 13:00 until Friday, 25 July at 24:00
• 24 hour access – staffed from 8:00 to 20:00 (except Friday)
• Access restricted to accredited media only
• Information booth
• 2 Press Conference Rooms, schedules available online by mid-July
• 2 meeting rooms (for 14 people and 10 people)
• 3 interview rooms (one of them is web enabled for live interviews)
• Media Training and Briefing: Sunday, 20 July 2014, 10.30 – 13.30
The conference programme
Programme-at-a-Glance (PAG)
Plenary sessions

SUNDAY 20 JULY: Opening Session (SUPL01)

MONDAY 21 JULY: Where are we now? (MOPL01)

- Salim S. Abdool Karim, MD, PhD, South Africa - State of the art epidemiology & access
- Lydia Mungherera, MD, Uganda - PLHIV at the centre of the HIV response
- Jintanat Ananworanich, MD, PhD, Thailand - State of the ART: HIV Cure – where are we now and where are we going?

TUESDAY 22 JULY: What’s holding us back and how do we move faster? (TUPL01)

- The Hon. Michael Kirby, Australia - HIV and the law
- Olive Shisana, MA, ScD, South Africa - Strengthening health systems and community
- Jennifer Gatsi-Mallet, Namibia - Gender inequality and HIV
- Mark Dybul, MD, The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria - Better and smarter investments in the HIV response

WEDNESDAY 23 JULY: No one left behind (WEPL01)

- Khuat T. Oanh, MD, Vietnam - Effective drug policy and harm reduction
- Diane Havlir, MD, United States - HIV and tuberculosis co-infection
- Daisy Nakato Namakula, Uganda - HIV and sex workers
- James Ward, BA, Australia - HIV and indigenous populations
Plenary sessions

THURSDAY 24 JULY: Stepping up the pace: making the long term short term (THPL01)

- Antonio Lanzavecchia, MD, Switzerland - An HIV vaccine: what needs to be done?
- Kenneth Mayer, MD, United States - New prevention technologies
- Beatriz Grinsztejn, MD, PhD, Brazil - MSM and transgender – understanding the science
- Laurindo Garcia, Philippines - MSM and transgender – the community response

FRIDAY 25 JULY: Where are we headed? (FRPL01)

- David Cooper, MD, DSc (UNSW), Australia - ART – beyond an undetectable viral load
- Susan Kasedde, MPH, DrPH, UNICEF - HIV and adolescents
- L'Orangelis Thomas Negron, Puerto Rico - HIV and adolescents (community perspective)
- Shaffiq Essajee, MD, United States - Ending AIDS in children

FRIDAY 25 JULY: Rapporteur session (FRPL02)

FRIDAY 25 JULY: Closing session (FRPL03)
Non-abstract driven session

Symposia Sessions

• Address critical issues that defy simple solutions
• Focus on a single, clearly defined topic or issue
• Speakers and delegates share experiences, contribute relevant research findings and brainstorm ideas to identify possible ways forward

Bridging Sessions

• Connect the three programme components (Science, Community and Leadership & Accountability)
• Provide an opportunity for multi-disciplinary, multi-perspective dialogues on topics of common interest
• Speakers share knowledge and perspectives on the particular issue selected
• Additionally, speakers highlight linkages and synergies between different areas of expertise

Special Sessions

• Feature presentations by some of the world’s key research leaders, international AIDS Ambassadors and policy specialists
Abstract driven session

Oral Abstract Sessions

- Organized into themes which address new developments in each of the five scientific tracks, or focused on a topic which crosses various tracks
- Oral abstract sessions are 90-minute sessions that consist of five 10-minute oral presentations, followed by a five-minute question and answer session
- An interactive moderated discussion, facilitated by the co-chairs, is held at the end of the session

Oral Poster Discussion Sessions

- Held daily from 13:00 – 14:00
- 60-minute sessions that consist of four to six five-minute oral presentations
- An interactive moderated discussion, facilitated by the co-chairs, is held at the end of the session.
- Abstracts discussed at these sessions are on display for the duration of the conference next to the room in which the poster was presented.

Poster Exhibition

- Organized by track and covering a wide variety of topics
- Includes approximately 1,000 posters
- Each poster is displayed for one day and presenters will stand by their posters at scheduled times to answer questions and provide further information on their study results
Professional development workshops

Scientific Development

• Enhance skills development and encourage collaborative learning around the latest scientific research, emerging technologies and breakthroughs in policy and programme in order to inform and guide the global response to the HIV epidemic

Leadership & Accountability Development

• Provide a platform for new and current leaders to learn innovative skills which are critical for an effective response to the HIV epidemic
• Delegates will develop and enhance their ability to assess and measure commitments and actions of leaders in their own communities

Community Skills Development

• Will showcase effective community empowerment programmes that are strengthening public health outcomes in HIV treatment, prevention, care and support
• Will emphasize the importance of building skills and capacity in relation to peer-driven programmes and services that are run 'by and for' people living with HIV and key affected communities
Global Village

- **Floor space:** 5500sqm over 2 levels
- **Countries Represented:** 55
- **Networking Zones:** 20
- **NGO Booths:** 70
- **Marketplace Booths:** 16
- **Sessions:** 49 (including Youth Sessions)
- **Cultural Activities:** 66
- **Programme Activity Awardees:** 310

- **Hours of Operation:**

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