

Non-Abstract Driven Sessions

The **non-abstract driven sessions** address a variety of current viewpoints and issues. The format and focus of these sessions varies. These sessions are developed by the programme committees with stakeholder input.

Session Types:

- **Plenary sessions** feature some of the world's most distinguished AIDS researchers, scientific leaders and clinical specialists. Plenary sessions bring all conference delegates together at the first session of every morning.
- **Special sessions** feature presentations by some of the world's key research leaders, high-level international AIDS Ambassadors and policy specialists. These 60-minute sessions are highly engaging for all delegates.
- **Bridging sessions** link the four tracks, providing an opportunity for multi-disciplinary, multi-perspective dialogues on cutting-edge topics of common interest.
- **Symposia sessions** address critical issues that defy simple solutions. Focusing on a single, clearly defined topic or issue, speakers and delegates will share experiences, contribute relevant research findings and brainstorm ideas to identify possible ways forward.
- AIDS 2014 features 54 high-quality, targeted **professional development workshops** that promote and enhance opportunities for knowledge transfer, skills development and collaborative learning. Twenty of the workshops are designed by the Conference Programme Committees, and the remaining 30 workshops are selected from proposals submitted by delegates. Workshops can be 90 or 180-minutes in length and held in languages other than English. Workshops are classified into three levels – foundation, intermediate, and advanced – according to levels of experience and expertise of the target audience.
- A **rapporteur summary session** is held immediately before the closing session on Wednesday 3 July from 18:00. The summary session synthesizes presentations made during the week, focusing on critical issues addressed, important results presented and key recommendations put forward. The rapporteur teams will publish daily reports and session summaries on the conference website.

Abstract-Driven Sessions

The abstract driven component of the conference programme offers the highest calibre of state-of-the-art knowledge and peer-reviewed research. Abstract driven sessions are either specific to one of the five tracks (A-E), or are composed of abstracts from different tracks that focus on one theme.

Over 7,300 abstract submissions went through a blind peer-review process, carried out by a panel of around 1,400 international reviewers. Around 2,500 abstracts were selected by members of the Scientific Programme Committee for inclusion in the conference programme. The highest-scoring accepted abstracts were selected for presentation in oral abstract sessions or oral poster discussion sessions. The majority of the selected posters are displayed in the Poster Exhibition.

In addition, a small number of abstracts submitted as late breakers were accepted to be presented orally or as posters at the conference.

Session Types:

- **Oral Abstract Sessions**
These sessions are organized into themes which address new developments in each of the four scientific tracks, or focus on a topic which crosses various tracks. Oral abstract sessions are 90-minute sessions that consist of five oral presentations of ten minutes 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**
These sessions, held daily from 13:00 – 14:00, are 60-minute sessions featuring four to six oral presentations of five minutes each. 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 mini rooms.

- **Poster Exhibition**

Organized by track and covering a wide variety of topics, the Poster Exhibition 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.

The Poster Exhibition is open from Monday 21 – Thursday 24 July, 10:00 – 18:30, and is located on the Ground Level. See the Poster Exhibition map.

Late breaker posters are also displayed for the duration of the conference in the Poster Exhibition.

Satellite Sessions

Satellite sessions will take place all day on Sunday 20 July and in the mornings and evenings from Monday 21 July to Thursday 24 July.

Satellite sessions take place in the conference centre, but are fully organized and coordinated by the organization hosting the satellite. The programme committee will review the contents and speakers of the satellite sessions to ensure that they meet the scientific and ethical principles of the conference.

Continuing Medical Education (CME) Credits

An application has been made to the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME®) for CME accreditation of this event.

Affiliated Independent Events

Registered conference attendees, representing groups or organizations, have scheduled events affiliated with the conference. Official affiliated independent events are held off the main conference site during times that do not conflict with the conference programme. A variety of events have been approved: symposia, meetings, workshops and receptions. Events are open to the public, to delegates, or by invitation only. Events reflect AIDS 2014 policies and goals of diversity and inclusion. See the online Programme-at-a-Glance (<http://pag.aids2014.org>) for more information.

Roadmaps

Roadmaps enable conference participants to locate sessions on key topics of interest more easily. See the online Programme-at-a-Glance (<http://pag.aids2014.org>) for more information.

Engagement Tours

Engagement tours provide delegates with unique learning experiences through interactive site visits to organizations that work on HIV issues in Melbourne. The goal is to exchange knowledge, best practices, successes, challenges and innovative solutions through dialogue and hands-on activities.

Tours are available to conference delegates at no cost and transportation is provided. Registrations can be made by emailing engagementtours@aids2014.org, providing your full name and indicating which tour you would like to attend. Registration is on a first come, first served basis and tours are limited to one tour per delegate. More details on the organizations to be visited, and the schedule, are available at www.aids2014.org.