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THE NATIONAL HIV & AIDS SCIENTIFIC MEETING FEATURING THE 14TH ANNUAL JOINT AIDS REVIEW AND PHILLY LUTAAYA MEMORIAL LECTURE

Theme: HIV AND COVID: Reflecting on our Vulnerabilities and Resilience"

First Announcement and Call for Abstracts

Introduction

The National HIV and AIDS Scientific Meeting for Uganda will be held in Kampala from 16th – 18th November 2021. The 3-day event is organized under the auspices of the Uganda AIDS Commission (UAC) in partnership with the Research, Academia, Science and Professional bodies (RASP). The meeting will bring together researchers, policy makers and service delivery implementers to share new knowledge on the HIV/AIDS epidemic and response, ensure that implementation of the National HIV Response is on track to attainment of the targets set in the National HIV and AIDS Strategic Plan (NSP).

The meeting is a regular feature of the Uganda AIDS Commission's coordination framework. It consists mainly of specially selected, state of the art and peer-reviewed presentations on different aspects of HIV/AIDS. The meeting is an important platform for dissemination of research findings, thus contributing to evidence base for managing HIV/AIDS. The National HIV and AIDS Scientific meeting will be held alongside the Joint AIDS Review and the Philly Lutaaya Memorial lecture. The Philly Lutaaya Day is one of the key advocacy events in the national response, it is a day when we remember those who have succumbed to AIDS and its used as an opportunity to give hope for the future.

Theme: "HIV AND COVID: Reflecting on our Vulnerabilities and Resilience"

Goal

To enable the country, share evidence from research through experiences of applied HIV/AIDS interventions, strategies and practices in prevention, treatment, care, support and impact mitigation as well as coordination and overall management of the response.

Specific objectives

1. Discuss research and practices in basic biomedical, clinical science, epidemiological, behavioral, socio-economic, legal, human rights and cultural issues;
2. To review performance of implementation of the first year of the National HIV and AIDS Strategic Plan and agree on undertakings for the next period
3. Commemorate the Philly Lutaaya Day

Together, we share the challenge

Participation

Participation is open to all. Expression of interest is through registration and/or submission of abstracts.

Registration

Registration begins on 15 August and ends 30 October 2021. Registration forms will be accessed on the Uganda AIDS Commission website: <https://uac.go.ug>. Forms can also be received by email on request at naconference21@uac.go.ug.

Participants interested in exhibiting their works will be by expression of interest, through registering and exhibition form will be available at the UAC website as above.

Satellite sessions; Satellite sessions will be organized based on expression of interest. Guideline for satellite session will be available at the UAC website or through email on request. The satellite will be part of the main conference program.

Meeting Tracks: The abstracts will run along the following tracks;

1. Epidemiology and HIV Prevention

- ☐ HIV among Children, Adolescents and young people
- ☐ Structural drivers of the epidemic, HIV in Key and Priority populations
- ☐ Advances in HIV Prevention

2. Basic Science, Care and Treatment

- ☐ HIV testing and Linkage to Care
- ☐ Retention and adherence in care
- ☐ Treatment options and HIV drug Resistance

3. Social Support, Human Rights and Gender

- ☐ Legal and Policy environment
- ☐ HIV and Gender, Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights
- ☐ Stigma and discrimination, social and economic empowerment

4. Systems Strengthening and strategic Information

- ☐ Leadership, Governance and Community system strengthening
- ☐ Sustainability (Financing, Human Resource, Supply management)
- ☐ Monitoring and Evaluation

Guidelines for Abstract submission. Please read the following guidelines carefully before submitting your abstract:

1. All abstracts should be written in English.
2. Abstracts can only be submitted online via the meeting email : naconference21@uac.go.ug.
3. The abstract form and an Information Note can be picked from the UAC offices or downloaded from UAC website: <https://uac.go.ug> or accessed from email naconference21@uac.go.ug on request.

4. Abstracts will be received from 15 August– 15 October 2021.
5. Notice of accepted papers for oral or poster will be by 30th October 2021.

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