

Parent/Guardian Consent Form for Accompanying Children

Participants must be at least 18 years old (as of 21 July 2018) to attend the conference on his/her own. Children/youth under the age of 18 (as of 21 July 2018) must be registered as an accompanying child and must therefore be accompanied by an adult (18 years old as of 21 July 2018) who is registered for the conference in order to attend. In addition, this **Parent/Guardian Consent Form for Accompanying Children** must be completed and submitted for each accompanying child by the Parent/Guardian.

We require you to read this form carefully, complete and sign it to indicate your acceptance and send this form to the AIDS 2018 Registration Department either [by email](#) or by fax +31 20 67 37 306.

Conference Overview

The 22nd International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2018) will be held at the RAI Amsterdam Convention Centre (RAI), on 23-27 July 2018 in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. Pre-conference meetings will be held 21-22 July and are open to conference delegates.

The International AIDS Conference is the largest conference on any global health issue in the world. First convened during the peak of the AIDS epidemic in 1985, it continues to provide a unique forum for the intersection of science, advocacy, and human rights. Each conference is an opportunity to strengthen policies and programmes that ensure an evidence-based response to the epidemic.

The theme of AIDS 2018 is “Breaking Barriers, Building Bridges”, drawing attention to the need of rights-based approaches to more effectively reach key populations, including in Eastern Europe and Central Asia and the North-African/Middle Eastern regions where epidemics are growing. AIDS 2018 aims to promote human rights based and evidence-informed HIV responses that are tailored to the needs of particularly vulnerable communities -- including people living with HIV, displaced populations, men who have sex with men, people in closed settings, people who use drugs, sex workers, transgender people, women and girls and young people--and collaborate in fighting the disease beyond country borders.

Abstracts focusing on five scientific tracks will be presented at the conference, both in sessions and on display in a poster exhibition: Track A: Basic and translational research; Track B: Clinical research; Track C: Epidemiology and prevention research; Track D: Social and political research, law, policy and human rights; and Track E: Implementation research, economics, systems and synergies with other health and development sectors. In addition to abstract driven sessions, daily plenary sessions feature some of the world’s most distinguished HIV scientists, policy specialists, and community leaders. Other non-abstract driven sessions include special sessions with some of the world’s key leaders in research and implementation, high-level leaders from the political sphere, international ambassadors for HIV and AIDS, and policy specialists; bridging sessions connecting the three programme components (science, community and leadership) and providing an opportunity for multi-disciplinary, multi-perspective dialogues on cutting-edge topics of common interest, and symposia sessions addressing critical issues that defy simple solutions. AIDS 2018 will also hold professional development workshops, aiming to increase the capacity of delegates to implement and advocate for effective, evidence informed HIV policies and interventions in their respective communities and countries.

The cultural component of the conference programme will include a number of Global Village and Youth activities, which are an integral aspect of the International AIDS Conference. Global Village and Youth activities will showcase exhibition booths, marketplaces, networking zones, sessions, films, visual art, theatre, poetry, dance, music, among others. Activities and events will be showcased in the conference centre, public venues and community organizations.

Exhibit areas (Exhibition and Global Village) with education displays and presentations will include content on human sexuality, sexual and reproductive health including condoms, female condoms, drug use and paraphernalia. There will be some visual art depicting the lives of people living with HIV and communities affected by HIV.

A lounge for people living with HIV (“Positive Lounge”) will be available onsite. The Positive Lounge will be a place of rest and support.



The Parent/Guardian must sign one form in triplicate for each accompanying child. Please complete, sign and send the first copy to the AIDS 2018 Registration Department by [by email](#) or by fax 31 20 67 37 306.

The second copy is for your records and the third copy is for your child/ward to carry with him/her at all times during the conference.

I hereby give my consent for [please indicate both first and last name]

First name(s) _____

Last name (s) _____

to attend the 22nd International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2018), 23-27 July 2018 in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, and accept full responsibility for my child's/ward's attendance.

My child/ward will be accompanied by (please tick one)

myself (fill in your details below)

another adult who is registered as regular delegate or accompanying adult

(fill in his/her details below)

First name(s) _____

Last name (s) _____

Home address _____

Postal code (ZIP) _____

City _____

Country _____

The conference and its organizers will not, in any way, be responsible for the care or supervision of my child/ward during the conference or any related activities. The conference and its organizers will not be responsible for, and disclaim any liability associated with, any injuries, loss of life, property losses, or any other harm my child/ward may suffer as a result of, or in connection with, your child's/ward's admittance or any related activities.

I have read and understood the information provided on this form, and after carefully considering all risks involved, I authorize my child / youth to participate in the conference as described above.

Parent/Guardian

Signature

Date