

CIRA affiliates are joining researchers, healthcare professionals, individuals with HIV, policymakers, and others in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and virtually at the [AIDS 2026 – the 26th International AIDS Conference](#) on July 26–31, 2026. The largest conference on HIV comes at a crucial time in the face of an unprecedented funding crisis and major cutbacks to HIV programs. AIDS 2026 will highlight the latest advancements in HIV research, from basic and translational science to implementation science and community-focused sessions.

The following list presents information on sessions and poster presentations by CIRA affiliates with links to individual abstracts and further details. CIRA-affiliated presenters are underlined. Events are listed chronologically and scheduled in Brazil Time, BRT (EDT UTC-4).

An embargo on all abstracts is currently in effect and will lift on Monday, July 27, 2026, at 14:00 BRT. Please visit the [AIDS 2026 Conference Program](#) to access the complete conference schedule.

PLENARY, SYMPOSIA, SATELLITE, AND ORAL ABSTRACT SESSIONS (11)

Tuesday, July 28

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| 15:00 - 16:00
Room 201 | SY06. No retreat, no surrender: The future of philanthropy in HIV
How do we attract impact investors into the HIV response?
Presenter: <u>LaRon Nelson</u> , Yale University, USA |
| 18:00 - 19:30
Room 103 | SAT03. Report from The Lancet HIV commission on HIV and ageing
Moderators: <u>Amy Justice</u> , Yale University, USA and Keri Althoff
Johns Hopkins, USA |

Wednesday, July 29

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| 10:30 - 11:30
Room 101A | OAX11. AIDS 2026: Co-Chairs' Choice
OAX1106LB. Once-weekly oral islatravir/lenacapavir (ISL/LEN) versus daily standard-of-care therapy in virologically suppressed adults with HIV-1: week 48 results of the ISLEND-2 phase 3 trial (Abstract)
Presenter: Amy E. Colson, Community Resource Initiative, USA
Authors: A.E. Colson, P.N. Kumar, P.J. Ruane, P. Chetchotisakd, W. Ratanasuwan, A. Liberty, R.G. Nahass, A. Arenas-Pinto, F.A. Post, D.A. Baker, P. Cahn, E. Hofmann, D. Watanabe, P.-L. Lu, A.H.E. Roukens, M. Parczewski, H. Wang, K. Chen, F. Shihadeh, M. Shaughnessy, H. Dvory-Sobol, D. SenGupta, C. Llamoso, M.S. Rhee, <u>O. Ogbuagu</u> , for the ISLEND-2 Study Team |
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15:00 - 16:00 Room 202	OAB14. ARTistic strategies 2: The long game OAB1403. Efficacy and safety of twice-yearly lenacapavir, teropavimab, and zinlirvimab as an HIV-1 treatment for up to 104 weeks (Abstract) Presenter: James McMahon, The Alfred Hospital and Monash University, Australia Authors: J. McMahon, J. Eron, A. Gaur, E. DeJesus, D.A. Baker, C. Brinson, P. Cook, G. Crofoot, J. Gallant, M.S. McKellar, H. Liu, N. Zhang, K. Mponponsuo, S.E. Collins, <u>O. Ogbuagu</u>
15:00 - 16:00 Room 201	OAF17. Law, power and access: Overcoming barriers to HIV services OAF1706LB. Assessing transition readiness: a qualitative review of 28 U.S. global health MOUs and implications for HIV, TB, and malaria (Abstract) Presenter: <u>Jirair Ratevosian</u>, Duke University, USA Authors: <u>J. Ratevosian</u>, I. Castillo, C. Collins
16:30 - 17:30 Room 203	SY17. When data is not enough: Rewiring the HIV response for a new era Rethinking research: New models, new money Presenter: <u>LaRon Nelson</u>, Yale University, USA

Thursday, July 30

10:30 - 11:30 Room 203	OAD24. Innovations with underserved populations: Health equity in action OAD2402. Typologies of stigma and implications for HIV prevention among women who exchange sex and use drugs in Kazakhstan (Abstract) Presenter: <u>Tara McCrimmon</u>, Yale University, USA Authors: <u>T. McCrimmon</u>, M. Darisheva, B. West, M. Chang, <u>A. Terlikbayeva</u>, N. Zholnerova, E. Grigorchuk, S. Primbetova, L. Gilbert, N. El-Bassel, V. Frye
12:00 - 13:00 Room 204	SAT07. Long-acting antiretrovirals - A promise for hope Considerations for Selecting Long-Acting Options for your Patient Presenter: <u>Onyema Ogbuagu</u>, Yale School of Medicine, USA

Friday, July 31

12:00 - 13:00 Room 202	OAD36. Minds matter: Mental health in HIV treatment and prevention OAD3605. Reducing HIV and hazardous drinking risk and improving mental health and addiction management during incarceration: learnings from Help OAT Prison Engagement (Abstract) Presenter: <u>Julia Rozanova</u>, Yale University, USA Authors: <u>J. Rozanova</u>, <u>S. Shenoj</u>, M. Sabirova, D. Madybaeva, O. Zeziulin, <u>I. Zaviryukha</u>, I. Kharandiuk, <u>L. Grau</u>, R. Sevrukaite, V. Fedorchenko, A. Deac, <u>F. Altice</u>, <u>N. Shumskaya</u>
13:30 - 14:30 Room 201	OAD39. Unshakable care: Protecting LGBTQ+ health in hostile climates OAD3906LB. Anti-LGBTQ+ legislation, mental health, and ART non-adherence among sexual minority men, trans women, and gender-diverse PLHIV in Ghana: a mediation analysis (Abstract) Presenter: Akua O. Gyamerah, University at Buffalo, USA Authors: A.O. Gyamerah, P. Prado, H.H. Leslie, P.K. Ayeh, N.A. Vanderpuye, <u>L.E. Nelson</u>, T.B. Neilands, M. Lightfoot, S.A. Lippman

14:45 - 16:00

Room 101A

[PL05. Rapporteur report-back session](#)

Track E rapporteur summary

Presenter: [LaRon Nelson](#), Yale University, USA

LATE-BREAKER POSTERS (2)

[LB14. Rheumatologic and musculoskeletal disorders, disability, and HIV-related factors among people aging with HIV in Lima, Peru: a COPCORD-based cross-sectional study](#)

Presenter: [Valeria Navarro Galarza](#)

Authors: [V. Navarro Galarza](#), A. Berrocal-Kasay, M.P. Cornejo, B. Acevedo-Celis, M. Antich, E. Matos, F. Mejía, S. Rojas, C. Villanueva, C. Becerra-Sabrera, R. Pacheco, P.J. García, [E. Hsieh](#)

[LB67. Projected impact of U.S. PEPFAR withdrawal on Zimbabwe and implications for the global HIV response](#)

Presenter: Imelda Mahaka

Authors: K.H. Tram, J. Sherwood, I. Mahaka, M. Cameron, B. Honermann, C. Beyrer, [J. Ratevosian](#)

POSTER EXHIBITIONS (33)

Tuesday, July 28

[TUPEC160. Forecasting the global age distribution of people with HIV from 2025-2040](#)

Presenter: Kristen Stafford

Authors: M. Schnure, A. Berry, K. Althoff, A. [Justice](#), A. Fojo, D. Dowdy, T. Shamu, N. Ford, K. Stafford, M. Boffito, P. Kasai³

[TUPEC210. Evolving PrEP use in the long-acting injectable era: findings from a cohort of transgender women in the United States and Puerto Rico, 2023–2025](#)

Presenter: Ceza Pontes

Authors: C. Pontes, A.L. Wirtz, T.C. Poteat, [A.E. Radix](#), C. Beyrer, A. Borquez, J.S. Schneider, S. Linton, A. Lint, V. Vannappagari, A. Guignard, L. Ragone, A. de Ruiter, E.E. Cooney, S.L. Reisner, ENCORE Study Group

[TUPEC217. Efficacy of a clinic-integrated HIV prevention app “JomPrEP” to scale up HIV testing and pre-exposure prophylaxis uptake among men who have sex with men in Malaysia: randomized controlled trial](#)

Presenter: Md. Safaet Hossain Sujan

Authors: M.S.H. Sujan, [J.A. Wickersham](#), K. Gautam, K. Paudel, A. Khatai, [I. Azwa](#), P. Phiphatkhunarnon, R. Taj, A. Yap, S. Basri, P.S. Sullivan, [F.L. Altice](#), [R. Shrestha](#)

[TUPED294. Incarceration history, stigma, and pre-exposure prophylaxis \(PrEP\) use intentions among African American young adults](#)

Presenter: Jelani Kerr

Authors: J. Kerr, T. Crawford, S. Mrug, [V. Earnshaw](#), S. Rai, R. DiClemente, K. Kelly-Taylor, M. Wendel, A.S. LaJoie, J. Murillo, A. Smith, N. Nzama, S. Walters, L. Richardson, J. Turan

[TUPED299. Peer-led online communities increase engagement with medications for opioid use disorder: main outcomes and implications for HIV prevention among people at high risk](#)

Presenter: Sean D. Young

Authors: S.D. Young, W.G. Cumberland, D. Fehmie, B. Chakravarthy, [S. Springer](#)

[TUPED333. “Trumu trumu nurse”: stigma by association among frontline providers in Ghana’s HIV response](#)

Presenter: Henry Dakpui

Authors: H. Dakpui, [G. Abu-Ba'are](#), O. Shamrock, G. Agbemedu, G. Adjaka, K. Torpey

[TUPED345. Expectations regarding aging among men and women living with HIV: the mediating role of structural and clinical factors](#)

Presenter: [J. Malca-Hernandez](#)

Authors: [J. Malca-Hernandez](#), D. Granda, E. Bratland, Y. Pinedo, F. Gonzales, M. Tapia, P.J. Garcia, [E. Hsieh](#)

[TUPED 377. Power struggles among Latino HIV service providers: encountering racism in the workplace and barriers in providing culturally and linguistically appropriate HIV services for Latinos](#)

Presenter: [Moctezuma Garcia](#)

Authors: [M. Garcia](#), R. Alegre, E. Nazario, M. Casas, J. Zepeda, J.D. Fuchs, L. Drabble

[TUPEE526. Long-acting injectable HIV treatment discontinuations: reported reasons for discontinuation since LAI program start at an LGBTQ health center](#)

Presenter: Aviva Cantor

Authors: A. Cantor, [A. Radix](#), S. Sukumaran, R. Vail

[TUPEF636. Aligning bilateral health compacts with the Kigali Declaration: a comparative analysis of three U.S. health MOUs in Africa](#)

Presenter: [Jirair Ratevosian](#)

Authors: [J. Ratevosian](#), M. Chola, J. Auerbach

[TUPEF653. Maintaining opioid agonist therapy during war: treatment continuity, risk behaviors, and HIV prevention among internally displaced people who inject drugs in Ukraine](#)

Presenter: Natasha Tracy

Authors: N. Tracy, [F. Altice](#), A. Meteliuk, T. Fomenko, [R. Ivasiy](#), [E. Machavariani](#)

Wednesday, July 29

[WEPEB125. Gender-affirming hormone therapy and cardiometabolic risk among transgender and gender-diverse individuals in Metro Manila, Philippines](#)

Presenter: Olivia Sison

Authors: O. Sison, T. Laguig, L. Felix, [A. Restar](#)

[WEPEC186. Implementing pre-exposure prophylaxis among gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men in Romania: a randomized controlled trial of a live counseling and app-based adherence intervention](#)

Presenter: Corina Lelutiu-Weinberger

Authors: C. Lelutiu-Weinberger, A. Zavodszky, M. Filimon, L. Hightow-Weidman, S. Golub, M. Lixandru, L. Hanu, C. Fierbinteanu, R. Patrascu, S. Luculescu, I. Filipescu, M. Bora, A. Streinu-Cercel, N. Buckner, B. Yi1, A. Rochelle, C. Jianu, [J. Pachankis](#)

[WEPEC179. HIV PrEP promotion preferences among sexual and gender minority persons in the southern United States – a discrete choice experiment](#)

Presenter: Ronnie M. Gravett

Authors: R.M. Gravett, N.N. Soe, [L.T. Matthews](#), J.D. Tucker, B. Van Der Pol, R. Heffron, J.J. Ong

[WEPEC195. Nurse-led, same-day pre-exposure prophylaxis delivery for people who inject drugs within syringe services programs: a pilot randomized controlled trial](#)

Presenter: Md. Safaet Hossain Sujan

Authors: K. Gautam, K. Paudel, [F.L. Altice](#), [D. Vlahov](#), A. Khati, [J.A. Wickersham](#), T.E. Moore, E. Bae, S. Bhusal, M.S.H. Sujan, N. Kil, [R. Shrestha](#)

[WEPED370. Crowdsourcing HIV stigma reduction messaging for clinic staff: lessons from Kazakhstan](#)

Presenter: [Tara McCrimmon](#)

Authors: M. Darisheva, V. Frye, [T. McCrimmon](#), [A. Terlikbayeva](#), S. Primbetova, K. Alipova, D. Gryazev, Z. Mussina, A. Utegenova, B. West

[WEPED382. Gaps in HIV prevention programming for Tajikistan’s young male labor migrants and their wives](#)

Presenter: [Tara McCrimmon](#)

Authors: [T. McCrimmon](#), A. Dasgupta, M.M. Philbin, L.R. Metsch, F. Sangova, M. Sirojiddinova, J. Jonbekov, S.M. Weine

[WEPEE468. Rethinking PrEP scale-up: progressive AI targeting for long-acting HIV prevention](#)

Presenter: Bradley Max Segal

Authors: B.M. Segal, S. Morris, R. Mendonca, H. Bekele, Y. Richard, S. Smedinghoff, W. Delva, C. van Heerden, A. Spyrelis, D. Rech, [J. Ratevosian](#)

[WEPEE480. Project I-CARE-4-PAH: an Intervention for a new collaborative care model to assess individual health risks using scores, scales, and related outcomes for people aging with HIV](#)

Presenter: Michael Virata

Authors: M. Virata, C. Johnson, [E. Hsieh](#), R. Marattoli, E. Payne, L. Sheehan, W. Stewart, J. Womack, L. Barakat

[WEPEE483. Cost-effectiveness of implementing long-acting ART among high-risk populations in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa](#)

Presenter: Mellesia Jeetoo

Authors: M. Jeetoo, Y.-R. Yeo, D. Charles, A. Moll, S. [Shenoi](#), N. Morojele, J. Mbaya, P. Zamma, S. Gasa, J. Francis, [R.S. Braithwaite](#)

[WEPEE485. Feasibility and acceptability of a telementoring implementation strategy to support decentralized HIV care in Peru: preliminary results from a stepped wedge trial](#)

Presenter: David Oliveros

Authors: [D. Oliveros](#), K.T. Tafur Quintanilla, J.J. Montenegro-Idrogo, K.A. Konda, [L.M. Madden](#), T. Litz, M.S. Haddad, [J. Sánchez](#), [F.L. Altice](#)

[WEPEE518. “The services were scrapped...” Explorations of 2025 funding cuts and impacts on HIV prevention services for pregnant and postpartum women in southwestern Uganda](#)

Presenter: Patricia Smith

Authors: P. Smith, E.C. Atukunda, M. Pratt, E. Kanini, M. Korukiiko, S. Owembabazi, I. Aturinda, M. Kanyesigye, R. Heffron, J. Szychowski, W. Muyindike, C. Psaros, R. Barnabas, T. Muwonge, [L.T. Matthews](#)

[WEPEE534. Rethinking entry and access to care: AI-enabled self-care as HIV service infrastructure](#)

Presenter: Dino Rech

Authors: N. Mtshali, A. Spyrelis, D. Rech, P. Potsane, S. Smedinghoff, N. Maricich, C. Sokhela, S. Cooper, W. Delva, D. Roberts, C. van Heerden, S. Morris, N. Tata, S. Frade, [J. Ratevosian](#)

[WEPEE577. Optimizing a cost-effective implementation strategy bundle through the Learn As You Go design as the study proceeds --- application to PULESA-Uganda's integration of hypertension prevention and care into HIV clinics](#)

Presenter: [Donna Spiegelman](#)

Authors: [D. Spiegelman](#), J. Cui, J.B. Kiggundu, J.J. Lok, C.T. Longenecker, [M. Abdo](#), [X. Zhou](#), [D. Cameron](#), F. Kagoya, F. Semitala

[WEPEE581. From viral suppression to comprehensive care: patient and provider priorities for older people with HIV in Peru](#)

Presenter: Juan Montenegro-Idrogo

Authors: J. Montenegro-Idrogo, E. Matos, K. Konda, [D. Oliveros](#), K. Tafur, M. Ponticiello, [L. Madden](#), [J. Sanchez](#), [F. Altice](#)

[WEPEE585. From chat to care: translating AI conversations into community-generated program intelligence for HIV services](#)

Presenter: Dino Rech

Authors: S. Baptiste, B. Segal, [J. Ratevosian](#), K. Gupta, H. Bekele, S. Smedinghoff, R. Mendonca, S. Morris, S. Cooper, D. Rech, A. Spyrelis, P. Potsane

[WEPEE587. Rising above misinformation: safety-first, quality-assured AI for HIV and sexual and reproductive health self-care](#)

Presenter: Natalie Maricich

Authors: H. Bekele, R. Mendonca, S. Smedinghoff, J. Alagarajah, S. Cooper, N. Maricich, D. Mbatuegwu, D. Simpson-Cupido, N. Moremi, D. Jaravani, S. Morris, A. Spyrelis, P. Potsane, [J. Ratevosian](#)

[WEPEE607. Co-producing a psychosocial harm-reduction intervention in prison settings: development and piloting of the HOPE programme in Kyrgyzstan](#)

Presenter: Alexandra A. Deac

Authors: A.A. Deac, M. Sabirova, [N. Shumskaya](#), [I. Zaviryukha](#), D. Madybaeva, R. Sevrukaite, [S.V. Shenoi](#), O. Zeziulin, [L. Grau](#), I. Kharandiuk, [J. Rozanova](#)

[WEPEF625. HIV prevention service disruption among transgender adults in the context of 2025 federal executive orders in the United States](#)

Presenter: Adedotun Ogunbajo

Authors: [A.J. Restar](#), A. Ogunbajo, R. Sanders, J. Bauermeister, T. DeAtley, A. Breslow, [T. Kershaw](#), D. Operario, K.E. Gamarel

Thursday, July 30

[THPEB121. Long-term clinical outcomes are good at 5 years after analytical treatment interruption among participants in early-phase HIV cure studies](#)

Presenter: Donn Colby

Authors: [P. Chan](#), S. Pinyakorn, C. Sacdalan, E. Kroon, P. Promensa, S. Sriplienchan, J. Intasan, N. Phanuphak, M. de Souza, E. Garges, T.A. Crowell, S. Vasan, R. Paul, L. Trautmann, D. Colby, RV254/SEARCH 010 Study Team

[THPED347. Barriers and facilitators to scaling up PrEP in Kazakhstan: perspectives from HIV care providers](#)

Presenter: [Tara McCrimmon](#)

Authors: M. Darisheva, V. Frye, T. McCrimmon, [A. Terlikbayeva](#), S. Primbetova, K. Alipova, D. Gryazev, N. Zholnerova, Z. Mussina, A. Utegenova, B. West

[THPED396. PrEP knowledge, partner PrEP use, and sexual behavior of sexual minority men, transgender women, and gender-diverse people living with HIV in Ghana](#)

Presenter: Akua O. Gyamerah

Authors: A.O. Gyamerah, M. Afrooz, E. Owusu-Donkor, B. Boateng, P.K. Ayeh, T.B. Neilands, [L.E Nelson](#), N.A. Vanderpuye, M. Lightfoot, S.A. Lippman

[THPED405. Low healthy successful aging among older Peruvians living with HIV on ART, and its relationship with stigma and treatment/comorbidity burden](#)

Presenter: Juan Montenegro-Idrogo

Authors: J. Montenegro-Idrogo, K. Konda, E. Matos, K. Tafur, [D. Oliveros](#), [J. Sanchez](#), [F. Altice](#)

E-POSTERS (4)

[EP147. Peer-run PROST intervention improved depressive symptoms among older people with HIV in Ukraine in a randomized pilot study](#)

Presenter: Oleksandr Zeziulin

Authors: O. Zeziulin, K. Dumchev2, [I. Zaviriukha](#), I. Kharandiuk, V. Fedorchenko, A. Deac, [S. Shenoj](#), [J. Rozanova](#)

[EP182. What could work? Black immigrants' perspectives on effective PrEP implementation strategies in the United States](#)

Presenter: [Sylvia Shangani](#)

Authors: [S. Shangani](#), L.J. Kiptui, S. Kimball, S.A. Assoumou, C.E. Rodriguez-Diaz

[EP232. Perceived HIV risk and PrEP awareness among black immigrants in the United States: a qualitative study](#)

Presenter: [Sylvia Shangani](#)

Authors: [S. Shangani](#), L.J. Kiptui, S. Kimball, C.E. Rodriguez-Diaz, S.A. Assoumou

[EP261. Barriers and facilitators to HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis \(PrEP\) uptake among key populations in Georgia: a mixed-methods study](#)

Presenter: Tamari Mgebrishvili

Authors: T. Mgebrishvili, I. Kirtadze, D. Otiashvili, M. Sherozia, [D. Oliveros](#), [F.L. Altice](#)