

**The International AIDS Conference** is the premier gathering for those working in the field of HIV, as well as policy makers, persons living with HIV and other individuals committed to ending the pandemic. It is a chance to assess where we are, evaluate recent scientific developments and lessons learnt, and collectively chart a course forward.

Between the 18th until the 23rd of July 2010 the International AIDS Conference is to be held in Vienna. Despite growing momentum over the past few years, significant challenges remain. It is now absolutely clear that **stigma, discrimination and rights violations as well as punitive or misguided policies towards key populations most affected by HIV, are major obstacles to an effective response to HIV**.

Given the 2010 deadline for universal access set by world leaders, AIDS 2010 will coincide with a major push for expanded access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support. With a global economic crisis threatening to undermine public investments, **the conference will help keep HIV on the front burner, and is a chance to demonstrate the importance of continued HIV investments to broader health and development goals**.

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