



INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON

HIV & ADOLESCENCE

CHALLENGES & SOLUTIONS 2020

WINDHOEK, NAMIBIA • 28-30 NOVEMBER 2020



SAVE THE DATE

Of all new HIV infections each year, over 30% of these are adolescents. This specific age demographic is the largest driver of the HIV epidemic globally and is the only group in the population living with HIV that has an increased death rate. AIDS is now the second leading cause of death among young people worldwide.

In order to find a solution to this rampant crisis, it is vital to provide a platform for interaction between the research community, healthcare providers, implementers, policy makers, and the young people themselves. Meaningful youth engagement is the key component in achieving the strongest HIV response that will reach this target population. By providing a platform for this approach, this workshop is the only opportunity for adolescent involvement at all levels of research, trial design, implementation, advocacy, and policy.

Get involved in these developments and join the movement by attending the 4th edition of the **International Workshop on HIV & Adolescence** which will take place from 28-30 November 2020 in Windhoek, Namibia. This edition will be **hybrid**, allowing virtual participation for those unable to travel. We hope that by diversifying the structure, we will be able to welcome more participants to this workshop.

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ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

This abstract driven workshop will be guided by cross-cutting themes in the field of adolescent health and HIV care. Each session will include an invited plenary, abstract presentations, debates, and discussions. Young people will take the roll of session chairs and be involved in all aspects of the program. To further their engagement and leadership, we will devote a day to skills building workshops specifically designed by young people, for young people.

Moreover, a market place will be held during which organizations engaged in field of HIV and adolescence have the opportunity to share their publications, tools, and other materials. This concept has proven to be an excellent networking platform to share ideas, exchange knowledge and lessons learned, and form vital new collaborations.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

The workshop is a fantastic opportunity for an array of stakeholders from all regions who work with and for young people. This workshop is ideal for the following delegates:

- Clinicians and other healthcare professionals (HCPs);
- Researchers;
- Adolescents and youth;
- Policy makers, programmers, implementing partners;
- Community representatives; and
- (Non-)Government representatives.

UNIQUE FEATURES

- Specific focus on adolescence across the whole cascade;
- Key evidence from programs that provide services and interventions for adolescents;
- High community involvement;
- Over 30% of attendees from the adolescent age demographic;
- A meeting point for all stakeholders working in the field of HIV & adolescence;
- A lively and interactive market place for organizations to showcase their work;
- Skills building sessions to foster hands-on participatory learning;
- Digital daily highlights in collaboration with UNICEF for those who cannot attend the workshop; and
- A Youth Reference Group who advise the organizing committee on the program and format of the workshop as well as taking the lead on youth-focused content.

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