



# **AIDS 2008**

**XVII INTERNATIONAL AIDS CONFERENCE**

**Mexico City, 3-8 August**

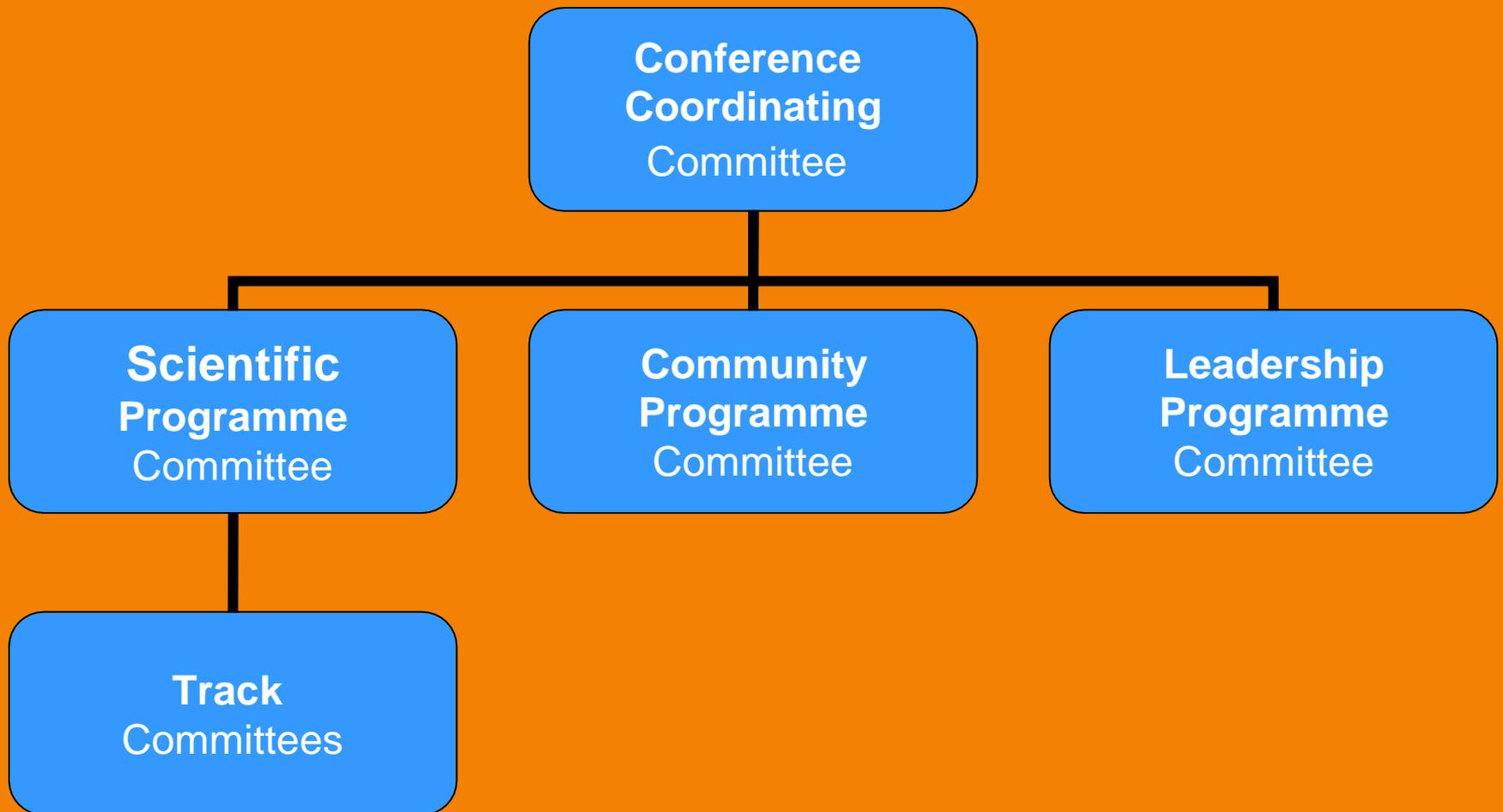


# AIDS 2008: Universal Action *Now*

- **Universal Action *Now*** is a call to action to stakeholders at the global, national, regional and local levels.
- **Universal Action *Now*** emphasizes the need for continued urgency in the global response to AIDS.



# Planning Committees



# Conference Programme Overview

## Programme Sessions

### Plenary

Opening / Closing Sessions

Plenary Sessions

Rapporteur Summary Session

Special Sessions

### Concurrent

Abstract-driven Sessions

Bridging Sessions

Controversy & Common Ground

Learning From Practice

Symposia

Skills Building Workshops

## Programme Activities

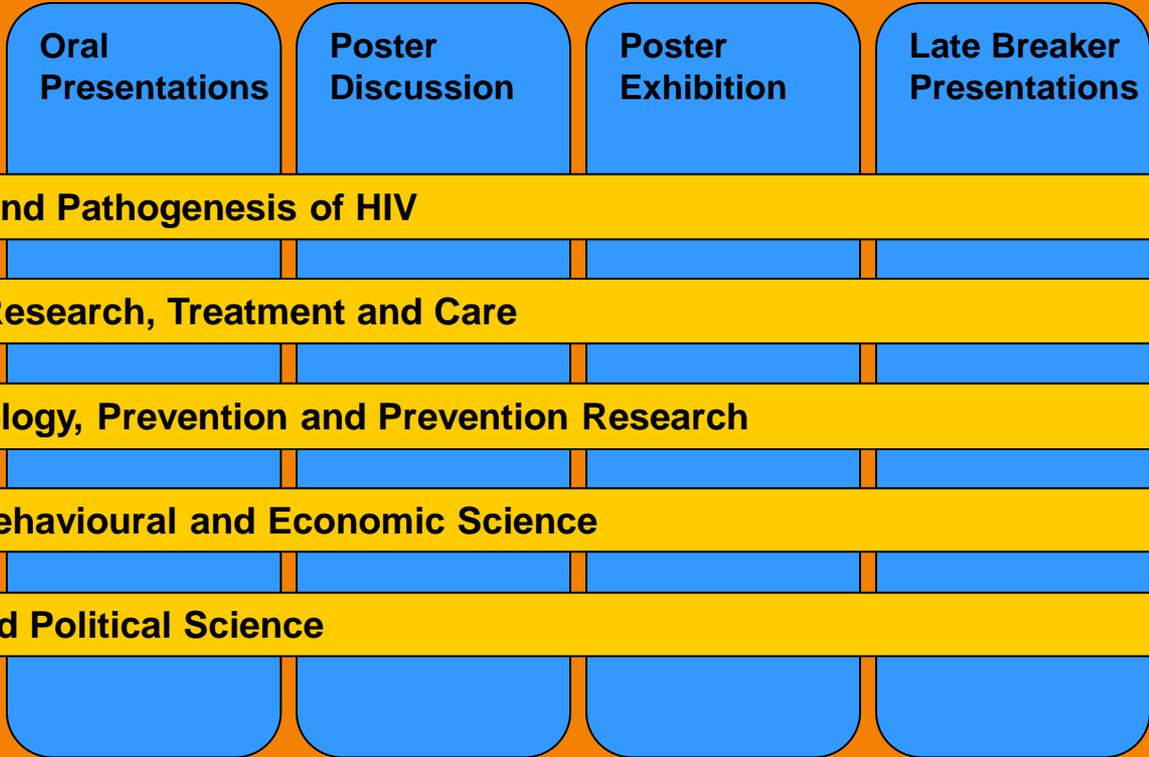
Youth Programme

Cultural Programme

Global Village



# Abstract Tracks and Session Types



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# TB/HIV Sessions at AIDS 2008

- **Plenary Session (August 8<sup>th</sup>)**
- **Abstract Driven Sessions:**
  - oral session (BCG, TB & HAART)
  - poster discussion (TB & HIV a Deadly Partnership)
- **Satellite Symposium (UA of TB services to PL)**
- **SBW (Wanted TB/HIV in the news:)**
- **TB Shack in Commercial Exhibition Area**



# Organizers

## Convened by

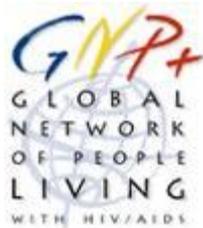


## Local Partners



Local scientific and community leadership

## International Institutional Partners



Including its co-sponsors, the World Health Organization (WHO) and World Food Programme (WFP)



International Council of AIDS Service Organizations



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# Abstract-driven Sessions

- Over half of all conference sessions will be abstract-driven
- Sessions will provide new, research-based evidence and synthesize already available evidence to inform and guide the global response to these challenges
- Sessions will focus on cutting-edge issues of interest to a range of disciplines
- Online abstract mentoring programme allows younger and/or less experienced abstract submitters to ask questions of more experienced abstract submitters

**Abstract submission: 1 November – 19 February 2008**  
**Late Breaker submission: 20 May – 16 June 2008**



# Non-Abstract Driven Sessions

Variety of session formats designed to encourage constructive debate:

- Bridging Sessions
- Learning from Practice Sessions
- Controversy and Common Ground Sessions
- Symposia



# Satellite Meetings

- Meeting times scheduled on Sunday before opening session and on Monday-Thursday mornings and afternoons, before and after official conference sessions
- Sponsored, organized and coordinated by third-parties
- Meetings address issues directly or indirectly related to HIV/AIDS within the context of the conference programme
- All satellite meetings approved by conference organizers
- Slots are available for a fee based on room capacity and time with a limited number of free slots available to meet identified gaps in the conference programme

**Satellite Meeting applications due 31 March 2008**



# Expanded Online Access

- Fully bilingual website (Spanish/English)
- Webcasts and transcripts of key sessions
- Full text of all accepted abstracts
- Multi-language audio files and speaker slides for most sessions available through online Programme-at-Glance
- Rapporteur reports from all sessions
- Online skills exchange database
- Kaisernetwork.org is the official webcaster, with online scientific information and expert analyses provided by Clinical Care Options, Inc.



# Skills Building Workshops

- Primary goal is to facilitate delegates' professional growth
- Cover a diverse range of topics:
  - Scaling up and linkages
  - Latin America and the Caribbean: Lessons shared from a concentrated epidemic
  - Leadership, advocacy and policy
  - Intensifying involvement of affected communities and participation of civil societies
  - Science, medicine and community

**Skills Building proposals accepted  
25 November – 19 February 2008**



# Programme Activities: Youth Programme

- Strengthens the participation of youth and the profile of youth issues through:
  - the youth pavilion
  - an electronic bulletin and website
  - a media hub
  - presentation space
  - mentorship activities
- Lower registration fees for all youth under age 26 and youth scholarships



**Youth Programme applications accepted  
13 December – 19 February 2008**

