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XVI International AIDS Conference **Toronto, 13 – 18 August 2006**

The XVI International Conference on HIV and AIDS is taking place in Toronto, Canada from 13 – 18 August 2006. Around 24,000 participants from around the world are expected to attend the conference where participants will share the latest evidence, ideas and lessons learned in AIDS research, policies and programmes.

Focus areas for UNAIDS at the conference will include;

- looking ahead to the next 25 years of AIDS and how to combine crisis management into a long-term sustainable response;
- the urgent need to intensify HIV prevention efforts globally;
- ‘making the money work’ - ensuring available funding for AIDS reaches the people that need them most as we move towards the goal of universal access to HIV prevention, treatment care and support;
- and the continued need to focus on women and girls within the AIDS response.

Press Conferences organized by or involving UNAIDS

13 August 2006

Event	Opening Press Conference
Time	16:00-17:00
Venue	Room 1, Media Centre, Level 300, Metro Toronto Convention Centre
Speakers	Dr Peter Piot , UNAIDS Executive Director Helene Gayle, President, International AIDS Society Frika Chia, Iskandar, Indonesia Bill and Melinda Gates, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
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Monday 14 August

Event	Launch of Report AIDS in South Asia: Understanding and responding to a heterogeneous epidemic
Time	10:00-11:00
Venue	Room 2, Media Centre, Level 300, Metro Toronto Convention Centre

Speakers **Prasada Rao**, Director, UNAIDS Regional Support Team for Asia and the Pacific
Julian Schweitzer, Director for Human Development in the World Bank's South Asia regional team
Professor David Wilson, co-author of the report and World Bank Senior Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist
Sujatha Rao, NACO

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Event **Children as the missing face of AIDS: Launch of the UNICEF/UNAIDS Africa Orphans and Vulnerable Children's Report**

Time 14:00-15:00

Venue Room 1, Media Centre, Level 300, Metro Toronto Convention Centre

Speakers **Michel Sidibe**, Director, Country and Regional Support, UNAIDS
Rima Salah, Deputy Executive Director, UNICEF
Mary Mahy, Programme Officer, Division of Policy and Planning, UNICEF
Kent Hill, Assistant Administrator of the Bureau for Global Health, US Agency for International Development
Ahmed Hussein, Director Department of Children Services, Government of Kenya

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Event **Uniting for HIV prevention**

Time 16:00-17:00

Venue Room 2, Media Centre, Level 300, Metro Toronto Convention Centre

Speakers **Dr Peter Piot**, Executive Director, UNAIDS
Anbunmani Romdass, Indian Minister of Health and Family Welfare
Sipho Mthathi, General Secretary, Treatment Action Campaign, South Africa
Richard Burzynski, Chief Executive, ICASO Global Headquarters
Jeffrey Sturchio, Vice President, External Affairs Europe, Middle East, Africa & Canada Human Health, Merck
Lennarth Hjelmaker, Sweden Special Ambassador on HIV/AIDS

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Event **Commission on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific – Moving forward**

Time 17:00-18:00

Venue Room 3, Media Centre, Level 300, Metro Toronto Convention Centre

Speakers **Prasada Rao**, Director, UNAIDS Regional Support Team for Asia and the Pacific
Maire Bopp Dupont, Journalist and Chief Executive Officer, Pacific Islands AIDS Foundation (PIAF)
Dr Tim Brown, Epidemiologist and senior research fellow, East West Centre, Hawaii

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Tuesday 15 August

Event **Solutions to Poverty, Inequality and AIDS: The Economic and Social Empowerment of People living with HIV and AIDS**

Time 14:00-15:00

Venue Room 1, Media Centre, Level 300, Metro Toronto Convention Centre

Speakers **Paul De Lay**, Director, Monitoring and Evaluation, UNAIDS
Vinod Thomas, Director-General, Independent Evaluation Group, World Bank
Mechai Viravaidya, Senator and Board Chairman, Population and Community Development Association Bangkok
Murilo Alves Moreira, President, Brazilian Business Council on HIV/AIDS and Director, Health, Itau Bank
James Laing, Director, africapractice

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Wednesday 16 August

Event **Importance of provision of ARV for injecting drug users**

Time 14:00-15:00

Venue Room 1, Media Centre, Level 300, Metro Toronto Convention Centre

Speakers **Dr Peter Piot**, Executive Director, UNAIDS
Kasia Malinowska-Sempruch, Director, International Harm Reduction Development Program, Open Society Institute
Michel Kazatchkine, French Ambassador on HIV/AIDS and Transmissible Diseases
Sasha Volgina, HIV-positive peer counselor, trainer, and activist for drug users'

access to treatment, Russia
Adeeba Kamarulzaman, President, Malaysian AIDS Council

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Event **25 years of AIDS – Reflecting Back and Looking Forward**

Time 15:00-16:00

Venue Room 1, Media Centre, Level 300, Metro Toronto Convention Centre

Speakers **Dr Peter Piot**, Executive Director, UNAIDS
Helene Gayle, President, International AIDS Society

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Thursday 17 August

Event **Update on the link between male circumcision and acquisition of HIV**

Time 12:00-13:00

Venue Room 3, Media Centre, Level 300, Metro Toronto Convention Centre

Speakers Kevin De Cock, Director, HIV/AIDS Department, WHO
Bertran Auvert, University of Versailles-Saint Quentin, France; INSERM (Institut national de la santé et de la recherche médicale) and Assistance Publique-Hôpitaux de Paris, Hôpital Ambroise Pare, France
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