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DIGNITARIES AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF ICASA 2019

ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

| | |
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| UNAIDS | United Nations Joint Program on HIV/AIDS |
| UNFPA | United Nations Population Fund |
| UNICEF | United Nations Children Emergency Fund |
| WHO | World Health Organization |
| ICASA | International Conference on AIDS and STI's in Africa |
| ICASA 2019 | 20 th International Conference on AIDS and STI's in Africa |
| ICC | International Coordinating Committee |
| ISC | International Steering Committee |
| IT | Information Technology |
| SAA | Society for AIDS in Africa |
| CPC | Community Programme Committee |
| LPC | Leadership Programme Committee |
| SPC | Scientific Programme Committee |
| STIs | Sexually Transmitted Infections |
| NAC | National AIDS Council |

A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The International Conference on AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Infections in Africa (ICASA) is a biennial Conference that alternates between Anglophone and Francophone African countries. ICASA 2019, the 20th edition, returned to Central Africa, Kigali, Rwanda from 2th to 7th December 2019. This is the first time ICASA is being hosted by Rwanda. The theme for ICASA 2019 was “AIDS FREE AFRICA - Innovation, Community, and Political leadership”. The conference was attended by 8,522 delegates.

ICASA 2019 was organised by the Society for AIDS in Africa (SAA), and the Government of Rwanda represented by the Ministry of Health. Since its inception, SAA constitutes an inclusive stakeholder International Steering Committee to organize ICASA. The Steering Committee includes representatives from SAA, the host country, the UN System, Regional National AIDS Councils, communities, international and national scientific institutions and representatives other international organisations.

The Conference Programme, including the abstract and non-abstract driven sessions was designed by three main programme committees: The Scientific programme committee, the Leadership programme committee and the Community programme committee. The Scientific Programme Committee was led by Prof. Tandakha Ndiaye Dieye, SAA Secretary General (Chair) and Dr. Etienne Karita (Co-chair).

The ICASA 2019 conference received 3,107 abstracts. The review committee reviewed 1,562 abstracts of which 120 were accepted for oral presentations and 1,441 were accepted for poster presentations. Abstract-driven sessions and non-abstract driven sessions made up the ICASA 2019 programme. Abstract-driven sessions were divided into five tracks. The committee also organized non abstract driven sessions such as the plenary sessions, special sessions, satellite sessions and skills building workshops.

The community programme committee was led by Mr. Alain Manouan and Madam Sage Semafara. The committee actively mobilized and engaged community groups with the planning of the ICASA 2019 community programme. A total of 20% of scholarships were allocated to community applicants. The Community village programme was also organized by the committee.

ICASA 2019 Community Village, avails a platform for PLHIV, Key populations, community leaders, and their partners to showcase their programmes, services, best practices and share experiences and to network so as to own, scale-up and sustain the response towards the end of AIDS. It further creates a forum to appreciate and exchange African arts and traditions in relation to AIDS and STI's. In addition, Community Village sessions that will take place inside the Community Village area opened to the public, will present an opportunity to discuss important issues.

The ICASA 2019 leadership programme committee was chaired by Hon. Dr. Pagwesese David Parirenyatwa, SAA Vice president and former Minister of health of Zimbabwe and co-chaired by Dr. Jean Baptiste Mazarati.

The ICASA 2019 conference was supported by a local Secretariat located in Kigali – Rwanda headed by Madam Nelly Mukazayire under the leadership of the International Secretariat managed by ICASA Conference Director Mr. Luc Armand Bodea. The local secretariat served as liaison with the Government of Rwanda through the Ministry of Health to ensure local component of the programme, conference logistics, communication and accommodation support.

The ICASA 2019 International Secretariat is located in Accra, Ghana and is also the SAA Permanent Secretariat. It was in charge of the development of the programme, abstract book, the registration, design and implementation of the marketing strategy, exhibition and satellite, the fundraising and scholarship, and the design and development of the ICASA 2019 Website. It also managed the Finance and procurement for the conference according to the international standard practice provided by the ICASA 2019 Finance Policy and Procedure Manual.

Scholarship funding was provided by the ICASA 2019 conference and Government of Rwanda. A total of 754 scholarships were awarded by the ICASA conference. 243 fully funded scholarships were awarded and 511 partially funded scholarships. 300 scholarships were also provided by the Government of Rwanda. The total scholarships awarded was 1054.

We are grateful to our partners for their unwavering support to ICASA which is organized by the Society for AIDS in Africa with its Headquarters based in Accra, Ghana. We hereby acknowledge the support of the government of Rwanda, the UN system and especially the pharmaceutical companies who worked with us to keep the flag flying. We are proud of our selfless council members, community activists and scientists who worked relentlessly to make sure we delivered on our mandate of organizing a successful ICASA. We count on their continuous support to mitigate the impact of HIV/AIDS in Africa. To the entire international community, our delegates and our members, our host country team and government, we say thank you.

B. ICASA 2019 AND ITS FOCUS

The 20th ICASA which was held at the Kigali Convention Centre, Rwanda from 2th December to 7th December 2019.

The Conference theme was "AIDS FREE AFRICA - Innovation, Community, and Political Leadership" The ICASA 2019 Conference was an opportunity, to renew, the global commitment, by drawing the world's attention to the fact that the fight against the HIV/AIDS epidemic is far from won in Africa. Large number of new infections especially among key populations was a threat to the sustainability of the response. ICASA 2019 was a platform for the international community, and Africans, to commit to achieving an AIDS-free generation and strengthen health systems within the continent and also to create more awareness of the growing threats of emerging viral diseases.



Prof. John Idoko, ICASA 2019 President at the Opening Ceremony



Hon. Dr. Diane Gashumba, ICASA 2019 Vice President at the Opening Ceremony

The Conference was chaired by Prof. John Idoko, the President of the Society for AIDS in Africa (SAA) and co-chaired by Dr. Diane Gashumba, the Minister for Health of Rwanda.



Cross section of ICASA 2019 opening ceremony speakers with His Excellency Paul Kagame, President of Rwanda

The objectives of ICASA 2019 were to:

1. Promote community, scientific, and technological innovations for ending AIDS.
2. Advocate for financing sustainable national health responses, political leadership, and accountability.
3. Advocate for strengthened health systems and multi sectorial collaboration to integrate co-morbidities, emerging infections and NCDs.
4. Rethink gender norms, human rights-based approaches and inclusion towards equitable and accessible HIV and AIDS services including Key populations.
5. Promote youth-driven and youth-friendly approaches for an AIDS-free generation

C. OVERVIEW OF PRE-ICASA 2019 PREPARATION

1. ICASA 2019 ORGANISERS AND ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

The Society for AIDS in Africa (SAA), the organizers of ICASA, and the Government of Rwanda through the Ministry of Health were partners in organizing ICASA 2019.

SOCIETY FOR AIDS IN AFRICA

The Society for AIDS in Africa (SAA) was founded in 1989, at the fourth International Symposium on AIDS and Associated Cancers in Africa (now ICASA) held in Marseilles, France, by a group of African scientists, activists and advocates. The establishment of the Society was the result of advocacy by African scientists, started in 1988, for the ICASA Conference to be organised by Africans – a cause supported by the then Executive Director of UNAIDS, Dr. Peter Piot. This movement eventually led to the establishing of SAA, a non-governmental- and not-for-profit organisation. Founding members of the SAA were: Prof. Souleymane Mboup from Senegal, Prof. Kaptue from Cameroon, Dr. Okware from Uganda, Prof. Soyinka from Nigeria, Prof. Kadio and Prof. Gershey-Damet from Côte d'Ivoire, Dr. Patrick and Dr. B. Owili from Kenya, Dr. Pelle from Congo Brazzaville, Dr. Kalenganyi and Dr. Kapita from Democratic Republic of Congo, Prof. Mhalu from Tanzania, Prof. Luo from Zambia, Prof. Latif from Zimbabwe, Dr. Abdulrahman Sow from Mauritania, Dr. Phyllis Kanki from the USA, Prof. Benslimane from Morocco, Dr. Mahmoud from Sudan and Prof. Zribi from Tunisia. (For additional information on SAA please access the website <http://saafrica.org>)



THE GOVERNMENT OF RWANDA

The Government of Rwanda through its Ministry of Health were the co-organizers of ICASA 2019 Rwanda.



Republic of Rwanda
Ministry of Health

ICASA 2019 SECRETARIAT STAFF

ICASA 2019 was organised in partnership between ICASA International Secretariat and the Government of Rwanda. The Government of Rwanda provided the in-country secretariat based in Kigali while the international secretariat operated from the SAA Offices in Ghana and coordinated all activities with regards to ICASA 2019. Radisson Blu Hotel provided the in-country Secretariat with fully furnished office space at the Radisson Blu Business centre.

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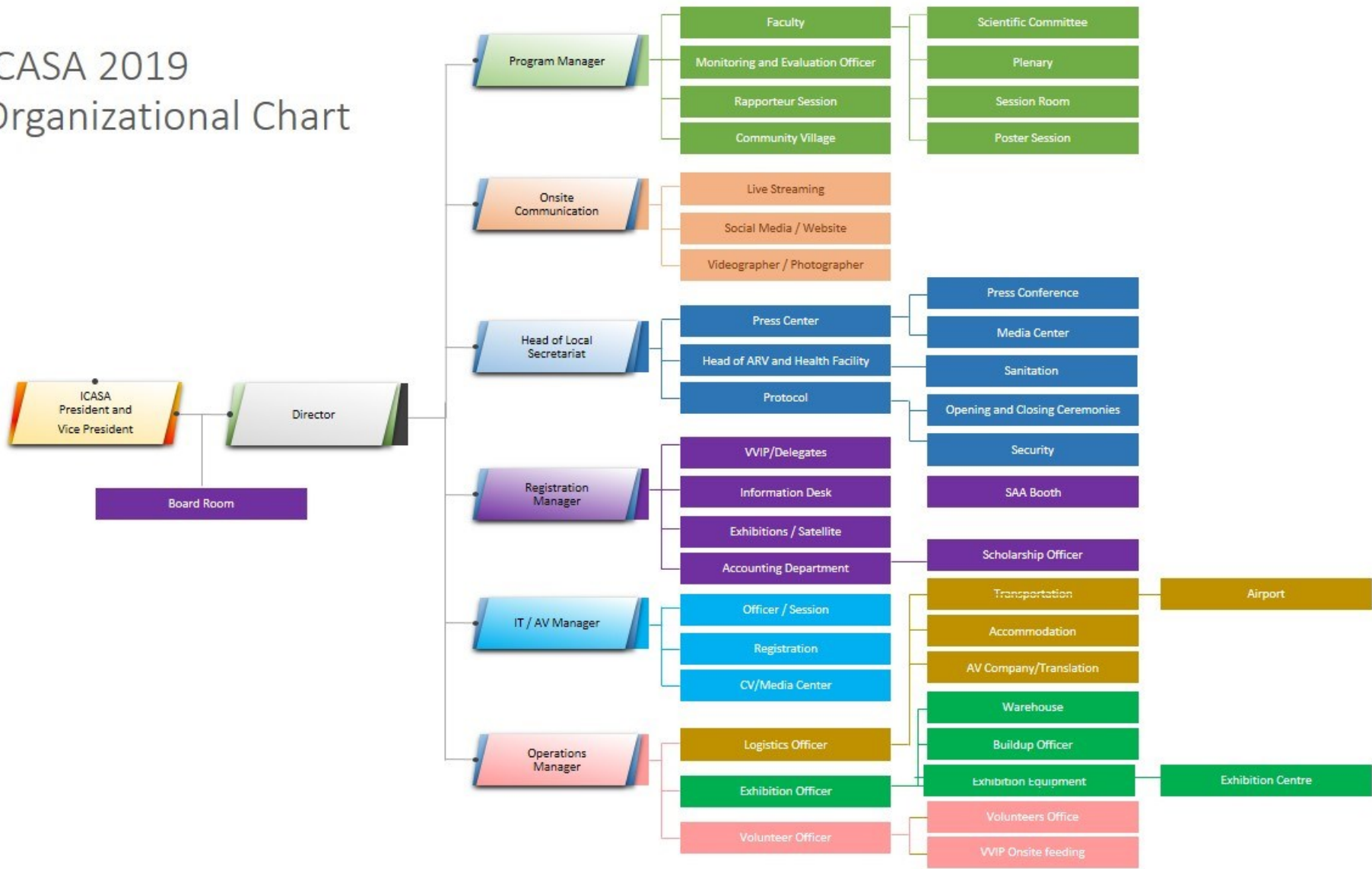
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ICASA 2019 Organizational Chart



2. INTERNATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE

The International Steering Committee (ISC) was made up of 160 members. The Committee was a combination of representatives of the following disciplines:

- Society for AIDS in Africa
- Government of Rwanda
- Chairs and Co-chairs
- Regional (National AIDS Councils)
- International Organisations
- Community/civil society organizations
- Science organisations
- National Science Institutes

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Local Co-Chair: Leadership Programme Committee

Chair: Community Programme Committee

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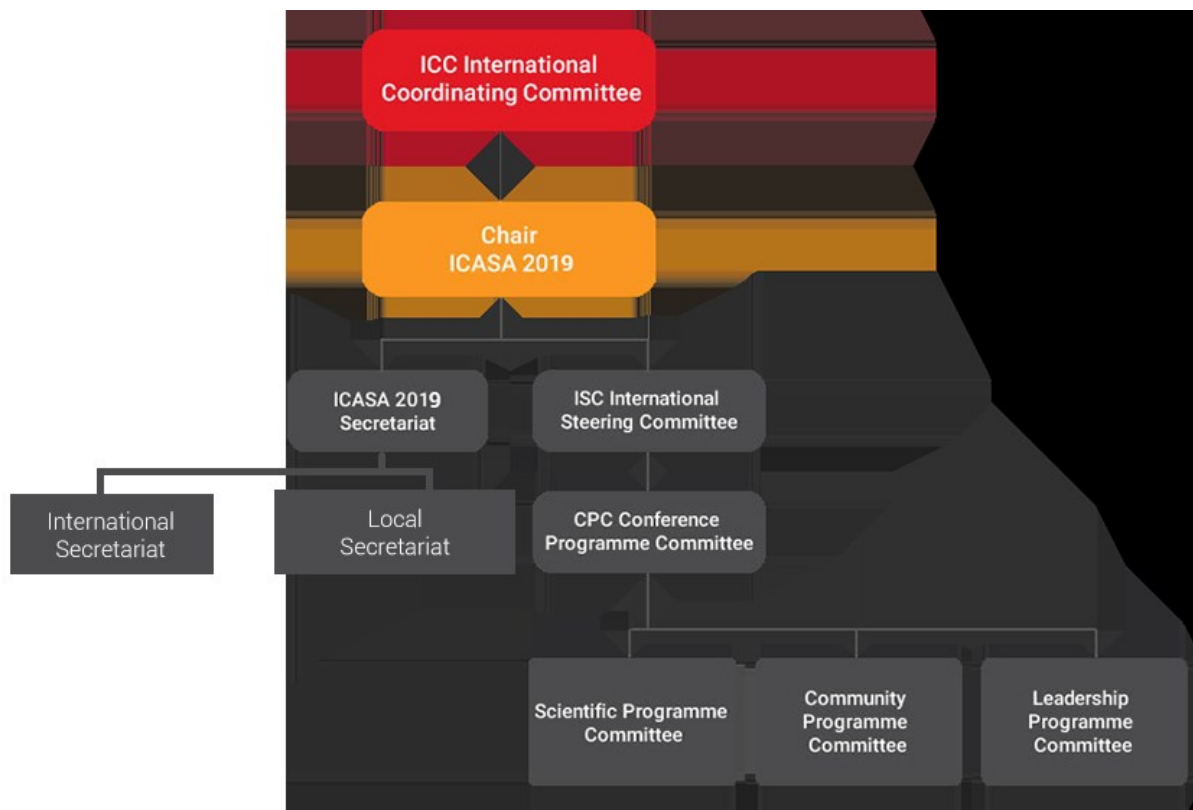
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The Programme team, in conjunction with KIT Group, was responsible for the on-line abstract management. Abstract submission guidelines were developed and approved by the SPC and were incorporated in the on-line abstract submission system. Abstract submissions were open from 1ST February 2019 to 30th July 2019.

All abstracts were screened to ensure the basic requirements were met as stipulated in the abstract submission guidelines. All abstracts that did not meet the basic requirements were rejected. The remaining 3,107 abstracts were submitted to the SPC for review. Each abstract was allocated to three reviewers, with an aim of receiving at least three scores per abstract. A total of 300 reviewers were

allocated an average of 6 abstracts each, which were scored through an on-line blind peer-review process.

| Guidelines/ Criteria for Abstract Reviewing |
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| <p>Key Principles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The content, research and results described in the abstracts as well as your score are strictly confidential. • The review process will be blinded; abstract author information will not be disclosed to the reviewers. • For each of the criteria outlined below, select a score between 1 and 6 where a 6 is the highest score and a 1 is the lowest score. • 20th ICASA wants to particularly encourage abstracts with relevance to the HIV and STIs response in Africa. |
| <p>Criteria to be considered when reviewing:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clarity of purpose and objectives of the study <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are the objectives / issues clear and well presented? 2. Appropriateness of the methodology and study design <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the data analysis and interpretation appropriate? • Is the methodology used appropriate for the study? 3. Significance of the contribution <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the study significant, innovative and original? • Are the conclusions clear and appropriate to the study? • Does the study provide new insights and help the advancement of the knowledge? |

Reviewing Scale

- 1 – 2 **Very Weak/Weak** Shows one or more critical shortcomings / weaknesses. Should be rejected
- 3 **Intermediate** Meets criteria. Could be a poster
- 4 **Strong** Meets criteria & has some distinctive value. Should be a poster
- 5 **Very Strong** Meets or exceeds criteria & has distinctive value. It could be an oral or poster presentation
- 6 **Excellent** Exceeds expectations on all criteria. It should definitely be an oral presentation

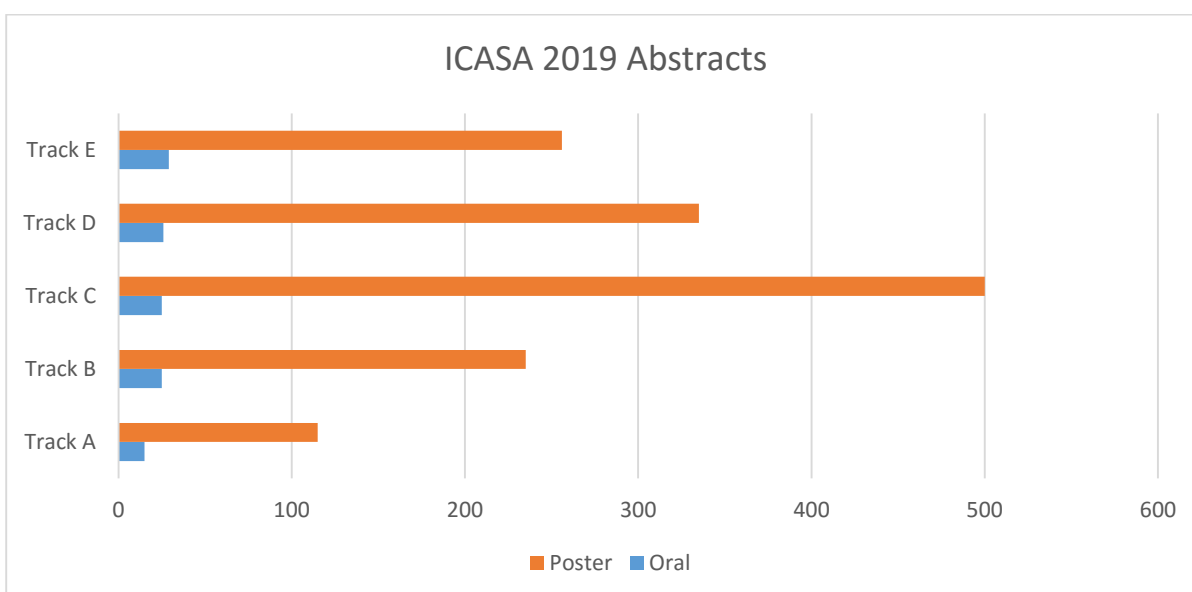


Figure 1. Breakdown of Abstracts by Track

Below is a chart presenting the statistics graphically and showing an increase in the number of posters mounted from the first day to the 4th day of poster presentation.

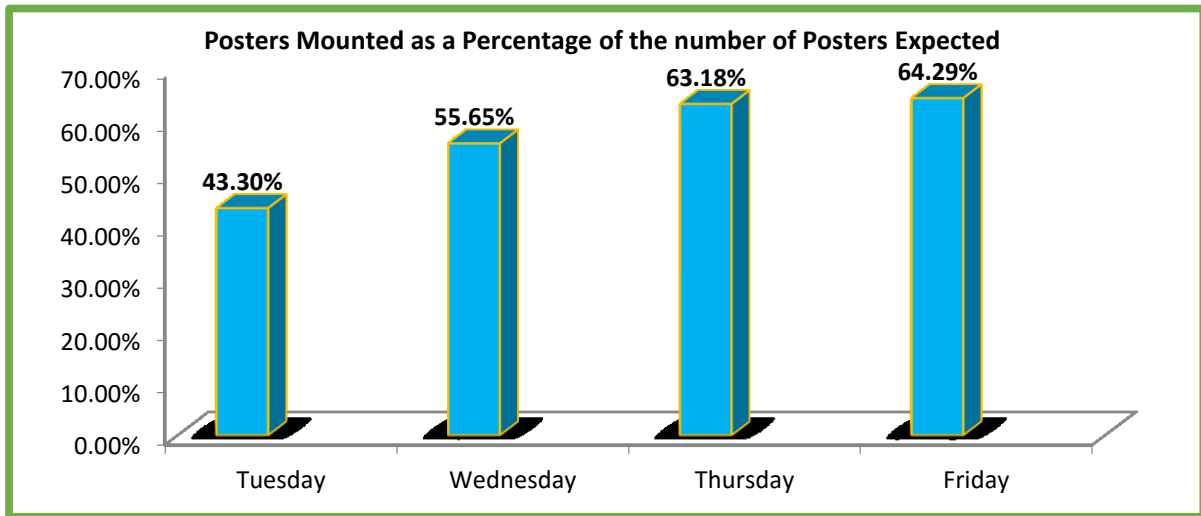


Figure 2. Breakdown of Poster presentation per day

Three meetings were organized and convened to plan ICASA 2019. These were the first International Steering Committee meetings which took place from 7th – 8th June, 2018, the second international steering committee which took place from 28th – 29th March, 2019 as well as the Marathon meeting which took place from 21st – 23rd August, 2019 all hosted at the Serena Hotel, Rwanda. The ICASA 2019 Secretariat organized and facilitated all the meetings and followed up on all the International Steering Committee recommendations.

4. ENSURING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Community involvement before and during ICASA 2019 was vital and compulsory. A Community Programme Committee was formed. Community representatives were included in other Conference programme working groups. Community based organisations and community village activities were two of the categories for which people could apply for scholarships. Scholarships were allocated to community applicants. The Community Village also provided a wide range of activities.



Cross section of participants at the ICASA 2019 Marathon Meeting

5. LOGISTICAL ARRANGEMENTS

The ICASA Secretariat handled the exhibitions at ICASA 2019. The team was responsible for:

- Drafting the exhibition marketing and booking documents and distributing it to the potential exhibitors.
- Marketing exhibition space and allocating relevant exhibition stands to organisations according to the floor plan
- Ensuring visibility and follow up with various stakeholders in line with their marketing product.
- Liaising with stand builders
- Sending the exhibition manual to the confirmed exhibitors
- Ensuring logos and information was received from exhibitors to publish in the printed programme and on the ICASA 2019 website
- Managing the exhibition hall
- ICT
- Exhibition Stands
- Onsite transportation
- Accommodation

ICASA 2019 was able to accommodate 88 of exhibition spaces organized by 68 partners.

The ICASA International Secretariat provided support before and during ICASA 2019. The IT team was responsible for:

- Start-up and maintenance of the ICASA 2019 website and other ICASA 2019 systems
- IT support during the Marathon meeting
- Manage IT suppliers and rollout of equipment in all areas at ICASA 2019

Registration was handled by the ICASA Secretariat and was coordinated from the SAA Permanent Secretariat office in Accra, Ghana. One Registration Liaison under the Registration Manager, based in the ICASA Local Secretariat office, helped to handle onsite registration. The team was responsible for:

- Receiving on-line registrations
- Issuing invoices, payment reminders and following up on outstanding debtors
- Allocating payments and issuing confirmations to delegates
- Creating a training manual for on-site temporary staff and training the staff
- Delegate enquiries
- Issuing certificates of attendance

Other services included:

- Logistical management
- Programme coordination
- Volunteer training

6. ENSURING DELEGATES' TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

Flight booking and ticketing services were provided by Eurotour Ghana Limited and Satguru Company Limited in conjunction with RwandAir.

Before ICASA 2019 the Society for AIDS in Africa and Eurotour Ghana Limited (Travel Management Company) negotiated discounted flights, accommodation and transfer rates and contracted with preferred suppliers. The ICASA 2019 Secretariat was provided with the information and rates, which was uploaded on the ICASA 2019 website. However, onsite transportation was provided free of charge by the ICASA 2019 conference.

7. VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT

A total of 243 volunteers worked on-site during ICASA 2019. The volunteers were generally bilingual. Volunteers were grouped under the various Departments of the Onsite Management such as the Registration, Programme (Faculty), Monitoring & Evaluation, Communication, Poster Area, Rapporteur, Satellite, IT, Community Village and Exhibition. Daily per diems were received after daily assessment forms were signed off by onsite Departmental heads.

8. SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarships and other types of financial support were awarded to a large number of individuals to enable them to attend, participate and present at the Conference. This is crucial to ensure that a balance is maintained in relation to representation at the Conference and its continued relevance as a global forum. Scholarships for ICASA 2019 were funded by the ICASA Conference. Scholarships recipients were from the five geographical regions of Africa. Very high percentage oral and poster presenters who applied for scholarship were granted scholarships. Individuals applied for scholarships through the ICASA 2019 website. The Government of Rwanda provided 300 local scholarships as part of their support towards scholarships for ICASA 2019.

People could apply for scholarships according to the following categories:

- People Living with HIV and AIDS
- Community Based Organisations
- Women
- Youth
- Least Developed Countries
- Media
- Students
- Community influencers
- Researchers
- People living disabilities

The scholarships awarded are listed below:

A total of 1054 scholarships were awarded. 754 scholarships were awarded through the ICASA Conference Organizers. The Government of Rwanda provided 300. A total of 243 fully funded scholarships were awarded.

- General Delegates (Registration and DSA) - 4
- General Delegates (Accommodation and Registration) - 1
- General Delegates (Registration, Travel, Accommodation and DSA) - 243
- Oral presenters (Travel, Accommodation & DSA) - 41
- Poster exhibitors (DSA only) - 200
- Poster exhibitors (Accommodation & DSA) - 100
- HIV+ Delegates (Registration, Accommodation & DSA) - 57
- Community village (Registration, Accommodation & DSA) - 29
- Youth Scholarship (Registration, Accommodation and DSA) - 20
- Attendance from Mexico (Scholarship) + 43 Oral posters
- Registration only – 54
- Total Scholarships from the ICASA Conference – 754
- Total Scholarships from the Government pf Rwanda - 300
- Total scholarship Awardees - 1054

The ISC determined that scholarships would be allocated as follows per category:

- Abstract Presenters 30%
- Workshop Facilitators 10%
- Media 5%
- Program Activities Organizers 20%
- General delegates 35%

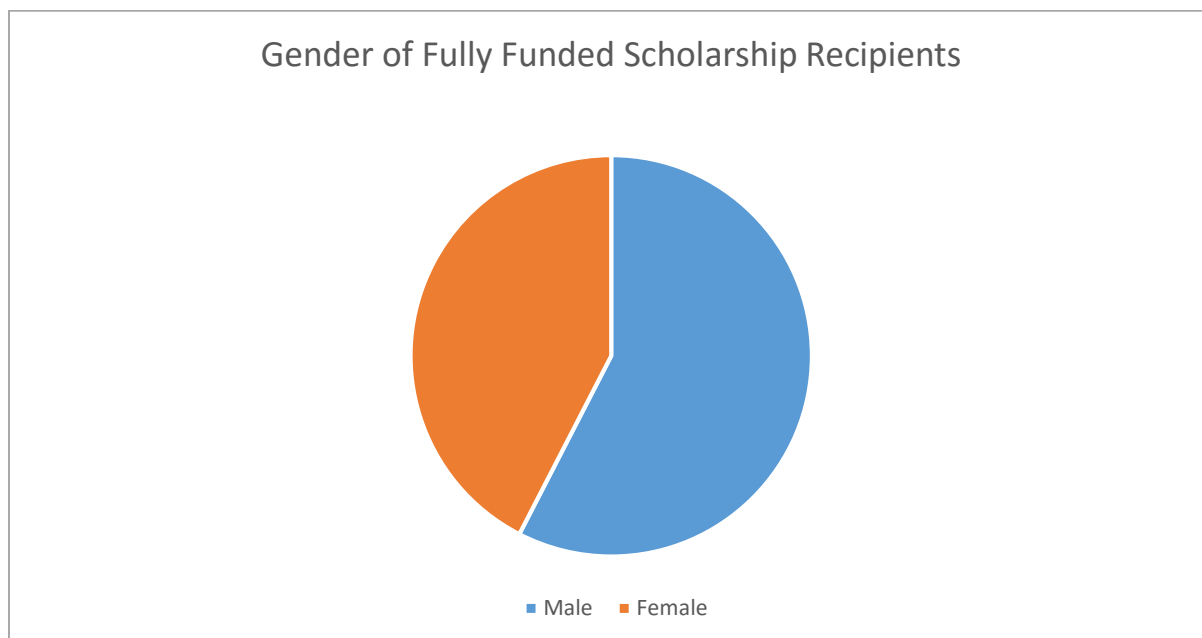


Figure 3. Gender of fully funded scholarship recipients

9. PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY

People with disabilities were represented on the ISC and other Committees. An audit of the facility was conducted prior to the event to ensure that the venue was accessible to people living with disabilities. Based on the recommendations of civil society organizations working with people with disabilities during ICASA 2017, the organizers ensured most disability sessions were located on the ground level. Alternative routes were also created for access to the community village as well as the main exhibition area.

10. SECURITY

On-site Risk, Safety, Security and Medical services were rendered by the Government of Rwanda. Delegates were screened at the various designated entrances and exits. There was a Safety and Security Office located on-site and all delegates were furnished with the contact details as well as emergency numbers. For security reasons, access to all the Conference venues was controlled while access to session rooms of Kigali Convention Centre was only for registered delegates displaying Conference badges. In the interest of personal safety and security, delegates were advised to only display their Conference badges on the Kigali Convention Centre premises.

D. ICASA 2019 CONFERENCE REPORT

OPENING CEREMONY

The opening ceremony took place in the evening of 2nd December, 2019.

- Prof. John Idoko, ICASA 2019 President, delivered the welcome address from the Society for AIDS in Africa.
- Hon. Dr. Diane Gashumba, Minister of health of Rwanda welcomed delegates to Rwanda
- Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus Director General of the World Health Organisation, gave his introductory remarks
- His Excellency, Filipe Jacinto Nyusi, President of Mozambique gave his welcoming remarks.
- His Excellency, Paul Kagame, President of Rwanda inaugurated ICASA 2019.

ICASA 2019 Opening Ceremony Speech



[Prof. John Idoko, ICASA 2019 President](#)



[Hon. Dr. Diane Gashumba, ICASA 2019 Vice Presidents](#)



[Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director General, WHO](#)



[His Excellency, Filipe Jacinto Nyusi, President of Mozambique](#)



[His Excellency, Paul Kagame, President of Rwanda](#)

PLENARY SESSIONS

The first plenary session was held on 3rd December 2019. The speakers were:



[Prof. Lawrence Corey](#)

[Her Excellency Mukabalisa Donatille](#)

[Mrs. Rosemary Mburu](#)

- Prof. Lawrence Corey - Towards developing a globally effective HIV vaccine
- Her Excellency Mukabalisa Donatille - African Heads of State towards AIDS Free Africa: What does it take!
- Mrs. Rosemary Mburu - Health Financing: community and private sector engagement for increased domestic funding

The second plenary session was held on 4th December 2019. The speakers were:



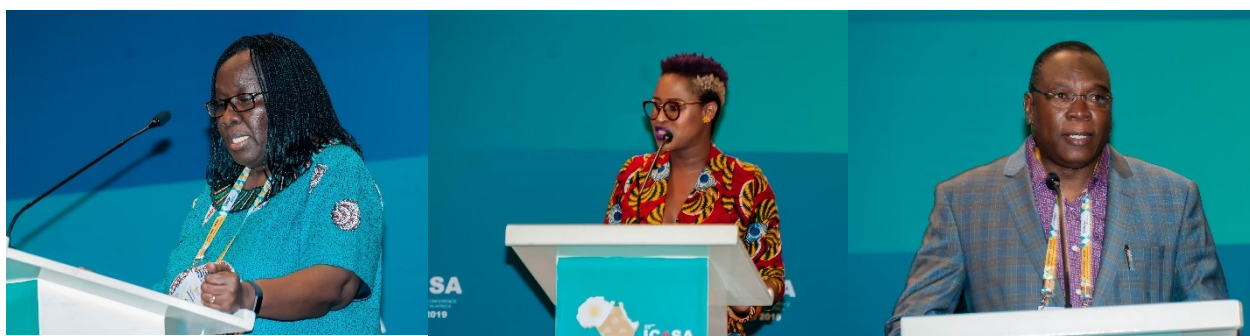
[Prof. Linda-Gail Bekker](#)

[Massogui Thiandoum](#)

[Prof. Wafaa El-Sadr](#)

- Prof. Linda-Gail Bekker - Operationalizing the implementation of innovative biomedical prevention (PrEP, microbicides, and long acting ARVs)
- Massogui Thiandoum - Promote stronger community led leadership for ending AIDS in Africa
- Prof. Wafaa El-Sadr - Integrating HIV Care with emerging infections, comorbidities, and NCDs

The third plenary session was held on 5th December 2019. The speakers were:



[Dr. Dorothy Mbori-Ngacha](#)

[Tshepo Ricki Kgositau](#)

[Prof. Seni Kouanda](#)

- Dr. Dorothy Mbori-Ngacha - What will it take to achieve EMTCT and 90-90-90 goals for children in Africa?
- Tshepo Ricki Kgositau - Stronger positioning of women leadership in Africa in the HIV Response
- Prof. Seni Kouanda Accessing services for people living with Disabilities

The fourth plenary session was held on 6th December 2019. The speakers were:



[Dr. Tendani Gaolathe](#)

[Cindy Kelemi](#)

[Dr. Olawale Felix Fadare](#)

- Dr. Tendani Gaolathe - How to optimize second and third line ARV regimens and prevent HIV drug resistance through differentiated care in Africa
- Cindy Kelemi - Political leadership to advance SDG 3 and promote inclusivity of vulnerable populations
- Dr. Olawale Felix Fadare - Community Innovation and Technology to ending AIDS

The last plenary session was on 7th December, 2019. The speakers were:



[Wame Mosime](#)

[Gouem Phadylatou](#)

[Sandrine Umutoni](#)

- Wame Mosime - Community based monitoring for quality service delivery
- Gouem Phadylatou - Youth leadership at the centre of the HIV response
- Sandrine Umutoni - Addressing social structures to increase access to service and agency for Adolescent girls and young women

CLOSING CEREMONY

The closing ceremony took place on 7TH December 2019. The speakers were:



[Dr. Col. Alain Azondekon](#)

[Jeanne Gapiya](#)

[Mabingue Ngom](#)



[Prof. John Idoko, ICASA 2019 President](#)

[Hon. Dr. Diane Gashumba, ICASA 2019 Vice President](#)

- Dr. Col. Alain Azondekon, Chief rapporteur, presented the ICASA 2019 Rapporteur Report.
- Jeanne Gapiya, Activist and Champion of Adolescent girls & Young women's rights
- Mabingue Ngom, Executive Director, UNFPA West and Central Africa
- Prof. John Idoko, ICASA 2019 President and President of the Society for AIDS in Africa (SAA)
- Dr. Diane Gashumba, Minister of Health of Rwanda & ICASA 2019 Vice President

11. ABSTRACT DRIVEN SESSIONS

The abstract driven sessions enabled researchers to share new and evolving information about their research.

A total of 3107 abstracts were submitted to ICASA 2019 for review of which 1561 were selected for presentation at the Conference. 120 oral abstract sessions and 1441 were selected for poster presentation. Each abstract was scored through a blind peer-review process. The descriptions of each of the five tracks was as follows:

TRACK A: BASIC SCIENCE (Biology & Pathogenesis)

This track will encompass all aspects of fundamental HIV biology and the host response to HIV. Areas of focus will include HIV infection and replication, transmission, genetics, evolution, structure and function, pathogenesis, adaptive and innate immune responses to HIV, genetic susceptibility to HIV, interaction of micronutrients, co-infection and progress in animal models. Pre-clinical vaccine, microbicide, and drug development will be important themes of this track.

TRACK B: CLINICAL SCIENCE, TREATMENT AND CARE

This track will analyze clinical features of opportunistic infections, malignancies, severe bacterial diseases, co-morbidities in people living with HIV. Issues in antiretroviral therapy, response to ART, adherence, retention, long term follow-up, management of side effects, ART in specific populations (adolescents, Elderly, pregnant women) will also be addressed. Emerging topics such as aging, frailty and in other age-related comorbidities such as cardiovascular, renal, neurocognitive, bone mineral and metabolic diseases will be discussed. Issues of resistance and management of failure including salvage therapy which is a concern in resources limited settings will be addressed.

TRACK C: EPIDEMIOLOGY AND PREVENTION SCIENCE

This track will focus on HIV and AIDS prevention research and issues related to the design, implementation and evaluation of prevention programs to reach the SDG. It will include examination of Research, methodological and programmatic advances in the continuum of prevention, particularly best practices in HIV prevention for vulnerable populations in resource-limited settings. Strategies to put HIV prevention research into practice, efforts to promote preparedness for bio-medical prevention technologies, and research on new prevention approaches including microbicides, vaccines, pre- and post-exposure prophylaxis, circumcision and other methods will be presented. This Track will also address co-morbidities (Hepatitis, Tuberculosis, and STI's, communicable and emerging diseases).

TRACK D: LAW, HUMAN RIGHTS SOCIAL SCIENCE AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

This track aims to highlight new knowledge and address gaps in the translation of behavioural and social science evidence into practice, and to contribute to the building of theory and understanding in HIV-related social science. The track also aims to promote understanding of the individual and social determinants of HIV-related risk, vulnerability and impact, to inform development of effective and sustainable HIV responses that are based on human dignity and individual entitlements. This track will feature research, analysis and evaluation on psychosocial factors that shape individual attitudes, experiences, and behaviours, social and structural factors that shape vulnerability and risk; social and cultural norms that underlie individual risk and community vulnerability; programmes that promote acceptance of human diversity and fast track access to HIV and STI prevention, treatment, care and support; social and structural factors that shape vulnerability; and methods and outcomes of individual and community engagement, leadership, empowerment, and self-determination

TRACK E: HEALTH SYSTEMS, ECONOMICS AND IMPLEMENTATION SCIENCE

This track will aim to provide new insights into the status of the health systems and its capacity and challenges to expanding treatment and prevention in resource-limited settings. At the same time, issues related to health economics, integration of health programs, country ownership of national health and HIV programs, and advancement of a comprehensive and integrated approach to health and rights will be discussed. This Track must show the need for a holistic vision of the fight against the disease by the effective strengthening of health systems. The verticalization of the fight is not a proper and appropriate response in a context where we have recurrent epidemics.

The abstract driven component comprised of:

- **ORAL ABSTRACT SESSIONS**

The sessions were organized into themes and deal with new developments in each of the tracks. Each session included up to five speakers who each make brief presentations followed by a short discussion. Audience questions were encouraged and facilitated by the session chair. As competition for the limited number of slots available was quite strong, only abstracts presenting truly innovative and relevant research were considered.

- **POSTER EXHIBITION**

The exhibition was also generated from peer-reviewed abstracts and covered a wide variety of topics organized by track. Posters were displayed in the Exhibition Hall, next to the Community Village, and were available for viewing throughout the Conference from Tuesday to Friday from 10:15AM -16:45PM. Authors were asked to stand by their posters during break times to answer questions and provide further information on their study results.

12. NON-ABSTRACT DRIVEN SESSIONS

There were 11 non-abstract driven sessions, addressing a variety of emerging and topical issues related to innovation, sustainability and equity in the HIV response. The format and focus of the sessions varied.

PLENARY SESSIONS

Five (5) plenary sessions were organized with a 15 speakers. Plenary sessions featured some of the world's most distinguished researchers, political leaders and high-level specialists. It brought all Conference delegates together every morning. The topics reflected the many facets of the Conference theme namely "AIDS FREE AFRICA - Innovation, Community, and Political leadership".

SPECIAL SESSIONS

Fourteen (14) special sessions featured presentations by some of the world's leading experts and global champions. These high-level presentations were held mid-day and were highly engaging for all delegates.

SATELLITE SYMPOSIA

Ninety-nine (99) satellites sessions addressed critical issues on where there were no n consensus decisions. Speakers and delegates who attended the session shared experiences, and brainstormed on possible ways forward. Sessions also reported on new findings and announced forthcoming research and new initiatives.

SKILLS BUILDING WORKSHOPS

Five (5) skill building workshops were organized with the aim of transferring new skills or strategies for research, programme implementation and advocacy to participants. Workshops helped stimulate new and stronger partnerships for problem-solving related to the many different HIV-related needs.

13. EXHIBITION

ICASA 2019 had 88 exhibition stands. The following organisations exhibited at ICASA 2019:

ORGANIZATIONS

| | |
|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| Abbott | Mylan |
| AFRICA BIOSYSTEMS LIMITED | National AIDS Control Programme – Tanzania |
| AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF) | National AIDS Council-Zimbabwe |
| ANCS | National AIDS/STI Control Programme (Ghana Health service) |
| AUROBINDO PHARMA LTD | NASCP |
| AVACARE HEALTH | Omega Diagnostics Ltd |
| BD Biosciences | OraSure Technologies Inc |
| Biocentric | Plateforme ELSA |
| bioLytical Laboratories, Inc. | Population Council |
| BIOSYNEX SA | Population Services International |
| Cepheid | Premier Medical Corporation |
| Chembio Diagnostic Systems, Inc | QIAGEN |
| Chemonics International | RBC |
| Diagnostics for the Real World Ltd | RCB |
| Expertise France | RwandaAir |
| Gilead | SADC- SRHR 2030 "Community of Policy and Practice" SAT |
| Guangzhou Wondfo Biotech Co., Ltd. | SafAIDS |
| HIV Vaccine Trials Network (HVTN) | Savics |
| Hologic | Selenium Education and Research Centre |
| Human Gesellschaft fuer Biochemica und Diagnostica mbH | Society for AIDS in Africa |
| Humana People to People | Sysmex South Africa |
| HUMENSIS/BELIN INTERNATIONAL | The Female Health Company |
| IAS | Trans Smart Trust |
| ICAP at Columbia University | Trinity Biotech |
| INTEC PRODUCTS, INC (XIAMEN). | U.S. Census Bureau |
| International Partnership for Microbicides | UGANDA AIDS COMMISSION |
| International Treatment Preparedness Coalition | UN Women |
| Johnson & Johnson Global Public Health | UNAIDS |
| KAREX | UNFPA |
| Laurus Labs Limited | UNICEF |
| Le Reseau Eva | ViiV Healthcare |
| mothers2mothers | Virology Education |
| MSD | WFP |
| MSF | WHO |



Cross section of some booths at the ICASA 2019 Exhibition Centre

14. SATELLITE MEETINGS

Ninety-nine (99) satellite meetings were convened each day of the Conference. Meetings were entirely organized by commercial and non-commercial organisations. The content and speakers of the satellite meetings were organized and coordinated by the party proposing the satellite. The proposed satellite sessions were reviewed by appropriate committees to ensure they met with conference specifications.

ORGANIZATIONS THAT ORGANIZED SATELLITE MEETINGS

| | |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| AFRICAID | Prevention Access Organisation |
| CARITAS INTERNATIONALIS | International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI) |
| SYMEX | UNAIDS |
| OraSure Technologies | Chemonics |
| Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation | UNFPA West and Central Africa Regional Office |
| OAFIAD | ICAP and Rwanda Biomedical Center |
| Diagnostics for the Real World Ltd | Sonke Gender Justice |
| SIDACTION | WFP, ILO, UNAIDS |
| PEPFAR | UNODC |
| Imbuto Foundation | Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI), AfroCAB, and Unitaid |
| Jhpiego | Virology Education |
| ITPC | National AIDS Control Council - Kenya |
| Drugs for Neglected Diseases initiative | MSD |
| Expertise France | Health Economics and Epidemiology Office (HE2RO) |
| ICAP at Columbia University | UNFPA ESARO |
| Global Network of Black People Working in HIV | Zimbabwe National AIDS Council |

IAS
The Aurum Institute
Project SOAR/Population Council

FHI 360
Unitaid and Wits RHI
UN Women
USAID Global Health Supply Chain Program-
Procurement and Supply Management project
CeSHHAR Zimbabwe
Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
Cellule Sectorielle de Lutte contre le VIH/Sida du
Ministère de la Solidarité et de la Lutte contre la
Pauvreté
UHAI EASHRI
World Council of Churches-Ecumenical Advocacy
Alliance
Trans* Alliance

ICAP at Columbia University
UNFPA GHANA
International Planned Parenthood Federation
Africa Region
ANCS
Abbott
Coalition PLUS
University of Maryland Global Initiatives
Corporation, Nigeria
Open Society Foundations
Roche Diagnostics
PSI

UNICEF
Frontline AIDS

EDCTP

15. Community Village

The Community Village was an integral and vibrant part of the ICASA 2019 programme. The Village hosted talks, giving Conference participants and the general public the opportunity to interact with leaders, policy makers, community advocates and activists. The village was structured in a way that ensures the science and the arts of HIV mingled coherently. Delegates and visitors visited the Village exhibition booths and networking zones in the village. The Community Village activities included: Panel discussions and debates on cutting-edge HIV issues at the Community Dialogue Space; Film screenings; Art exhibits; Networking zones focusing on key populations; NGO and marketplace booths showcasing the work and products of organizations working within the HIV field; and a range of live performances from local and international artists on the Main Stage. No registration fee was required to be admitted into the Community Village.

After the welcome remarks of the Community village coordinator, Dorothy Ogutu, the opening ceremony of this year's ICASA Community Village received the opening remarks from Mr. Luc Armand Bodea, ICASA Director, Mr. Alain Manouan, Chair of the ICASA 2019 Community Programme, Madam Sage Semafara, Co-chair of the ICASA 2019 Community programme, Richard Makurundundu, YKP representative, Martha Clara, AGYW representative and Sylvie Murenza, PLHIV representative.



Mr. Luc Armand Bodea, ICASA Director addressing delegates at the ICASA 2019 Community village opening ceremony



Madam Sage Semafara, Co-chair of the ICASA 2019 Community Programme addressing delegates at the ICASA 2019 Community village opening ceremony

- **Networking zones** brought together local and international groups together to plan and implement exciting spaces focused on key populations. These spaces aimed to facilitate engagement and exchanges to enhance learning.
- **The Main Stage** was an open space for public discourse and presentations on key issues and challenges. The space also hosted cultural activities such as musical performances, dance acts, theatre plays and more.
- **The Community Dialogue Space** provided a venue to engage with communities and partners from around the world. The Talks open and active discussions highlighting stories of grassroots victories, challenges that communities face and opportunities to improve their response to the HIV and STIs.
- **NGO booths** provided non-governmental organisations the opportunity to interact with delegates and the general public, as well as to promote their activities for the duration of the Conference.

16. ICASA 2019 delegates

A total of 8522 delegates attended ICASA 2019 Rwanda. Delegates include scholarship recipients, media representatives, exhibitors and visitors to the Community Village. Paying delegates were from 98 nationalities residing in 113 of countries. The majority of delegates were from sub-Saharan Africa (76%). 220 media / press representatives were registered.

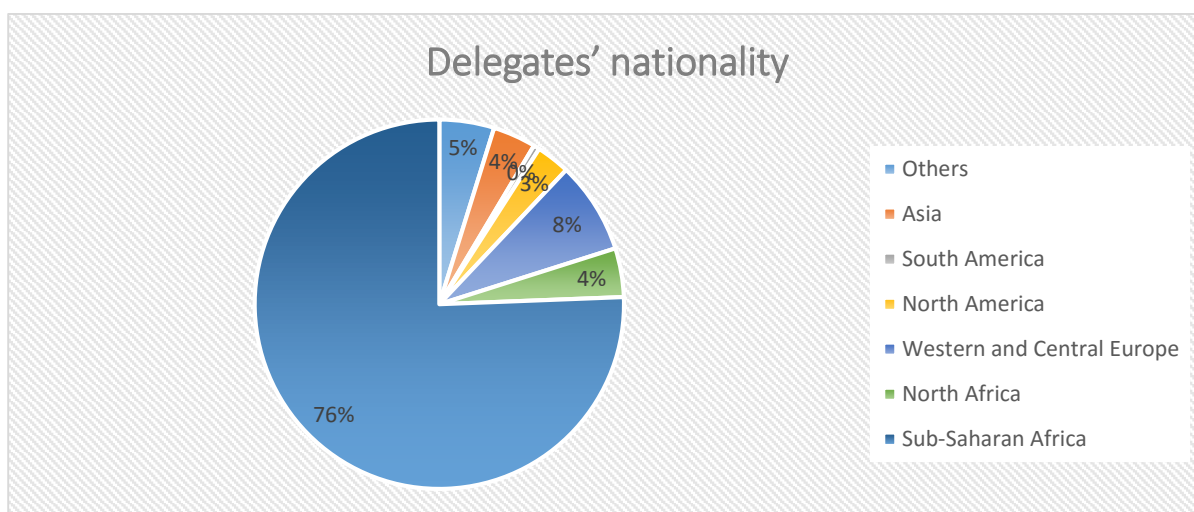


Figure 4. Delegates' nationality

ICASA 2019 AUDIT

A team of auditors from Price Waterhouse Coopers (PwC) with the SAA Finance department was in Ghana to audit ICASA 2019 Accounts. The Audit took place from 19th to 29th February, 2020. The ICASA Audit was professionally conducted and the financial report was finalized and published on the SAA Website.