

# ICASA 2019 QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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The International Conference on AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Infections in Africa (ICASA) is the **biggest bilingual** international AIDS conference which takes place in Africa. It is an opportunity to highlight the diverse nature of the African's region HIV epidemic and the unique response to it. The AIDS Conference is the premier gathering for researchers, activists, community workers and health professionals around the globe to share their latest scientific advance in the field. ICASA 2019 is expected to convene over 10,000 delegates from more than 150 countries, including 200 journalists to Kigali Convention Centre, Rwanda.

## ICASA 2019 1<sup>st</sup> International Steering Committee (ISC) Meeting

Under the leadership of Prof. John Idoko, ICASA 2019 President and Hon. Dr. Diane Gashumba, Minister of Health of Rwanda/the ICASA 2019 Vice President the 1<sup>st</sup> ISC meeting took place at the Kigali Serena Hotel with the purpose of planning the ICASA 2019 programme.

After rigorous deliberations, the objectives, theme and logo of ICASA 2019 were selected.



Prof. John Idoko



Hon. Dr. Diane Gashumba



1<sup>st</sup> ISC Meeting Group Photograph, Kigali Serena Hotel

**ICASA 2019 THEME:**

**AIDS FREE AFRICA - Innovation, Community, and Political Leadership**

## ICASA 2019 OBJECTIVES

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-sectoral collaboration to integrate co-morbidities, emerging infections and NCDs.
4. Re-think gender norms, human rights-based approaches and inclusion towards equitable and accessible HIV and AIDS services including those targeting key populations.

5. Promote youth-driven and youth-friendly approaches for an AIDS-free generation.



The selected ICASA 2019 logo was designed by Mr. Komlanvi APEVINYEKOU from Togo, he will receive an award of US\$1000 at ICASA 2019.

## WORK IN PROGRESS

- Finalize [plenary topics](#) speaker propositions.
- Finalize plenary chairs and co-chairs for ICASA 2019.
- The ICASA 2019 Youth Programme is currently underway as the ICASA International Secretariat in conjunction with various youth organizations will begin developing the youth programme from January 2019. [ICASA 2019 Key Dates](#)

## ICASA 2019 UPCOMING EVENTS

ICASA 2019 secretariat will be calling members for proposition of various non-abstract driven sessions from 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

ICASA 2019 ABSTRACT: abstract category and subtitle has been validated and the call for abstract will be opened 1st February 2019.

[Early registration for ICASA 2019](#) opens on 1st February and closes 15th April 2019, at 23:59 GMT. At the 1st ICASA 2019 ISC meeting it was suggested by the ICASA director that the registration fee from ICASA 2017 should be maintained for ICASA 2019.

This is your chance to take advantage of the discounted early registration rate. Also SAA paid members will be given a 5% off on the discounted early registration fee. [Delegate Registration Fees](#).

The 2<sup>nd</sup> ISC meeting is scheduled to take place 28<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2019, where proposed sessions alongside plenary speakers will be validated.

### **NUMBER OF NON ABSTRACT DRIVEN SESSIONS TO BE PROPOSED PER PROGRAMME COMMITTEE**

COMMITTEE	PLENARY SESSIONS	SPECIAL SESSIONS	WORKSHOPS	NON ABSTRACT DRIVEN SESSIONS
Scientific Program Committee	5	5	10	6
Community Program Committee	5	5	8	6
Leadership Program Committee	5	5	6	6

**NB:** Registration for accommodations begins on January 2019. Register through our [website](#)

Please note that the [SOCIETY FOR AIDS IN AFRICA \(SAA\)](#), the organizer of ICASA 2019, will not be responsible for any payments made outside of our jurisdiction and as such will not be liable and bound by law to process any refund whatsoever.

[Preliminary Conference Programme](#)

**NB:** All ICASA 2019 programme committee and SAA members should kindly finalize the plenary speaker propositions in line with their various plenary topics.



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