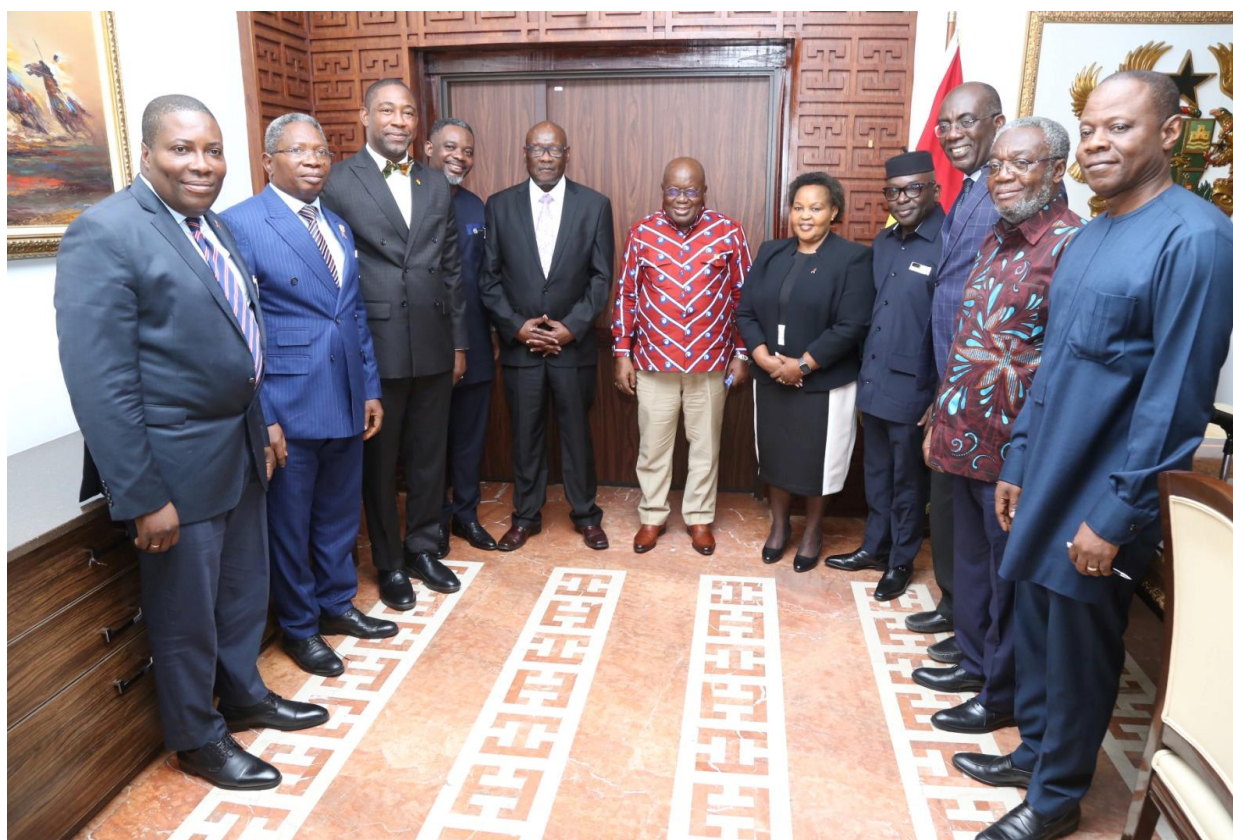




**PRESS RELEASE: GHANA HOST COUNTRY OF THE 23RD EDITION
OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON AIDS AND STIS IN
AFRICA (ICASA 2025)**

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H. E. Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, President of the Republic of Ghana, with Hon. Dr. David Pagwesese Parirenyatwa, ICASA 2025 President, Dr. Bernard Okoe-Boye, Minister of Health, Dr. Emmy Chesire, SAA Executive Board member, Mr. Luc Armand Bodea, ICASA Director, Dr. Patrick Kuma-Aboagye, Director General, Ghana Health service, Dr. Anthony Nsiah Asare, Presidential Advisor on Health, Dr. Kyeremeh Atuahene, Director General, Ghana AIDS Commission, Dr. Stephen Ayisi Addo, Programme Manager, NACP and Prof. Kwasi Torpey, Dean, School of Public Health, University of Ghana, at Jubilee House, Accra-Ghana

The Society for AIDS in Africa (SAA) is delighted to announce that Ghana has been selected as the host country for the 23rd edition of the International Conference on AIDS and STIs in Africa (ICASA), which will take place in from 3rd to 8th December 2025 at the Accra International Conference Centre. This prestigious event will convene global leaders, community, researchers, advocates, and

healthcare professionals to further the continent's fight against HIV/AIDS, STIs, Hepatitis, Malaria, TB, emerging viral infections and strengthening Africa's Health systems.

Since its inception in 1989, SAA has been at the forefront in providing a global platform for Africa's response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic. ICASA has become a landmark event, bringing together thousands of delegates from across the globe to share insights, research, and strategies to combat the HIV/AIDS pandemic and emerging viral diseases on the African continent.

Over 8118 delegates from over 105 countries attended ICASA 2023 in Harare, Zimbabwe. Ghana's selection marks its first time hosting the conference. This 23rd edition of ICASA will be hosted in West Africa to mark the 35th Anniversary of Society for AIDS in Africa.

The choice of Ghana as the ICASA 2025 host is a testament to the country's leadership through H.E. Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, President of the Republic of Ghana. The selection process was highly competitive, with Ghana's bid emerging as successful due to its demonstrated exceptional dedication to addressing HIV/AIDS challenges in the West African sub region.

ICASA 2025 in Accra will be a pivotal moment in advancing Africa's health systems towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), global goal of ending new HIV infections by 2030 and advancing the AU Agenda 2063.

The Society for AIDS In Africa extends its deepest gratitude to the Government of Ghana for its unwavering support and commitment to hosting this important event. ICASA 2025 promises to build on the successes of previous editions and further mobilize Africa and the international community in the global effort to end AIDS as a public health threat by 2030.

Preparations for ICASA 2025 are already underway, and we invite stakeholders, donors, and the global health community to stay updated on the latest developments. The first International steering committee meeting of ICASA 2025 will be held from 28th to 29th November 2024 at the Alisa Hotel, Accra Ghana.

For more information on the upcoming conference, please visit our website at <http://www.saafrica.org>

NOTES TO EDITORS

The Society for AIDS in Africa was founded in 1989 at the Fourth International Symposium on AIDS and Associated Cancers in Africa (now ICASA) Held in Marseille, France by a group of African scientists, activists, and advocates in response to the HIV epidemic. The establishment of the Society was the effect of the agitations of some African scientists for the conference to be organised on African soil. These agitations began in the preceding year at the end of the third meeting held in Arusha, Tanzania in 1988. The cause of these scientists was supported by the then one of WHO, Director Dr. Peter Piot.

At the 1990 conference held in the Democratic Republic of Congo, an Executive committee was inaugurated to oversee the establishment of the Society and to coordinate a subsequent international conference on AIDS and STIs in Africa (ICASA) conferences. The society was officially registered in Nairobi, Kenya with a functional secretariat in Nigeria. The permanent secretariat of the Society for AIDS in Africa was established in 2009 in Accra-Ghana. For more information on SAA please visit www.saafrica.org

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