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THE NATIONAL HIV & AIDS SYMPOSIUM 2025

FEATURING THE ANNUAL NATIONAL HIV & AIDS SCIENTIFIC MEETING, *THE 17th ANNUAL JOINT AIDS REVIEW, THE HIV & AIDS SUSTAINABILITY DIALOGUE AND PHILLY LUTAAYA MEMORIAL LECTURE*

NOVEMBER 26th - 28th, 2025

Theme: “Building a Sustainable HIV Response to End AIDS as a Public Health Threat”

Call for Abstracts

Background

The Uganda AIDS Commission (UAC), in partnership with the Research, Academia, Science and Professional Associations HIV Response Partner (RASP - HRP), has scheduled **the National HIV and AIDS Symposium 2025 (NHAS 2025) on 26th - 28th November 2025**. The meeting will bring together researchers, policy makers and service implementers to share new knowledge on HIV and AIDS and review implementation of the national HIV response against targets set in the National HIV and AIDS Strategic Plan (NSP). NHAS 2025 will feature **the National HIV and AIDS Scientific Meeting 2025, the 17th Joint AIDS Review**, a dialogue on the sustainability of the HIV and AIDS response in Uganda, a state-of-the-art exhibition on HIV and AIDS interventions and breakthroughs and **The Philly Lutaaya Memorial Lecture**.

Venue

The venue for NHAS 2025 will be **Mbarara University of Science and Technology (MUST), Mbarara**. NHAS 2025 has been planned to be a key activity building up to the World AIDS Day 2025 (WAD 2025) commemoration, which is scheduled to occur on December 1, 2025, in Bushenyi District.

Goal

To share new knowledge from research and experience in HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment, care, social support, and systems strengthening in the national HIV and AIDS response.

Specific objectives

1. To share and discuss completed, ongoing, and planned research in HIV and AIDS
2. To build the capacity of junior scientists and civil society HIV/AIDS researchers
3. To provide a platform for stakeholders in HIV and AIDS to showcase current breakthroughs in HIV and AIDS interventions
4. To review progress on implementation of the National HIV and AIDS Strategic Plan and the National HIV and AIDS Research Agenda
5. To dialogue with partners on the sustainability of the HIV and AIDS response
6. To commemorate the Philly Lutaaya Day

Participation

NHAS 2025 will be a 3-day event from November 26th to November 28th, 2025. The Scientific and Programs Committee will receive and evaluate abstracts for oral plenary sessions and various poster sessions. Oral presenters will be requested to submit their presentations at least 5 days prior to the symposium. Poster presenters will be requested to submit an electronic version of their poster for approval before printing. Authors are invited to submit abstracts under the priority topics below.

Thematic Areas and Priority Topics for NHAS 2025
Epidemiology and HIV Prevention <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Surveys on HIV prevention indicators in the general population or specific populations2. Assessments of feasibility, acceptability, utilization, cost-effectiveness, and retention for new HIV prevention interventions and programs3. Utilization of Behavior Change Communication (BCC) approaches to reach vulnerable populations with HIV and AIDS information4. Innovative use of traditional and new media to create demand for HIV and AIDS services among key, priority and other high risk populations
HIV/AIDS Basic Science, Care and Treatment <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Evaluations, surveys and innovations on currently available care and treatment interventions2. HIV cure research, e.g., a framework for research in HIV cure, evaluation of different approaches to HIV cure, exploratory studies and systematic reviews on HIV cure science3. Adjuncts and alternatives to antiretroviral therapies including herbal and natural remedies4. Mortality, e.g., common diagnoses at death among PLWH, causes of death, mortality audits
Social Support, Social Protection and Social Determinants of Health <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Studies and innovations on social, psychological, ethical and spiritual areas of HIV and AIDS2. Efficacy of counseling and other psychological or behavioral interventions for HIV/AIDS3. Community experiences, e.g., disclosure, understanding/meaning of HIV and AIDS, perspectives on social and economic interventions, and gender-based violence4. Health equity, e.g., service delivery and access for key and priority populations
Healthcare Systems, Community Systems and Systems for Governance <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Assessments and innovations in human resources for health, e.g., capacity building2. Integrated service delivery, e.g., describing, comparing, and evaluating approaches3. Program reorientation and transition from donor-led to local government-led programming4. Client-centered services, e.g., audience segmentation studies to tailor HIV/AIDS messaging5. Community-led research, e.g., telling the stories of persons with HIV/AIDS6. Innovations in multi-sectoral coordination, e.g., review of HIV/AIDS partnerships7. Innovations in data sharing and data use, eg., development of cloud-based platforms8. Financing and financial management, e.g., reducing the cost of the HIV/AIDS program

Guidelines for Abstract submission:

1. All abstracts should be written in English.
2. Abstracts should be submitted by email to: nhas@uac.go.ug
3. An abstract form can be provided on request, but all authors should structure their abstracts as: introduction, methods, results, implications and conclusions.
4. The **deadline** for submissions is **October 25th, 2025**.
5. Notice of accepted abstracts will be sent to authors by 10th November 2025

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