



# 12<sup>TH</sup> SA AIDS CONFERENCE

**Unite for Change – Empower Communities  
and Redefine Priorities for HIV/AIDS**



23 - 26 June  
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## ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

**The deadline for abstract submissions is 31 January 2025** - It is important to submit your abstract before the deadline, any abstracts received after the deadline will not be taken into consideration.

You are invited to submit an abstract for consideration by the Scientific Programme Committee to present at the 12th SA AIDS Conference Programme. The conference will take place at the Durban International Convention Centre from 23 - 26 June 2025.

**On the portal, you will be able to submit the following:**

- **Research- based presentations (oral or poster)**
- **Best practice/implementation presentations (oral or poster)**
- **PhD Report**
- **Debate session**
- **Panel discussion session**

**Structure of the presentation type:**

Follow these structures to populate the content for your selected presentation.

- **Research-based Presentations (oral or poster):** Please select the poster option if you do not want to be considered for an oral presentation (Oral presentations are typically between 10 - 15 minutes).

**Headings:**

- o Background & Objectives
- o Methodology
- o Results
- o Conclusions
- **Best Practice/Implementation Presentations (oral or poster) :** Please select the poster option if you do not want to be considered for an oral presentation (Oral presentations are typically between 10 - 15 minutes).

**Headings:**

- o Background
- o Methodology/Approach
- o Results
- o Lessons Learned
- o Recommendations
- o Project Scalability: To scale the described project/activity described to a district /regional/national level, what are the requirements? (New or amended policies, operations, human resources, and financial implications)
- **PhD Report: (oral or poster):** Please select the poster option if you do not want to be considered for an oral report (Oral PhD Reports are typically 15 - minutes long). These short presentations are designed to showcase the work of emerging scientists in the AIDS field.

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## **Headings:**

- o Year PhD was awarded
  - o Academic Institution
  - o Main findings
- **Debate:** Debates are 30 minutes structured debates around a controversial topic and involve a moderator and a proponent and an opponent. For this type of abstract please use the following headings.

## **Headings:**

- o Name of moderator
  - o Name of person speaking in favour of the topic (proponent)
  - o Name of person speaking against the topic (opponent)
  - o Relevance of topic to the theme of the conference
- **Panel discussion:** Debates are 30 minutes structured debates around a controversial topic and involve a moderator and a proponent and an opponent. For this type of abstract please use the following headings.

## **Headings:**

- o Name of moderator
- o Name of panellists
- o Relevance of the topic to the theme if the conference

## **Conference theme and tracks**

The theme of the conference is “**Unite for Change – Empower Communities and Redefine Priorities for HIV/AIDS**”.

Abstracts will be reviewed according to the following tracks:

**Track 1: Basic and Clinical Science**

**Track 2: Epidemiology, Surveillance, Economics and Health Financing Research**

**Track 3: Implementation Science and strengthening health systems for HIV prevention, treatment and adherence**

**Track 4: Behavioural Science and Social determinants of Health**

**Track 5: Policy and Community Advocacy**

## **Please note:**

- o Abstracts can only be submitted electronically through the 12th SA AIDS Conference website. Abstracts submitted to the Conference Secretariat directly through any other means will not be accepted for review.
- o A confirmation email will be sent to you automatically when you submit an abstract.
- o Please check your spam folder if you have not received confirmation that your abstract has been received.
- o All abstracts will be forwarded to the Abstract Review Committee for review. Notifications regarding status will be sent once the review process is complete.



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- Notices of acceptance or rejection of the abstract will be sent to the primary author, with reviewer comments where applicable.
- **Oral presentation** - The presenting author is required to register.
- **Poster presentation** - The presenting author is required to register
- **Debate session** - The moderator and two participants in the debate are required to register.
- **Panel discussion** - The moderator and the participants in the panel are required to register.
- **PhD Report** - The presenting author is required to register.

## **Submission Specification**

- Number of words not more than 300 words in total.
- No graphic images, tables, graphs, or columns should be submitted with your abstract/presentation.
- Draft your abstract in text format in MS Word or a similar programme and copy and paste. Arial font size 10 is advised.

## **Submission Information Checklist:**

### **Abstract Details**

You will be required to complete the following fields:

- Track
- Submission type
- Was the same or similar talk given in SA or abroad
- Abstract title
- Authors
- Author's Mobile Number
- Short bio of presenting author
- E-mail address for nominated author (for reader queries and correspondence)