

NCD Alliance at AIDS 2022

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Making the link between HIV and NCDs

Discover more about NCD Alliance's key events and activities at the International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2022) in Montreal:

- **Film premier: Combining care to save lives**
- **Open letter to the Global Fund - we encourage all organisations to [sign the letter](#) [1].**
- **Pre-conference: Long, healthy and quality lives through integrated NCD and HIV prevention and care for people living with and affected by HIV**
- **Launch of joint policy recommendations: 15 transformative solutions to realise better health in people living with and affected by HIV and NCDs**
- **Global Village Booth: "We are the same people! HIV and NCD voices unite!"**
- **[Join our Global Week for Action on NCDs campaign!](#) [2]**

Film: Combining care to save lives

After losing two children soon after birth, Sally was diagnosed with AIDS, then cervical cancer. At the Rangi Tatu clinic in Tanzania, vital connections are being made between HIV and NCDs – see why this matters to patients like her.

Open letter to The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Strategies Committee

On the occasion of AIDS 2022, we are sending an open letter to call on the Global Fund to include non communicable diseases (NCDs) and co-morbidities in the organisation's programming. Now is the time for the Global Fund to act on the growing impact on NCDs on the physical and mental health and wellbeing of people with and at risk of HIV, tuberculosis and malaria.

[Learn more and sign the letter on behalf of your organisation](#) [1].

Pre-conference on HIV and NCD integration

Long, healthy and quality lives through integrated NCD and HIV prevention and care for people living with and affected by HIV*Wednesday 27th July 2022, 09:00 – 12:30 EDT*

People living with HIV are at an increased risk of many NCDs, and as people live longer thanks to antiretroviral treatment, addressing NCDs will only become more critical. Integrated HIV and NCD health services are vital to ensuring that people living with HIV can live long, full, healthy lives. It will also support efforts to achieve Universal Health Coverage (UHC). Our pre-conference provides a space for HIV and NCD communities to come together and discuss how to join efforts and identify catalytic and transformative solutions for achieving the best HIV and health outcomes for affected communities across the globe.

The event is co-hosted by NCD Alliance, the Quality of Life partnership (including GNP+, STOPAIDS, and Frontline AIDS), UNAIDS, International AIDS Society, The Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust, and the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation

Speakers include a range of high-profile leaders from across the HIV and NCD sectors. In order of appearance, they include Moderated by Ms Jacqui Thornton, Health Journalist. Speakers include (in order of appearance):

- Ms Sally Agallo Kwenda, Advocate, Our Views, Our Voices
- Dr Meg Doherty, Director, Global HIV, Hepatitis, STI Programmes, World Health Organization
- Prof Adeeba Kamarulzaman, President, International AIDS Society
- Ms Florence Anam, Programme Manager, GNP+
- Dr Ani Shakarishvili, Team Lead, Access to HIV Treatment and Care, and Integration, UNAIDS
- Ms Katie Dain, CEO, NCD Alliance
- Dr Kiyali Ouattara, Country Director, Jhpiego, Cote d'Ivoire
- Mr José Luis Castro, President, and CEO of Vital Strategies
- Dr Lobna Abdel Hamid Salem, Head of Medical Affairs, Developed Markets & JANZ, Viatris
- Mr Mike Podmore, Director, STOPAIDS
- Prof Pamela Collins, Department of Global Health, University of Washington
- Prof Linda-Gail Bekker, Director of the Desmond Tutu Health Centre, University of Cape Town, South Africa
- Dr Kaushik Ramaiya, Consultant Physician in Internal Medicine /Endocrinology and Chief Executive Officer, Shree Hindu Mandal Hospital, Tanzania and Board Member, NCD Alliance
- Dr Kim Green, Global Program Director Primary Health Care, PATH
- Ms Zipporah Ali, Cancer and Palliative Care Advocate, Chair, NCD Alliance of Kenya
- Dr Musa Manganye, National Department of Health, South Africa
- Ms Gina Agiostratidou, Program Director, The Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust
- Dr Vindi Singh, Senior Disease Advisor, HIV Treatment, The Global Fund

15 transformative solutions to realise better health in people living with and affected by HIV and NCDs

NCD Alliance alongside UNAIDS, GNP, IAS, STOPAIDS and Frontline AIDS have published [joint policy recommendations](#) [3] to support and encourage the realisation of the 90% integrated care target set at the UN High Level Meeting for HIV/AIDS in 2021. The document provides 15 recommendations, broken down by stakeholder and level of health care.



People living with HIV are at an increased risk of noncommunicable disease (NCD) comorbidities, including cardiovascular diseases such as hypertension, depression, diabetes, cervical cancer, and several other cancers and NCDs. Given that the global population of people living with HIV is rising faster than ever, the risk of NCDs will only increase. Integration of prevention, diagnosis and care of NCDs with HIV services is increasingly important for achieving Universal Health Coverage (UHC). It will also improve HIV and health outcomes, well-being and quality of life of people living with and at risk of HIV around the world.

In the 2021 Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS, United Nations Member States pledged, among other things, to ensure that 90% of people living with, at risk of and affected by HIV have access to NCD prevention and care services, including for mental health, by 2025. Specifically, the target commits governments to:

“Investing in robust, resilient, equitable and publicly funded systems for health and social protection systems that provide 90% of people living with, at risk of and affected by HIV with people-centred and context-specific integrated services for HIV and other communicable diseases, NCDs, sexual and reproductive health care and gender-based violence, mental health, palliative care, treatment of alcohol dependence and drug use, legal services and other services they need for their overall health and well-being by 2025.”

The adoption of this global commitment offers an unprecedented opportunity to build on the successes, multi-sectoral and community-led experiences, and rights-based and people-centred approaches of the HIV response. Also, to use HIV service delivery platforms for integration with other health services, like NCD prevention, screening, diagnosis, treatment, care, rehabilitation and palliative care. There is strong support from in-country stakeholders to pursue greater integration of NCD and HIV services as part of UHC, with a growing body of experience showing how, when, and with what results this can be achieved. Even incremental changes to the way health services are delivered, which focus on better addressing the NCD care needs of people living with HIV, can lead to improved equity of access, user satisfaction and trust in programs – all of which increase retention in care and improve health outcomes.

Through the following joint recommendations, the HIV and NCD communities have identified 15 catalytic and transformative solutions to achieve the best possible health outcomes for people living with and affected by HIV and NCDs globally and contribute towards achieving UHC.



[3]

Global Village Booth: “We are the same people! HIV and NCD voices unite”

Friday 29th July to Tuesday 2nd August 2022

Our base during the conference will be in the Global Village where we will be hosting an NGO booth. We will highlight the work of the NCD Alliance and make the case for integrated HIV and NCD care services. Our activities will focus on the findings of these key reports:

- [Long, full, healthy lives: Delivering on the commitment to integrated NCD care for people living with HIV by 2025](#) [4]



[4]

- [Policy Brief - From Siloes to Synergies: Integrating noncommunicable disease prevention and care into global health initiatives and universal health](#) [5]



[5]

Also at the conference: The HIV Quality of Life Partnership will also be presenting an ePoster entitled 'HIV Quality of Life Framework: conceptualisation and application of a tool that describes links between formal and informal service delivery and the needs of people living with HIV.'

Event start date: Friday, 29 July, 2022

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Person living with HIV walking in a park

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