

# Developments in Evidence-Based Public Health and the Future of HIV Management in Sub-Saharan Africa

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25–27 FEBRUARY 2026

## EVENING BEFORE – WEDNESDAY, 25 FEBRUARY 2026

TIME	ACTIVITY
17:00 – 19:00	Delegate arrival & on-site registration (Rosewood Foyer) Local produce market organised by South Africa Tourism
19:00 – 19:10	Welcoming remarks in Misty Hills Restaurant
19:10 – 21:00	Welcome dinner & informal networking (Misty Hills Restaurant)

## DAY 1 – THURSDAY, 26 FEBRUARY 2026

Theme: HIV Management in Sub-Saharan Africa

TIME	SESSION	VENUE 1	VENUE 2
07:30 – 08:45	Breakfast (Summerhouse Restaurant)		
09:00 – 09:10	Opening remarks – Conference Chair		
09:10 – 10:10	<b>Keynote 1</b>	Dr Thembisile Xulu, CEO of the South African National AIDS Council	
10:10 – 10:40	Morning coffee/tea break		
10:40 – 12:20	Morning Session	Esther Mafunda Zintle Nxulu Chumani Nyezi	Retsepile Motiki Gcinekile Matsenjwa Munyaradzi Chidarikire
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch		
14:00 – 15:00	Afternoon session	Portia Narthey Letlhogonolo Shibambo	Lerato Motsoahole Huijie Zhang
15:00 – 15:15	Refreshments		
15:15 – 16:30	Online Plenary	John Pemberton and Likhwa Ncube	
18:30 – 21:00	<b>Conference dinner at Carnivore Restaurant</b> (vegetarian options available)		

## DAY 2 – FRIDAY, 27 FEBRUARY 2026

Theme: Interdisciplinary Approaches to HIV Management

TIME	SESSION	VENUE 1	VENUE 2
07:30 – 08:45	Breakfast		
09:00 – 10:00	<b>Keynote 2</b>	Prof Elisabetta Lalumera, Professor of Philosophy of Medicine, University of Bologna	
10:00 – 10:20	Morning coffee/tea break		
10:20 – 11:40	UNICEF Session – UNICEF’s HIV work and plans	Sharon Shultz, UNICEF	
11:45 – 12:15	Morning session	Munya Saruchera	Gracious Beans
12:15 – 13:45	Lunch		
13:45 – 14:45	Roundtable Discussion	Integrating Context-Sensitive Evidence into HIV Policy Post USAID	
14:45 – 15:00	Afternoon coffee/tea		
15:00 – 16:45	Afternoon session	Benjamin Smart Matsoanelo Maloisan	Zanele Cekiso Luthando Xhamlayo
16:45 – 17:00	Formal close & thank-you	“Misty Hills Statement” on Context-Sensitive Policy	

### HOSTED BY:

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