PATA 2022 SUMMIT
Paediatric-Adolescent Treatment Africa

ENDING AIDS in CHILDREN, ADOLESCENTS and YOUNG PEOPLE

A ROADMAP TO 2030

Do it Right, Do it Together, Do it Now!

Concept Note
21-23 November 2022
Paediatric-Adolescent Treatment Africa (PATA) Summits offer a powerful platform and valuable opportunity for health providers to share their experiences and engage in peer-to-peer learning to improve paediatric and adolescent HIV treatment and service delivery in sub-Saharan Africa. More than a decade since its inception, PATA’s network of more than 650 clinic teams continues to grow, reaching thousands of health providers across the region. PATA Summits bring together this network of health and service provider teams, global experts, national programme managers, Ministry of Health representatives, and young leaders living with HIV in a collaborative ‘link and learn’ approach. This convening builds and strengthens positive health partnerships and drives collective and coordinated action on the frontline, so that all children and adolescents living with HIV in sub-Saharan Africa receive optimal treatment, people-centred care and are supported to live long and healthy lives.

PATA’s annual summits are unique in that they are not abstract driven, hold no registration fee for successful applicants, and provide a reality check on service delivery, with a keen focus on keeping it REAL (Reviewing service delivery models, Engaging peers, Accessing experts, Learning) and sharing country grown solutions.

PATA Summits aim to:

- Identify and close gaps in paediatric and adolescent HIV service delivery
- Amplify breakthrough strategies, tools, and comprehensive service delivery models that accelerate HIV case finding, linkage and access to treatment
- Foster a link and learn platform to strengthen partnership, clinic-to-community collaboration and coordinated action at all levels
- Share HIV service delivery adaptations and lessons in mitigating and building back from setbacks
- Stand up to stigma and safeguard the rights of all, in the delivery of treatment, prevention, and care services
- Call for improved access to training, tools, supported and safer working conditions for frontline health providers and peers
New data on the global HIV response from UNAIDS shows that progress has faltered amidst COVID-19, other global crises and conflicts, and shrinking resources. The number of people on HIV treatment increased more slowly in 2021 than it has in over a decade. It is estimated that 800,000 children and adolescents living with HIV (0-14 years) remain untreated, even though new testing technologies, including point of care early infant diagnosis (EID) and HIV self-tests are more widely available, and recently approved paediatric ART options are better tolerated. It is unacceptable that only half (52%) of children living with HIV have access to lifesaving medicine. The gap in HIV treatment coverage between children and adults is increasing rather than narrowing; year on year, the same poor progress has been reported towards global and national targets for children and adolescents. Despite the availability of affordable and highly effective tools and programming strategies to diagnose and treat HIV among children, adolescents and pregnant and breastfeeding women, large service gaps for these populations remain. The Global AIDS Strategy, 2021-2026, the 2021 Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS, and the recently launched Global Strategic Alliance to end AIDS in Children by 2030 provide an opportunity to redirect our attention and redouble our efforts to end AIDS in children.

The PATA 2022 Summit is aligned to the newly formed Global Alliance, and is therefore titled Ending AIDS in Children, Adolescents and Young People – a Roadmap to 2030, and is themed on uniting to Do it Right, Do it Together, Do it Now!

The PATA 2022 Summit will take place from Monday 21 to Wednesday 23 November 2022, and will be hosted across about 26 satellites located in 13 sub-Saharan African countries, brought together in a joint programme through the virtual PATA Linking and Learning Hub.

In support of The Global Alliance to end AIDS in Children, the PATA 2022 Summit will strengthen service delivery leadership, commitments from stakeholders, and build capacity with a key focus on reaching health and service provider teams who remain at the forefront of ending AIDS and advancing the 2030 agenda. The summit also offers an important reality check against global and national commitments, where progress and everyday challenges, setbacks, lessons and real-world practical solutions from our region are shared and discussed.

The summit programme will be developed and aligned to the Global Alliance’s four pillars for collective action, namely:

1. Closing the treatment gap for pregnant and breastfeeding adolescent girls and women living with HIV and optimizing continuity of treatment
2. Preventing and detecting new HIV infections among pregnant and breastfeeding adolescent girls and women
3. Accessible testing, optimized treatment, and comprehensive care for infants, children, and adolescents exposed to and living with HIV
4. Addressing rights, gender equality, and the social and structural barriers that hinder access to services
Sessions will be delivered virtually via the PATA Linking and Learning Hub and in-person at satellites, utilizing a variety of formats. Each day will begin with an in-country forum at a satellite which will allow for country specific updates and local networking. The afternoon will then provide everyone with an opportunity to connect virtually, facilitating connection across EST, GMT and EAT zones. Virtual sessions will start with a scene-setting Prime Session, followed by several Africa Cafés, that will offer session choices linked to the theme of each day and will highlight case studies, lessons learned, innovations and best practices in the region. Each day will end with a special session, providing a skills-building session or a Lekgotla, which is a moderated panel session, designed to facilitate discussion between policymakers, frontline health providers and key stakeholders. Finally, PATA Health Provider Champions will be announced and celebrated as part of the PATA Me and My Health Provider Campaign. Prime Sessions, Lekgotlas and PATA REALs will offer simultaneous translation into French, Portuguese, and Swahili, while Africa Cafes and capacity building sessions will have simultaneous translation in one or two languages.

Based on PATA methodology the three-day programme is structured to provide those on the frontline of service delivery, with the opportunity to access global guidance and technical input, whilst also giving policymakers and stakeholders the opportunity to engage with everyday operational barriers in service delivery to close the policy-to-practice, and the know-do-how gap.

Day One (21 November)
Building momentum: Localising the Global Alliance to end AIDS in Children and Adolescents

The first day will focus on setting the scene by hearing global updates and renewed efforts to end AIDS in all children and adolescents by 2030. The Prime session will provide a platform to hear about how global and country commitments are implemented locally to ensure equitable access and to leave no one behind. Attention will be placed on highlighting the pillars and key strategies prioritised in the new Global Alliance as part of building a robust roadmap to ending AIDS by 2030. Day one will also showcase exemplary country progress and share local innovations in delivering holistic, person-centred care whilst managing co-morbidities, treatment transition, service integration, and self-care models.

Day Two (22 November)
Shifting and Shaping Strategic Targets: What, where and with whom?

The second day will focus on action orientated, context specific service delivery approaches and care pathways that address programme gaps, structural barriers and inequalities. The day will explore priority interventions that work best, when, where and with whom in getting it right. The focus will be on getting the right diagnostics, optimal drugs, and delivery of quality comprehensive care by a well-supported health work force.

Day Three (23 November)
Service Provider Solidarity: Nothing for us without us!

The last day of the summit will place emphasis on frontline health providers who remain the face of care and caring to the millions of children, adolescents and families they serve. They provide a critical link to finding, testing, and initiating HIV treatment, and providing ongoing adherence support. Day Three will provide a voice to the lived experience of health providers and will showcase them as ‘everyday heroes’ of a resilient health system. The day will celebrate and acknowledge health providers doing it right. We continue to call on partners to stand in solidarity and demand that the rights, safety and fair working conditions of health providers be prioritised. #NothingForUsWithoutFrontlineHealthproviders
Hybrid hub and satellite model

Broader PATA Network

MOZAMBIQUE
Satellite

ESWATINI
Satellite

NIGERIA
Satellite

KENYA
Satellite

UGANDA
Satellite

MALAWI
Satellite

ETHIOPIA
Satellite

ANGOLA
Satellite

CAMEROON
Satellite

TANZANIA
Satellite

SOUTH AFRICA
Satellite

ZAMBIA
Satellite

ZIMBABWE
Satellite
The PATA Summits continue to be held via a centralised virtual platform - PATA Linking and Learning Hub - and is connected to regional in-country satellites. The summit combines virtual participation, through real-time and/or pre-recorded sessions, with in-person in-country forums, that bring together frontline health providers for linking, learning and networking. The mix of virtual and in-person delivery of the summit crosses digital and geographic divides, and allows many more people to engage than in a traditional in-person summit. The PATA 2022 Summit will include more than 400 in-person participants (frontline health providers and community partners) from across PATA programmes at satellites that will be organised in Angola, Cameroon, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe (funding dependent). The summit will also reach the broader PATA network, expanding to a further 300+ attendees who, together with key global experts, policy makers, networks of young people living with HIV, donors, and Ministry of Health representatives, will engage via the online virtual hub.

On PATA Linking and Learning Hub, all attendees will have direct access to the summit programme, all sessions, and online biographies of all speakers. In accessing the hub, attendees will create a profile within a closed and secure environment, creating a space for internal networking and collaboration directly on the Linking and Learning Hub. The virtual hub will continue to be active beyond the summit, providing all participants with an ongoing platform to engage and connect. The virtual hub also provides access to various online e-courses, webinars, and the PATA REAL series, and offers a safe virtual platform for linking and learning.

Register now for the PATA 2022 Summit in 3 simple steps:
- Go to the PATA Linking and Learning hub: www.patahub.org
- Register on the hub, or if you are already a member, sign into the hub
- Go to your dashboard, scroll down, and you will see a link to register for the PATA 2022 Summit - click on the link and register to attend the PATA 2022 Summit

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