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124<sup>th</sup> ACA Meeting 27 October 2023

# Photo taken during the 123<sup>rd</sup> ACA meeting on 14 July 2023



### ACA NEWSFILE

## Welcome new members of the Hong Kong Advisory Council on AIDS

The appointment of the ACA Chairperson and members has been gazetted. Membership of the ACA with effect from 1 August 2023 is as follows:

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Secretary for Education or Representative 教育局局長或其代表

Secretary for Health or Representative 醫務衞生局局長或其代表

### ACA NEWSFILE

## 12<sup>th</sup> International AIDS Society Conference on HIV Science (IAS 2023), Brisbane, Australia

The 12<sup>th</sup> IAS Conference on HIV Science ("IAS 2023") was held successfully in Brisbane, Australia, from 23 to 26 July 2023. Over 5,000 participants of various backgrounds across the world attended this four-day conference in person and virtually. Hong Kong participants from the Department of Health, Hospital Authority, academic institutions and private sector had attended the conference.

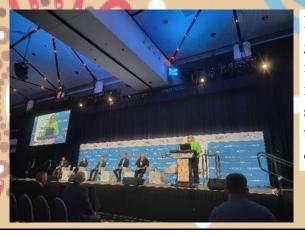
IAS 2023, one of the most influential conferences on HIV research and its applications, featured over 1,400 abstract presentations organised into five primary tracks: (1) fundamental science; (2) clinical science; (3) epidemiology and prevention science; (4) social and behavioural science; and (5) implementation science, economics, systems, and synergies. Through a series of expert-led plenary sessions, symposia, satellites, oral abstract sessions, and a poster exhibition, the conference covered an extensive range of topics, including HIV prevention and treatment topics such as long-acting technologies and management of co-infections, as well as sexual health, STI prevention, and community engagement.



WHO has made it in very clear language that people living with HIV who have an undetectable viral load have zero risk of transmitting HIV to their sexual partners.



The current progress of HIV elimination globally was reviewed in a plenary session "Toward elimination".



In a satellite session organised by the WHO, new WHO guidelines and policy briefs focusing on innovations, integration, and person-centered response were presented, including a new policy brief on the role of HIV viral suppression in improving individual health and reducing transmission; innovations in advanced HIV disease; and a suite of new STI diagnostic documents.



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A number of new and future long-acting drugs in the pipeline for HIV treatment/prevention were discussed, including long-acting injectable cabotegravir/rilpivirine, lenacapavir, islatravir and broadly neutralizing antibodies.





Expert from various countries shared their experience in integrated, client-responsive PrEP services within comprehensive primary health care, shedding insight on real-world approaches to PrEP integration across service areas.



Besides HIV, topics on sexual health and STI were also discussed in detail.