

the silver zone

A NETWORKING ZONE
FOR OLDER PEOPLE
LIVING WITH HIV



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Welcome to The Silver Zone at AIDS2026

We're so glad you're here. The Silver Zone returns to the IAS Global Village as a dedicated space for older people living with HIV to connect, be celebrated, and be heard. Inside this program, you'll find the full schedule of sessions, panels, and community gatherings taking place July 27th–30th in Rio de Janeiro, covering everything from ageing well and sexual health to advocacy, research, and storytelling across generations.

The Silver Zone is made possible through a Global Village partnership between five organizations working together across borders: Ribbon – A Center of Excellence (USA), Realize (Canada), the European AIDS Treatment Group (EATG) (Belgium), RNP+ Brasil (Brazil), and Coletivo Loka de Efavirenz (Brazil).

Together with allied organizations from around the world, we've built this space as a shared home, not owned by any one group, but shaped by all of us. This partnership effort is made possible with the generous support of Gilead Sciences.

We hope you'll stay, connect, and make this Zone your own.

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10:30–11:00 Networking Break

11:00–12:00

Ageing with HIV across the life course: Experience sharing, integrated services and wellbeing for people living with HIV in all our diversity

A peer-led, intergenerational panel exploring the lived experiences, health needs and rights-based services required for people ageing with HIV across the life course, including older adults living with HIV and young people born with HIV.

Presenter: Abhijith Njarattil Parameswaran - Global Network of People Living with HIV (GNP+) · English · 45 mins

12:00–12:30 Networking Break

12:30–13:00

Efficacy of Peer-led Workshops on Self-Management of Pain and Wellness for persons over 50 Years of Age

The curriculum is a peer-led workshop ideal for persons living with HIV over 50 who also live with pain (for any reason) and want to learn how to reduce its impact on their wellbeing and overall mobility.

Presenter: John Guidry, Maddy Hatch, Erin Hou - TRX Development Solutions (USA) · English · 30 mins

13:00–14:00

Cartografia do envelhecer com HIV no Brasil: experiências, demandas e futuros possíveis

Leitura e discussão de dados regionais sobre envelhecimento com HIV no Brasil, produzidos a partir de uma escuta comunitária nacional.

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(Translation) Mapping aging with HIV in Brazil: experiences, demands, and possible futures

Reading and discussion of regional data on aging with HIV in Brazil, produced from a national community-based listening exercise.

Presenter: Pisci Bruja Garcia de Oliveira - Rede Nacional de Pessoas Vivendo com HIV/Aids - RNP+ Brasil (Brazil) · Portuguese · 45 mins

14:00–14:30 Networking Break

14:30–16:00

Official Opening of the Silver Zone

- Partner introductions
- Welcome from Gilead
- Introduction to the Glasgow Manifesto
- Launch of the Legacy Chest
- Welcome reception

Silver Zone Partners: Linda H Scruggs – Ribbon – A Center of Excellence (USA), Pisci Bruja (Brazil), Rashad Burgess - Gilead Sciences (USA), Larkin Callaghan - Gilead Sciences (USA), Kate Murzin - Realize (CA), Jeff Berry - The Reunion Project (USA)

Panelists: Mark King (USA), Michael Liddell (CA), Ophelia Haanyama (Eur), Tori Cooper (USA) · 90 mins

16:00–17:00

Global Village Official Opening Ceremonies

17:00–18:00 Global Village Closed

10:30–11:00 Networking Break

11:00–12:00

Menopause and HIV: A Global Discussion

This interactive activity will feature video clips from a group of experts discussing perimenopause and menopause among women living with HIV that will be used as an anchor for facilitated conversation with Silver Zone participants.

Presenter: Ciarra Brown, Jyoti Dhawale, Bridgette Picou, Olivia G. Ford · English · 45 mins

12:00–13:00 Networking Break

13:00–14:00

Lancet HIV Commission on Ageing and HIV: A Global Perspective

People with HIV are living longer, accumulating cardiometabolic and other NCD risks. Management of NCDs across the life course of people ageing with HIV is arguably becoming almost as central to HIV care as viral suppression itself. How to rise to this challenge is the subject of this report to be released at AIDS2026.

Presenters: Amy Justice - Yale School of Medicine (USA), Keri Althoff - Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Center on Aging and Health (USA) · English · 45 mins

14:00–15:00

Whole-Person Health for Older Adults Living with HIV: Advancing Integrated Care, Equity, and Healthy Aging

The panel discussion explores how healthcare systems, community organizations, geriatric services, and policymakers can better address the physical, emotional, social, behavioral, and environmental factors that influence health outcomes for older adults living with HIV.

Presenters: Moisés Agosto-Rosario, MPH (USA), Panelists: Audrianna Marzette, MS, Leandro Mena, MD, MPH, Harold J. Phillips, MRP · English · 45 mins

15:00–15:30 Networking Break

15:30–16:00

Travesti Também Envelhece

Exposição oral com exibição de poster das ações e resultados do projeto Travesti Também Envelhece. O público-alvo do projeto foram pessoas trans e travestis acima de 50 anos.

(Translation)

Transgender People Also Age

Oral presentation with poster display of the actions and results of the "Travesti Também Envelhece" (Transgender People Also Age) project. The target audience of the project was transgender people over 50 years of age.

Presenter: Acioli Neto - GESTOS - Soropositividade, Comunicação e Gênero (Brazil) · Portuguese · 30 mins

16:00–17:00

Interactive Discussion: Persistent Serophobia in Healthcare – From Lived Experience to Better Care

An interactive discussion bringing together communities and healthcare stakeholders to explore persistent HIV-related discrimination in healthcare and identify practical actions for more equitable care across the life course.

Presenter: Yagos Koliopanos - Observatoire du sida et des sexualités (Belgium) · English · 45 mins

17:00–17:30

Introducing the NeuroHIV and Ageing Advocacy Group

We will present a poster describing the goals and activities of the NeuroHIV and Ageing Advocacy Group summarising our publication in Lancet HIV in 2025: *Fostering Healthy Cognitive Ageing in People Living with HIV*.

Presenter: Lucette Cysique - NeuroHIV Ageing and Advocacy Group (Australia) · English · 15 mins

17:30–18:00 Networking Break

10:30–11:00 *Networking Break*

11:00–12:00

Opening the Legacy Chest

Join the storytellers for the soft launch of the *Legacy Chest*, a living archive of stories, reflections, and testimonies from long-term and lifetime survivors of HIV.

45 mins

12:00–12:30 *Networking Break*

12:30–13:00

Empowering People Living with HIV to Prepare for Better Care

An innovative patient empowerment initiative developed by UTOPIA_bxl and with EATG partnership to strengthen consultation, preparation, shared decision-making and person-centered care.

Presenter: Axel Vanderperre - European AIDS Treatment Group, UTOPIA_bxl · English · 30 mins

13:00–13:30

Patient Reported Outcomes to Improve patient care of people with HIV

Patient-reported outcome measures (PROMs) are increasingly recognised as valuable tools for person-centred HIV care, providing insights into symptoms, mental health, quality of life, treatment burden, and broader wellbeing. However, successful implementation remains challenging, with uncertainty among both patients and healthcare professionals about their purpose, value, and impact on care. This interactive session will explore how PROMs can be effectively integrated into routine HIV services to improve patient outcomes and clinical decision-making.

Presenter: Jaime Vera - University of Sussex, Brighton and Sussex Medical School (UK) · English · 30 mins

13:30–14:00

MyLifeMyMind: an evidence based program to improve quality of life and cognition and persons aging with HIV

Introducing MyLifeMyMind, an evidence-based self-management program designed to improve quality of life and support cognitive health in people aging with HIV, that can be delivered by community organizations or completed informally among friends.

Presenter: Marie-Josée Brouillette - McGill University Health Centre (Canada) · English · 30 mins

14:00–14:30 *Networking Break*

14:30–15:30

What Does HIV Activism Look Like as We Age? Exploring the Future of Intergenerational Activism

An intergenerational panel of elder, parent, and youth advocates from Zimbabwe, Canada, and the U.S. explores how HIV activism evolves across generations — examining ageing, youth leadership, and legacy. Participants will discuss how to preserve HIV history while building shared leadership and sustainable activism for the future.

*Moderator: Darwin Thompson - Gilead Sciences
Presenters: Deondre Moore (USA), Asha Ulusow (CA), Tendayi Westerhof (Zimbabwe) · 60 mins*

15:30–16:00 *Networking Break*

16:00–17:00

What Does Cure Mean to Us? Community Conversations on HIV Cure Research and Community Readiness

An interactive international discussion exploring what an HIV cure means to people living with HIV and how communities can prepare for and shape the future of HIV cure research.

Presenters: Shari Margolese & Cecilia Costiniuk - CanCURE, Jeff Taylor, Cheryl Dullano & Karine Dubé - UCSD Last Gift Study Team, Larissa Lopes Silva Scholte (São Paulo Initiative) · English, French, Spanish, Portuguese · 45 mins

17:00–17:30

Aging with HIV: A Phenomenological Lens

Learn about this qualitative study that captures the lived accounts of individuals and the changes to their personalities and behaviors over time.

Presenters: Shahzeena Haider and Muhammad Siddique Wali- Humraz Male Health Society (Pakistan) · English · 45 mins

17:30–18:00 Networking Break



10:30–11:00 *Networking Break*

11:00–12:00

Honouring Lifelines: Indigenous Wisdom, Aging, and Living Well with HIV across Generations

This Indigenous-led panel will bring together three respected leaders from Mapuche, Māori, and Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander communities to explore the realities, strengths, and lived experiences of aging with HIV within Indigenous context.

Presenter: Trevor Stratton - CAAN Communities, Alliances & Networks (Canada), Willy Morales - English - Spanish · 45 mins

12:00–13:00 *Networking Break*

13:00–14:00

Aging with HIV in an Unequal World: From Resource Abundance to Global Justice

Despite major advances in HIV care, many older adults still face unequal access to essential services. This presentation calls on the global HIV community to advance equitable policies, strengthen coordinated systems, and ensure that everyone aging with HIV has access to the care, dignity, health, and community they deserve.

*Moderators: Dan Murphy - Gilead Sciences, Bogdan-Adrian Trandafir - National Union of Organizations of People Affected by HIV/AIDS (UNOPA) (Romania), Hatem Laroussi - Laval University Faculty of Nursing (Canada), Marcelo Goncalves Ribeiro - RNP MINAS (Brazil), Vanessa Johnson – Ribbon - A Center of Excellence (USA) · English · 60 mins *(Each panelist will have a 15 min. discussion panel.)*

14:00–15:30

A Global Perspective: What Is Aging HIV?

A moderated themed discussion with older folks with HIV from various regions discussing the theme as it impacts aging with HIV in their region (and across regions).

Presenter: Derrick Mapp - Shanti Project (USA) · English · 75 mins

15:30–16:00 *Networking Break*

16:00–16:30

Longevidade: Vida Positiva - Longevity: Positive life (Film)

Longevity is a short film that follows the journeys, challenges, and achievements of people aging with HIV, reflecting on health, affection, rights, and quality of life.

Presenter: Fabiana Elias de Mesquita - Instituto Multiverso (Brazil) · Portuguese · 30 mins

16:30–17:30

Official Closing of The Silver Zone, Final Raffle & Community Circle

Silver Zone Partners · English · 60 mins

17:30–18:00 *Networking Break*

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