

ENDING THE HIV EPIDEMIC THROUGH PEOPLE, PARTNERSHIP & INNOVATION



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Our IAS 2025 symposium, expertly steered and brought to life by facilitators **Laura Waters** and **Raif Derrazi**, ignited a dynamic conversation about our collective roles in the HIV response.

The discussions highlighted the global HIV community's commitment to championing **people** living with HIV, establishing robust and sustainable **partnerships**, and advancing **innovation** together towards ending the HIV epidemic.

HERE ARE SOME OF THE KEY TAKEAWAYS FROM OUR SPEAKERS:

PEOPLE



DOREEN MORAA MORACHA

Founder, I AM A BEAUTIFUL STORY

Decision making:

People living with HIV must be treated as collaborators, at the centre of the response, whose lived experiences shape real-world solutions, including delivering high-quality services, strengthening health systems, and addressing HIV stigma. True involvement means including the entire HIV community in decision making.

PARTNERSHIP



VUYISEKA DUBULA

Head of Community, Rights & Gender, The Global Fund

Solidarity and resilience drives change:

Partnerships are a powerful force for change in the HIV response, uniting communities together that pool resources, provide evidence on issues impacting everyone, challenge the status quo, and achieve significant advancements like access to care. With an ever changing global environment, how we partner, in line with our shared values, must evolve to maintain progress and achieve our future goals.

INNOVATION



ELIZABETH ANNE BUKUSI

Senior Principal Clinical Research Scientist, Kenya Medical Research Institute and Professor, University of Washington, Seattle

Tailored solutions:

Innovation must move beyond a one-size-fits-all approach, offering choices and tailored solutions that address the evolving needs of individuals over their life. Innovation requires sustained investment in research and development that includes representative populations, and it must work in concert with people-centred approaches and strong partnerships.

Laura and Raif challenged the audience to consider where they could make the most impact, **inspiring personal commitments and action towards ending the HIV epidemic.**

Laura and Raif closed the symposium, asking **“can we make HIV history?”** The answer is clear - **no single pathway can stand alone.** Our collective, unwavering commitment, uniting people, partnership, and innovation, is how we will **make HIV history.**

