



More than 20,000 delegates from around the world have gathered in Washington, D.C., for the [XIX International AIDS Conference](#), which focuses on mobilizing governments and communities to achieve the vision of zero new HIV infections, zero discrimination and zero AIDS-related deaths.

“This conference will stand as a historic milestone on our journey to end this epidemic,” the Executive Director of the Joint UN Programme on HIV/AIDS ( [UNAIDS](#) ), Michel Sidibé, [said](#) as the conference opened in Washington, D.C. yesterday. “We are entering a new era in the AIDS response.”

The Conference’s theme, ‘Turning the tide together,’ reflects what is considered to be a unique moment in the history of the HIV epidemic, according to UNAIDS.

It is believed that by acting decisively on recent scientific advances in HIV treatment and biomedical prevention, building momentum for an HIV cure, and harnessing the evidence of the ability to scale-up key interventions in the most-needed settings, an end to the epidemic is now within reach.



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