

The Multi-Stakeholder Hearing as part of the preparatory process for the 2026 High-level meeting on HIV/AIDS

Panel 1: Sustainable, Measurable and Resilient HIV Responses: Financing, Systems Integration and Shared Country and Global Responsibility to achieve the HIV response targets by 2030

The International Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research and the FDI World Dental Federation welcome this discussion on sustaining HIV responses in a changing global context.

As highlighted in the World Workshops on Oral Health and Disease in HIV and AIDS, oral manifestations are often among the earliest indicators of HIV infection and can signal chronic inflammation, disease progression, or treatment failure. Furthermore, people living with HIV have a higher risk of persistent human papillomavirus (HPV) infection and HPV-related cancers, particularly oropharyngeal cancers.

Oral health professionals represent an underutilized workforce, with the ability to expand screening, referral, prevention, and patient education, particularly in resource-constrained settings.

We urge Member States to:

- Integrate oral health into primary health care and HIV services, informed by implementation science
- Strengthen HIV education within dental curricula to equip oral health professionals with the knowledge and skills needed to provide safe, inclusive and stigma-free care.
- Include oral health indicators within HIV monitoring frameworks to strengthen accountability and support data-driven decision-making
- Support scalable, affordable community-based models and digital innovations

- Ensure sustainable financing aligned with integrated, research-informed care and country ownership.

Sustaining the HIV response requires shared responsibility. IADR and FDI stand ready to support these efforts through science, policy, and global collaboration.

Thank you.

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