



Welcome from the University of Manitoba

I bring greetings to conference delegates on behalf of the University of Manitoba and its Board of Governors. The University of Manitoba was established over 135 years ago, in 1877, and is the oldest university in Western Canada. It is home to the Faculty of Medicine, which last year celebrated its 125th anniversary. The University of Manitoba is a recognized leader in the global fight against HIV/AIDS, and our groundbreaking collaborative research program in Kenya and Asia has provided new prevention and control strategies now used around the world.



The University of Manitoba partners with hospitals, industry and government laboratories within the local, national, and international community in carrying out its research mandate. None of this would be possible without the funding necessary to conduct this important research. We thank the many funders that support our HIV/AIDS research including the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the Canadian International Development Agency, the Canada Foundation for Innovation, the Public Health Agency of Canada, the Province of Manitoba, The Canadian Institutes of Health Research, the Wellcome Trust and the U.S. Agency for International Development.

We are most happy to partner in this international conference with the International Centre for Infectious Diseases, the Public Health Agency of Canada, and the Gates Foundation.

We wish all delegates well in the coming days and look forward to strengthened and new partnerships as a result of your deliberations.

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