



Get involved, use this opportunity to address a world leader and send us your questions.

With “Meet the Leaders,” the new, interactive sessions from the Leadership Program at the International AIDS Conference in Bangkok, you can.

2004 is shaping up to be a year of unprecedented opportunities to fight HIV/AIDS and also a year that exemplifies the epidemic’s continued growth. What can you do to urge the leaders “at the top” to put aside political, personal and social differences and continue fighting together?

Ask them.

For the first time ever, this year’s XV International AIDS Conference will feature a full program focusing on leadership in the fight against HIV/AIDS. The Leadership Program will bring global attention to the role and concrete contribution of leadership – from all sectors, and in all parts of the world.

“**Meet the Leaders**,” a special series of open-house forums, will gather world leaders from across sectors, governments, industries, sciences, entertainment, and media to answer specific questions about the current state of the fight against HIV/AIDS and the tangible changes leadership can make to this struggle.

The Leadership Program Committee now invites your questions on the fight against HIV/AIDS for these special sessions. Some of the leaders answering your questions will be:

- Graca Machel (Leadership Program Patron)
- HRH Rattana-Devi Norodom, (Chief of International Relations Department, Cambodia)
- Richard Gere (Founder of the Gere Foundation, USA)
- Zackie Achmat (Chairperson, Treatment Action Campaign, South Africa)
- Dr. Alongkot Dikkapanya (Dramaraksananivesana Project, Wat Phra Baht Nam Phu, Thailand)
- Anthony S. Fauci, M.D. (Director of National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, USA)
- Kate Thompson (Founder of Int’l Community of Women with HIV/AIDS)
- Hank McKinnell (Chairman of the Board and CEO of Pfizer Pharm. Group)

Collectively, **we know how to reverse this global epidemic** and can only do so through strong, united leadership -- leadership that must come from each sector of society and every level, from local villages to parliamentary congresses.

Email your questions to: leadership@aidsthai2004.org. Each question will be read and considered for use in the open-house forum sessions, “Meet the Leaders” on Monday, July 12th, Tuesday, and Wednesday, July 14th at the International AIDS Conference in Bangkok, Thailand.