



HIV Unmuted - The Discovery That Changed Everything

The 1980s was a decade of despair but also discovery.

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It has been 40 years since AIDS was first reported. [HIV unmuted](#), the International AIDS Society (IAS) podcast, talks to the global HIV change makers who have shaped the response and asks what we must do to end the AIDS epidemic.

On our second episode, Nobel Laureate Professor Françoise Barré-Sinoussi shares the behind-the-scenes story of how she co-discovered HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. This breakthrough provided the first big scientific step forward and hope for treatment. We are also joined by:

- Neal Blewett, Australia's Health Minister (1983-1991) on leading his country's forward-thinking bipartisan efforts
 - Long-term survivor, Pacific Islander Vince Crisostomo, on facing mounting loss, fear and stigma
 - South African, Vuyiseka Dubula, who busts the myths that drove her to activism
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