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## **Parliamentary Seminar on HIV Policy in collaboration with the Constituent Assembly of Nepal**

**Kathmandu, Nepal, 24 - 26 February 2009**

*Held in Collaboration with:*

Parliament of Nepal and PGA-Nepal National Group

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United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)  
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## **Tuesday, 24 February**

- Morning Arrival at Radisson Hotel (international participants only)
- 14.00 Transport departs Radisson Hotel (international participants only)
- 14.45 Participants arrive at Hotel de l'Annapurna
- 15.00 *Inauguration – traditional lighting of the lamp*
- Welcome Address  
*Sen Bassey Ewa-Henshaw (Nigeria)*  
*PGA President*
- Opening Address  
*Hon Subash Chandra Nembang, MP*  
*Chair, Constituent Assembly of Nepal*
- Opening Remarks  
*Gillian Mellsop*  
*Vice-Chair, UN Theme Group on AIDS and UNICEF Country Representative*
- Launch of the Report of the Independent Commission on AIDS in Asia  
*Dr Mahmuda Islam (Bangladesh)*  
*Commission Member*
- Address by Chief Guest  
*Hon Pushpa Kamal Dahal, MP (Nepal)*  
*Prime Minister*
- Vote of Thanks  
*Mrs Prativa Rana, MP (Nepal)*  
*Chair, PGA-Nepal Organising Committee*
- 16.55 Group photograph
- 17.00 High tea
- 18.00 Return to hotel (international participants only)
- 19.00 Dinner for international participants at Babar Mahal Revisited 'Bithak'  
*Hosted by Hon Pashupati S Rana*  
*(Former Minister and PGA Member, President of Rastriya Prajatantra Party)*

## **Wednesday, 25 February**

- 09.30 – 11.00 **Session 1: HIV in Nepal and the Global Context**  
*Chair: Mrs Prativa Rana, MP (Nepal)*
- The current situation - nationally, regionally and internationally

- IPCI/ICPD

*Dr Ma. Elena G. Filio-Borromeo – UNAIDS Country Coordinator*

*Mr Ian McFarlane – UNFPA Representative*

*Dr Donya Aziz, MP (Pakistan)*

*Ms Ruth Tuma, MP (Uganda)*

11.00 – 11.15 Tea/Coffee Break

11.15 **Session 2: The Need for Political and Parliamentary Leadership**  
*Chair: Hon. MLAM Hizbullah, Provincial Health Minister (Sri Lanka)*

- Addressing stigma and discrimination
- Protecting human rights
- Children and AIDS in Nepal

*Ms Rupa Joshi – UNICEF*

*Mr Sunil Babu Pant, MP (Nepal)*

*Mr Sapana Pradhan Malla, MP (Nepal)*

*Dr Roshanak Wardak, MP (Afghanistan)*

13.00 - 14.30 Lunch

14.30 Session 2 continues

15.00 **Session 3: The Economic and Development Challenges of HIV**  
*Chair: Mr Ross Robertson, MP (New Zealand)*

- Migration and human trafficking
- The economic costs of HIV

*Mr Sarat Das, Chief of Mission, International Organization for Migration*

*Dr Jyoti Sangera – Deputy Representative, OHCHR*

*Dr Shankar Sharma – Development Economist (Nepal)*

*Mr Kent Olsson, MP (Sweden)*

*Ms Tehmina Daultana, MP (Pakistan)*

16.00 – 16.15 Tea/Coffee Break

16.15 – 17.00 Session 3 continues

18.00 Dinner for international participants at Hotel Yak and Yeti, Durbarmarg  
*Hosted by the Legislature-Parliament of Nepal*

### **Thursday, 26 February**

09.30 – 11.00 **Session 4: Prevention Strategies for Most-at-Risk Groups and Vulnerable Groups**

*Chair: Ms Khushbakht Shujaat, MP (Pakistan)*

- Prevention strategies in the context of a concentrated epidemic – towards Universal Access
- Prevention of HIV amongst women and children
- Improving sexual health and STI clinics

*Dr Geeta Sethi – Manager, Asia Pacific Leadership Forum (APLF), UNAIDS*

*Dr Arzu Rana Deuba, MP (Nepal)*

*Ms Yasmeen Rehman, MP (Pakistan)*

*Dr Salah Ali Abdulrahman, MP (Bahrain)*

11.00 – 11.15

Tea/Coffee Break

11.15

Session 4 continues

11.45 – 13.00

**Session 5: A Multi-Sectoral Approach to the Pandemic**

*Chair: Professor Dr M Amanullah, MP (Bangladesh)*

- Multi-sectoral approaches in other countries
- Nepal’s National HIV/AIDS Control Board

*Dr Sharad Onta – CEO, National HIV/AIDS and STI Control Board (Nepal)*

*Dr Prakash Sharan Mahat, MP (Nepal)*

*Ms Ruth Tuma, MP (Uganda)*

13.00 - 14.30

Lunch

14.30

Session 5 continues

15.30 – 15.45

Tea/Coffee Break

15.45

**Session 6: Building on the Colombo Declaration**

*Chair: Hon Nimal Siripala De Silva, Minister for Healthcare and Nutrition (Sri Lanka)*

*A panel of international MPs*

16.30

**Session 7: Conclusions and Adoption of Recommendations**

*Chair: Shazia Rafi, PGA Secretary-General*

Vote of Thanks

*Hon Khimlal Devkota MP (Nepal)*

17.30

Press conference

18.30

Traditional home dinner for international participants at Budhaniklanth

*Hosted by Mrs Pratiba Rana, MP and Hon Dr Arzu R Deuba, MP*

**Friday, 27 February**

All Day

Departures