



PARLIAMENTARIANS FOR GLOBAL ACTION

SUB-REGIONAL SOUTH ASIAN PARLIAMENTARY SEMINAR ON HIV/AIDS

Held

In collaboration with National Assembly and Senate of Pakistan
On January 14-15, 2005

*At Shamadan Hall III,
Serena-Islamabad Hotel
Islamabad, Pakistan*

With Kind Support From:

*The UN Foundation, World Health Organisation (WHO), UNFPA
Governments of the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada & Switzerland*

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

January 13th

- 9.00—18.00 Registration for the arriving international participants
- 19.30 Welcoming Dinner Reception Hosted by Sen. Khalil-ur-Rehman, Acting Chairman, Senate of Pakistan (*Shamadan Hall, Serena Hotel*)

Day One – January 14th

- 9.15—10.00 Registration, *Lobby of Shamadan Hall, Serena Hotel*

Inauguration Ceremony 10.00—11.30

- **Welcoming Note**
Hon. Kenneth Dzirasah, Second Deputy Speaker (Ghana), President of PGA
- **Introductory Remarks**
Dr. Noor Jehan Panezai, MP (Pakistan), Parliamentary Host of the Seminar
- **Keynote Address**
Dr. Nafis Sadik, Special Envoy of the UN Secretary General for HIV/AIDS in Asia
- **Welcoming Address**
Hon. Muhammad Nasir Khan, Federal Minister of Health (Pakistan)
- **Inaugural Address**
H.E. Shaukat Aziz, Prime Minister of Pakistan

Video Presentation “Make no Mistake” 11.30—11.50

Coffee Break
11.50-12.00

Panel I – Time to Act: HIV/AIDS Challenge in South Asia
12.00—13.15

Chair: *Hon. Mr. Hussein A Bhaila, Deputy Minister of Small & Medium Enterprise Development (Sri Lanka)*

Topics:

- Spread of HIV/AIDS in South Asia
- A Rights-Based Framework for HIV/AIDS: Confronting Stigma and Discrimination
- The Importance of Strong Political Leadership in Addressing HIV/AIDS

Panelists:

- *Mr. Salman Ahmad*, Good-Will Ambassador for HIV/AIDS, Leader of Junoon Band
- *Mr. Zahir Uddin Swapon*, Secretary General, Bangladesh Parliament Members' Support Group (BPMSF) on Prevention of HIV/AIDS and Human Trafficking, MP (Bangladesh)
- *Mrs. Mahdu Bala Nath*, Regional Director for South Asia, IPPF
- *Dr. Mohammed Khurshid*, Dean, Aga Khan University Medical College
- *Dr. Attiya Inayatullah*, MP (Pakistan)
- *Dr. Aldo Landi*, UNAIDS-Pakistan

Luncheon 13.30-15.00

Hosted by *Hon. Muhammad Nasir Khan*, Federal Minister for Health &
Hon. Begum Shahnaz Sheikh, Minister of State for Health (Pakistan)
(*Marquis Hall, Marriott Hotel Islamabad*)

Panel II – Elements of an Effective Prevention Programme
15.00—16.30

Chair: *Mr. K.B. Krishnamurthy*, Member of Parliament (India)

Topics:

- Lessons Learnt from Malaysia, Thailand and Uganda
- Linkages between HIV/AIDS and Reproductive Health
- Formulating Evidence-Based Policies and Programs
- Reducing HIV Prevalence Through Behaviour Change: the ABC Model

Panelists:

- *Dr. Malinee Sukavejworakit*, MP, Chair, Senate Committee on Public Health (Thailand)
- *Mr. Tony Worthington*, MP (UK)
- *Dr. Junaidy bin Abdul Wahab*, MP, Deputy Chair, Committee on Health (Malaysia)
- *Dr. Elioda Tumwesigye*, MP, Chair, Committee on HIV/AIDS (Uganda)
- *Sen. Reza Rabbani*, Leader of the Opposition (Pakistan)

Discussion Session
16.30—17.15

Coffee Break
17.15—17.30

Closing Remarks
17.30—18.00

20.00
Dinner hosted by *Hon. Sardar Muhammad Yaqub*,
Deputy Speaker, National Assembly (Pakistan)
(*National Assembly*)

Day Two – January 15th

Panel III –Addressing the Needs of Women, Young People and Children
9.30—11.00

Chair: *Hon. Shehnaz Sheikh*, MP, State Minister for Health

Topics:

- The Female Face of HIV/AIDS
- Supporting Orphans and Vulnerable Children
- Preventing Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV
- Effective Community Action on HIV/AIDS

Panelists:

- *Mrs. Marina Mahathir*, President, Malaysian AIDS Council, Vice-President, AIDS Society of Asia and the Pacific (ASAP)
- *Dr. (Ms) Donya Aziz*, MP, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Population Welfare (Pakistan)
- *Ms. Chitra Lekha Yadav*, Former Deputy Speaker, House of Representatives (Nepal)
- *Mr. Imran Rizvi*, Director, AMAL Human Development Network (Pakistan)
- *Ms. Tehmina Daultana*, MP (Pakistan)

Coffee Break
11.00—11.10

Panel IV – International Efforts to Scale up Treatment, Care and Support
11.10—12.30

Chair: *Mr. Aitzaz Ahsan*, MP (Pakistan)

Topics:

- Access to Treatment in Low-Income Countries
- Discussion and Assessment of the '3 by 5' Initiative
- HIV/AIDS Treatment, Care and Support: Scaling UP Access to ARVs

Panelists:

- *Dr Ying-Ru Lo*, Medical Officer (AIDS), World Health Organisation (WHO)
- *Dep. Mamadou Lamine Thiam*, MP (Senegal)
- *Mr. Michael Johnson*, MP (Australia)
- *Mr. Gareth Aicken*, Head, Department for International Development (DFID)-UK (Pakistan)

Discussion Session
12.30—13.00

Luncheon 13.00-14.00

Hosted by **Dr. Noor Jehan Panezai, MP (Pakistan)**
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Panel V
Declaration Drafting Session

Co-Chairs: *Mr. Tony Worthington*, MP (UK) &
Mr. Jesudas Sheelam, MP, Ranking Member, Parliamentary Caucus on HIV/AIDS
(India)

14.00—15.00

Concluding Session
15.00—15.30

- *Hon. Ross Robertson*, Assistant Speaker, (New Zealand), Chair, PGA International Council
- *Mr. Naveed Qamar*, MP (Pakistan)

Press Conference with a Panel of Selected MPs
15.30—16.00

17.30—19.00
Reception Hosted by Dr. Aldo Landi, UNAIDS-Pakistan
(Private Residence of Dr. Landi, House No. 5B, Street No. 62, Sector F-6/3)

20.00
Dinner Reception
Hosted by Hon Shaukat Aziz, Prime Minister of Pakistan
(Private Residence of Hon. Prime Minister)

Day Three – January 16th

11.00
Day-trip to Ancient Buddhist Ruins of Taxila

13.00
Lunch, hosted by the Federal Minister of Culture

19.00
Dinner reception
Hosted by H.E. Ms. Zorica McCarthy, High Commissioner of Australia to Pakistan
(St. 4, Diplomatic Enclave 1, G-5/4, Islamabad)