



PARLIAMENTARIANS FOR GLOBAL ACTION



PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENTARY SEMINAR ON HIV & AIDS POLICY

Held in collaboration with Provincial Assembly of Sindh, Pakistan, the National Assembly and Senate of Pakistan, the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA), Aga Khan University, and the United Nations Joint Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)

On January 30-31, 2006

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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

January 29th

Welcoming Dinner Reception – Hosted jointly by Mr. Syed Sardar Ahmed, Senior Provincial Minister, Sindh and Shabir Ahmed Qaimkhani, Provincial Minister for Health, Sindh (venue: Sindh Provincial Assembly)	19:30
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Day One – January 30th

Kohinoor Hall, Regent Plaza Hotel

Registration of participants	09:30 – 10:00
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Inaugural Ceremony	10:00 – 11:00
Tilawat (<i>Recitation from the Holy Quran</i>)	(5 minutes)

Welcome Note

Sen. Raynell Andreychuk (Canada), Convenor – PGA Sustainable Development and Population Programme (SDP)
(10 minutes)

Introductory Remarks

Dr. Noor Jehan Panezai, MP (Pakistan) – Chair, PGA National Group, Pakistan (10 minutes)

Inaugural Address

Hon. Muzaffar Hussain Shah, Speaker Sindh Assembly (10 minutes)

Opening Remarks

Dr. Shamsh Kassim-Lakha, President Aga Khan University, Karachi (10 minutes)

Keynote Address

Dr. Nafis Sadik, Special Envoy of the UN Secretary General for HIV & AIDS in Asia and the Pacific – presented by Dr. Aldo Landi, UNAIDS Country Coordinator – Pakistan, on behalf of Dr. Sadik (15 min)

Closing Remarks

Mr. Naveed Qamar, MP (Pakistan) – Member, PGA International Council

Tea break	11:00 – 11:15
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Session 1 - HIV & AIDS Challenges – Global, Regional and National	11:15 – 12:30
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Chair: Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva, Minister of Health Care and Nutrition (Sri Lanka)

Co-chair: Dr. Saeeda Malik, Provincial Minister for Women Development, Sindh

Topics:

- *Global Situation* – Dr. Aldo Landi, UNAIDS Country Coordinator (10 minutes)
- *Regional Situation* – Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva, Minister of Health Care & Nutrition (Sri Lanka) (15 minutes)
- *UNFPA initiatives in the area of HIV & AIDS* – Dr. France Donnay, Representative UNFPA (10 minutes)
- *National and Provincial Situation and Advocacy Strategy* - Dr. Nasir Sarfraz, Deputy Programme Manager National AIDS Control Programme (NACP) (20 minutes)
- *Sindh AIDS Control Programme* – Prof Dr Noushad A Shaikh, Secretary Health, Sindh (10 minutes)
- *Female Sex-workers* – Ms. Fareeha Razak Haroon, Member Provincial Assembly Sindh (10 minutes)

Discussion Session	12:30 – 13:15
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Luncheon	13:15 – 14:30
Hosted by Mr. Nisar Khoro, Hon. Leader of Opposition and Member Provincial Assembly of Sindh	

Session 2 – Advocacy and the Role of Political Leadership	14:30 – 15:40
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Chair: Mr. Ross Robertson, MP (New Zealand), Deputy Speaker; President, PGA International Council

Co-chair: Mr. Shabbir Ahmed Qaimkhani, Provincial Minister for Health, Sindh

Topics:

- *Asian Pacific Leadership Forum (APLF) Initiative* – Mr. Mohammed Ali Bhuiyan, APLF Coordinator, UNAIDS Bangkok (15 minutes)
- *UNAIDS OPEC funded initiative for involvement of Political Leadership* – Mr. Ninan Varughese Programme Management Adviser, UNAIDS Geneva (15 minutes)
- *Developing a supportive legal and ethical environment for People living with HIV & AIDS* – Mr. Zia Ahmed Awan, President LHRLA, Pakistan (15 minutes)
- *Role of parliamentarians in the response to HIV & AIDS* – Mr. Naveed Qamar, MP (15 minutes)
- *Role of Parliamentarians in Public Awareness* – Ms. Shazia Marri, MPA, Sindh (10 minutes)

Discussion Session	15:40 – 16:00
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Tea break	16:00 – 16:15
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Session 3 – Countering Stigma and Discrimination	16:15 – 16:55
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Chair: Dr. Junaidy bin Abdul Wahab, MP (Malaysia); Deputy Chair, Committee on Health

Co-chair: Ms. Kashmala Tariq, MP (Pakistan)

Topics:

- *Ethical, Legal and Human Rights issues confronting PLWHA* – Shukria Gul, Pak Plus Society. (15 minutes)
- *Song video Al-Vida – Depicting the story of a PLWHA* (10 minutes)
- *Universal precautions on injection safety* – Ms. Shama Arif Mithani, Member Provincial Assembly, Sindh (10 minutes)
- *Stigma and Discrimination related to HIV & AIDS* – M. Idrees Siddiqui, MPA (Govt. of Sindh) (10 minutes)

Discussion Session	16:55 – 17:15
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Dinner	19:30
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Day Two – January 31st
Aga Khan University Auditorium

Session 1 – Interventions **10:00 – 11:00**

Chair: Mr. Inayat Ullah Khan, Provincial Minister for Health, NWFP

Co-chair: Dr. Mohammad Khurshid, Dean, Aga Khan Medical College

Topics:

- Migrant Workers – Dr. Arshad Altaf, Sindh AIDS Control Programme (15 minutes)
- Female Sex-workers – Mr. Monte Achenbach, Sergey Gath Green Star (15 minutes)
- Blood Safety Initiative – Dr. Abdul Mujeeb, JPMC Karachi (15 minutes)
- Scaling up towards universal access – Dr. Nasir Sarfraz, Deputy Programme Manager, NACP (15 minutes)
- Role of Religious leaders in preventing HIV & AIDS – Mr. Syed Talib Imam (10 minutes)

Discussion Session **11:00 – 11:30**

Video presentation/NGO Showcase **11:30 – 13:00**

Chair: Mr. Jamal Shah Kakar, Speaker Provincial Assembly of Baluchistan

Topics:

- Street Children Initiative – Ms. Rehana Rashdi, Pakistan Voluntary Health and Nutrition Association (PAVHNA) (15 minutes)
- Injecting Drug Users (IDUs) – Mr. Tariq Zaffar, Nai Zindagi (NGO) (15 minutes)

Project Videos:

- Street Children – Dr. Saleem Azam, Pakistan Society (25 minutes)
- IDUs – Mr. Mohammad Asad, Marie Adelaide Rehabilitation Programme (10 minutes)

Luncheon – Hosted by Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA) **13:00 – 14:30**

Group work & Plenary **14:30 – 15:30**

(Participants to be divided in groups based on provinces and would include members of the National / Provincial assemblies / Senate from their respective provinces, representatives of Provincial AIDS Control Programmes and other participants that would wish to participate)

Tea Break **15:30 – 15:45**

Presentation of Provincial Plans of Action **15:45 - 17:00**

Topics:

- Punjab – Dr. Muzzafar Ali, MPA – Chairman, Standing Committee on Health (15 minutes)
- Sindh - Mr. Talib, Imam, MPA (15 minutes)
- NWFP – Dr. Simin Mehmood Jan, MPA (15 minutes)
- Balochistan – Hon. Hafiz Hamdullah, MPA, Health Minister (15 minutes)

Concluding Session **17:00 – 17:30**

Closing Remarks

- Dr. Aldo Landi, UNAIDS
- Ms. Shazia Rafi, PGA

Dinner hosted by Department of Health **18:30 – 20:00**