



PARLIAMENTARIANS FOR GLOBAL ACTION

**PARLIAMENTARIANS FOR GLOBAL ACTION (PGA)
AND
THE HEALTH MINISTRY OF SRI LANKA
WELCOMES YOU TO THE PRE-ICAAP PARLIAMENTARY SEMINAR
ON HIV & AIDS POLICY
Colombo, Sri Lanka
At the Trans Asia Hotel
On August 18-19, 2007**

**HELD IN COLLABORATION WITH:
Health Ministry of Sri Lanka**

**WITH SUPPORT FROM:
ActionAid, UNAIDS, UNDP, the World Health Organization (WHO), UNFPA and
the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation
AND CORE SUPPORT FROM:
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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Day One – August 18th

Registration of Local Participants	8:00–9:00
Inaugural Ceremony	9:00–10:00
<i>Welcome Note</i> Senator Alain Destexhe (Belgium) President of PGA	(10 minutes)
<i>Keynote Address</i> Hon. Ratnasiri Wickremanayake- Prime Minister of Sri Lanka	(10 minutes)
<i>Introductory Note</i> Dr. Noor Jehan Panezai, MP (Pakistan), Convener, Sustainable Development, Health and Population Programme	(10 minutes)
<i>Vote of thanks</i> Mr. Syed Naveed Qamar, MP (Pakistan) Chair, PGA's Pakistan National Group, Member, Executive Committee	(10 minutes)
<i>Inaugural Address</i> Hon. Nimal Siripala De Silva, Minister for Health (Sri Lanka)	(10 minutes)
<i>Group photo</i>	(10 minutes)
Tea break	10:00–10:15

Session 1 –South Asia’s Current HIV & AIDS Situation & Response **10:15–11:25**

Chair: Hon. Inayatullah Khan, Provincial Health Minister (NWFP, Pakistan) - **Introduction** (5 minutes)

Keynote Speaker:

The Importance of Continued Political Commitment to the Overall Response to HIV & AIDS

Dr. Agostino Borra, WHO Representative of Sri Lanka (10 minutes)

Topics: *These topics address objectives of the National Framework on HIV & AIDS with a focus on understanding HIV & AIDS in Sri Lanka in particular:*

• HIV & AIDS Response Highlights in Indonesia - (10 minutes)
Dr. Hakim Sorimuda Pohan MP (Indonesia), AFPPD

• Current Financing Mechanisms for HIV&AIDS Prevention & Treatment Programmes - (10 minutes)
Mr. Olivier Adam, Acting Director, HIV & AIDS Practice, Bureau of Development Policy, UNDP, New York

• Health Care Access, Quality Overview: Urban/Rural Disparities - (10 minutes)
Dr. Sujatha Samarakoon, National AIDS Control Programme and ICAAP 8 Co-Chair

Question and Answer Session (20 minutes)

Conclusion by Co-Chair, Mr. Jesudasu Seelam, MP (India) (5 minutes)

Session 2 – Approaches to Preventing the Spread of HIV & AIDS (Target & Bridging Populations) **11:25–12:30**

Chair: - Ms. Lesley Soper, MP (New Zealand) **Introduction** (5 minutes)

Topics: *These topics address advocating for government support in various sectors*

• Addressing HIV & AIDS in the Work Place (management of disclosure & confidentiality and work safety & hazard management) - Hon. Rajitha Senaratne, MP (Sri Lanka) Minister of Construction and Engineering Services, Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) Member (10 minutes)

• Policies and Strategies to Protect Children from the Sex Industry, Universal School Enrollment Mandatory Attendance and Incentives – Prof. Harendra De Silva, Professor of Pediatrics, University of Kelaniya (10 minutes)

• Protecting Migrant Workers & their families from HIV&AIDS: Education Before Departure to Destination Countries and on Return – Hon. Hussein Bhaila, Deputy Foreign Minister (Sri Lanka) (10 minutes)

• Accessing Comprehensive Services for IDUs, Sex Workers & MSM: Prevention (needle exchange, opiate replacement, awareness and condom social marketing & distribution), Testing & Treatment - Ms. Yasmeen Rehman, MP (Pakistan), Deputy Chair of the Federal Parliamentary Forum (10 minutes)

Question and Answer Session (15 minutes)

Conclusion by Co-Chair, Dr. Manda Jagannath, MP (India) (5 minutes)

Luncheon – Hosted by the Health Ministry of Sri Lanka **12:30–14:20**

Session 3 – Practices for Prevention and Roles**14:20–15:30****Chair:** Hon. Chitra Lekha Yadav, MP (Nepal), Deputy Speaker, House of Representatives - **Introduction**

(5 minutes)

Topics: *These topics address current initiatives and needs*

- Sex Education in Schools: An Effective Curriculum to Address Family Planning, Reproductive Health, Drugs, Alcohol, STIs and HIV & AIDS – Ms. N.P. Durga, MP (India) (10 minutes)
 - Prevention Strategy through Collaborative initiatives: HIV & TB – Mr. K.S. Rao, MP (India) (10 minutes)
 - HIV & Hepatitis - Hon. Chaudhary Mohammad Iqbal, Provincial Health Minister (Punjab, Pakistan) (10 minutes)
 - Linking HIV Prevention with Reproductive Health: The Four Prongs and Preventing Parent to Child Transmission (PPTCT) of HIV – Dr. Myo Zin Nyunt, Regional PMTCT Specialist, UNICEF (10 minutes)
- Question and Answer Session** (20 minutes)
- Conclusion by Co-Chair,** Ms. Shahida Aktar Ali, MP (Pakistan) (5 minutes)

Dinner – Hosted by the Health Ministry of Sri Lanka**19:00**Day Two – August 19th**“Stigma Reduction” – Panel Discussion and Group Work****Part I: Strategies for Countering Stigma****9:00-9:45****Chair:** Ms. Riffat Javed Kahlon, MP - **Introduction**

(5 minutes)

Topics: *The purpose of this panel is to educate participants about stigma and its many effects.**This panel serves as an introduction to the working groups on stigma that follow.*

- Stigma and Linkages: Knowing Your Status, Condom Use, Taking ARVs, Effects on Prevention (disclosure) and Treatment - Dr. Syed Javaid Hussain, MP (Pakistan) (10 minutes)
- Religious Leaders as Advocates for Prevention (including discussing sexual behavior) and Countering Stigma & Discrimination – Ven. Kirama Wimalajothi Thero, Buddhist Cultural Centre, Sri Lanka (10 minutes)
- The Role of Media in Raising Awareness & Public-Private Partnerships - Mr. Pramod Kumar, Senior Programme Specialist HIV & AIDS Practice Team Asia and Pacific Regional Center-UNDP (10 minutes)

Question and Answer Session

(10 minutes)

Part II: Working Groups on Stigma-Interactive Session**9:45-10:45****Working Group Facilitator:** Ms. Alischa Ross, CEO/Director, Youth Empowerment Against HIV/AIDS (Y.E.A.H)**Discussion Experts:**

1. Prof. Colvin Gooneratne, Project Director, National HIV & AIDS Prevention Project (Sri Lanka)
2. Mr. Pramod Kumar, Senior Programme Specialist HIV & AIDS Practice Team

Asia and Pacific Regional Center

3. Mr. Fawad Haider, UNAIDS - Pakistan
4. Dr. Ying-Ru Lo, Regional Adviser (HIV & AIDS) WHO Regional Office for Southeast Asia, Department of Communicable Diseases

Introduction of Draft Colombo Declaration – Discussion and Adoption

10:45-11:25

Chair: Hon. Hussein Bhaila, Deputy Foreign Minister (Sri Lanka)

(40 minutes)

Concluding Ceremony

11:25–12:30

Chief Guest: Hon. Milinda Moragada, Minister of Tourism (Sri Lanka)

- The Importance of Greater Collaboration Between Civil Society and Government and the Role of the Commonwealth Foundation - Dr. Mark Collins, Director, Commonwealth Foundation (10 minutes)
- The Importance of Continued International Assistance in the Area of HIV & AIDS - Mr. Kent Olsson, MP (Sweden), Treasurer of PGA (5 Minutes)

Seminar Summary -

(20 Minutes)

Dr. Sarath Samarage, Deputy Director General of Health Services (Planning) and Hon. Hussein Bhaila, Deputy Foreign Minister (Sri Lanka)

Closing Remarks:

(10 minutes)

Hon. Milinda Moragada, Minister of Tourism (Sri Lanka)

Senator Alain Destexhe (Belgium), President of PGA

(5 minutes)

Awards Distribution

(20 minutes)

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