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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