

**Learning From Each Other And Moving Forward
Asia And Europe Together In The Fight Against HIV/AIDS**

ASEM meeting in Ho Chi Minh City 22-23 November 2005

Chief Rapporteur for the meeting:

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Venue: Reunification Palace, Ho Chi Minh City

Monday 21 November 2005:

Pick-up participants at airport and transfer to hotels

Tuesday, 22 November 2005:

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Registration

Opening session:

Co-Chairpersons: Viet Nam and the Netherlands

- Welcome and opening speech by Pham Gia Khiem, Deputy Prime Minister of Viet Nam
- The ASEM initiative on HIV/AIDS, (Lennart Hjelmåker, Swedish HIV/AIDS ambassador, on behalf of the Netherlands, the Philippines, Sweden and Viet Nam)
- "Our lives, our reality" (Dialogue by two youths with HIV, one from Viet Nam and one from a European Country)
- HIV/AIDS in Asia and Europe, improving our response (Michel Sidibe, Director CRD, UNAIDS)
- Theatre group: How Stigma and Discrimination Affects Us (from HCM City)

Lunch

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Two parallel sessions:

Session A: Building an Effective National Response to HIV/AIDS: The Three Ones

Co-Chairpersons: Thailand and Sweden

- Developing a national strategy on HIV/AIDS, the Vietnamese experiences (Viet Nam)
- Building policy and multisectoral support, the Chinese state council on HIV/AIDS (China)

- One national Monitoring and Evaluation strategy (Spain)
- National framework for financial and technical resources (Germany)
- Summary of key action points (rapporteur)

Session B: Critical Issues in Emerging Epidemics

Co-Chairpersons: Viet Nam and the Netherlands

- Maintaining Commitment to HIV Prevention in a Low Prevalence Epidemic (Philippines)
- Building Leadership Understanding and Support for Harm Reduction (Asian Harm Reduction Network, AHRN)
- Reducing Vulnerability of Mobile Populations (Slovenia)
- Sexuality, Gender and Feminization of the HIV Epidemic (RFSU, Sweden)
- Summary of key action points (rapporteur)

Evening:

Reception and dinner, hosted by Ministry of Health & Ho Chi Minh City People's Committee

Wednesday 23 November, 2005:

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Two parallel sessions to discuss and exchange 'best practices':

Session A, Mobilising society

Co-Chairpersons: The Philippines and Estonia

- Developing commitment to reach the vulnerable (the Netherlands)
- Greater Involvement of People Living with HIV (Cambodia)
- Responding to Expanding Drug Use: Reaching Young People (Poland)
- Tackling Stigma and Discrimination (Indonesia)
- Summary of key action points (rapporteur)

Session B, Co-operation between Asia and Europe, Sustainability and resources

Co-Chairpersons: Malaysia and Slovakia

- Key note address: Mobilising financial and technical resources (Michel Kazatchkine, The Global fund)
- Promoting technical partnerships between Asia and Europe, the ESTHER-project (Country in Asia participating in the project)
- Sustaining the efforts (Thailand)
- Countries in transition and emerging HIV-issues (Latvia)
- Summary of key action points (rapporteur)

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Plenary: The next steps – Moving forward

Co-Chairpersons: UK and China

- Insuring Leadership commitment (representatives from ASEAN and EU)
- Next steps in the ASEM dialogue on HIV/AIDS (Sweden, on behalf of the Netherlands, the Philippines, Sweden and Viet Nam)
- Plenary discussion -Recommendations and statements
- Adoption of Plan of Action

Closing session:

- Final appreciation (the Philippines on behalf of organising countries)
- Official closing (the Ministry of Health, Viet Nam)

Evening Field trips: 2 Options identified:

1. PLWHA Groups
2. Voluntary Counselling and Testing: ATS Centre

Thursday 24 November, 2005: Transfer participants to airport or stay for the 3rd National Scientific Conference on HIV/AIDS in Viet Nam