



September 2005

Brief Update on the National Conference 24 – 26 Nov. 2005, HCMC

1. Official Decisions

- Prime Minister approved the 3rd National Scientific Conference on HIV/AIDS, which will be held in HCM City from 24-26 November 2005
- The first and second announcements are on UNAIDS website (www.unaids.org.vn)
- Organizing committee is about to meet very soon. Other meetings of VAAC/MOH and Ho Chi Minh city AIDS committee regarding the conference are continuing to be held.

2. Funding of the Conference

- Estimated cost is around \$270,000; 240,000 has been pledged so far by international donors
- A donors meeting has been held in August by HCMC AIDS committee, UNRC/UNDP and UNAIDS. About 240,000 so far committed and HCMC AIDS committee is working on getting the funds in.
- Further funds now needed for scholarships for participants of the conference.

3. Registration

- UNAIDS has circulated the registration form to TWG on 9th September, and the registration form is also on UNAIDS website.
- Completed registration forms are to be sent to HCMC AIDS committee at: 59 Nguyen Thi Minh Khai, Dist. 1, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, Tel: 84 8 9309309/ 9309090, Fax: 84 8 9309152, Email: pachcmc@mail.saigonnet.vn
- Do not send the completed registration form to UNAIDS.

4. Abstracts

- HCMC has received more than 170 abstracts
- The dateline is still open for late breaking and high quality abstracts.

5. Agenda of the conference:

- UNAIDS is collating the comments from the Track Brainstorms, and sending them to the HCMC AIDS Committee for considering in finalizing a Conference agenda.

6. Satellite meetings:

- The available time slots for Satellite meetings in the Conference venue are very limited, and are probably now filled. Other Satellite Meetings will need to rent venues and needed equipment nearby.
- UNAIDS has already sent out a request for information on planned Satellite meetings to the TWG twice; organizers of Satellite meetings should submit this information immediately.
- Attached is the list of Satellite meetings submitted to UNAIDS as of 26 September 2005.

5. Poster sections and exhibitions

- There will be Posters Presentations and Exhibition space for organizations and companies
- Arrangements for booking exhibition space will be confirmed by the Organizing Committee.

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