

## SATELLITE INVITATION

INTRODUCING ASIA PACIFIC COALITION ON MALE SEXUAL HEALTH [APCOM] TO THE PARTICIPANTS OF ICAAP COLOMBO

DISSEMINATION ON THE FORMATION OF APCOM

DATE & TIME: 22ND AUGUST 2007 BETWEEN 1830 HRS AND 2000 HRS  
VENUE: ROOM 'B'

APCOM is a coalition, within which the community, the government sector, various UN agencies, funders/donors, and persons with technical expertise in the field of MSM and HIV are equal partners. The need for a coalition of all stakeholders, that address and advocate for the issues concerning MSM and HIV in the Asia Pacific region, was expressed by the delegates attending the Risks and Responsibilities Consultation in New Delhi in September 2006. APCOM is presently governed by an Interim Governing Board (IGB) that has representatives of the Community, Government Sector, UN agencies, Funders, and Technical Experts. This IGB is transitional and shall be in office for 24 months, within which time elections would be held to the first Governing Board, which will then take over the governance of APCOM.

The governing structure of APCOM is determined by the Constitution of APCOM that was adopted by the IGB in its meeting dated 27th July 2007. 'Terms of Reference (TOR)' of all functionalities of APCOM have been developed based on this constitutional structure and these TORs along with the constitution shall be uploaded soon on the website of APCOM, which is currently under development. As per the Constitution, community representation within APCOM shall be membership based. Only Organisations and Networks working on the issue of MSM and HIV with community involvement can become members of APCOM. Community representatives on the APCOM Board shall be elected by members of APCOM.

This satellite is being held to disseminate amongst the participants of ICCAP the formation of APCOM, introduce its various IGB members, explain the provisions of its constitution and solicit membership from community participants

### Speakers:

- Chair [of satellite as well as of APCOM] – **Shivananda Khan** - on the historical Background to APCOM
- Co-chair [Representing UN system] – **Edmund settle** - on Role of UN system and support of the UN system to APCOM
- **Sittiphan Bunyapisompan** – on TG issues and how APCOM can help address these issues
- **Zhen Li** – on Issues within China including formation of Chinese national network and how APCOM can support these endeavours.
- **Manvendra Singh Gohil** – on issues within India, networking in India, the need for an India coalition, and how APCOM can support these
- **Masao Kahiawazaki** – on issues of Developed Asia, the formation of the Developed Asia coalition/network on MSM and how APCOM can supporting these issues
- **Dr Chancy Phimphachan** – on support and role of the Government Sector within APCOM
- **Jan Wijngaarden** – Knowledge Management and UNESCO support for APCOM
- **Swarup Sarkar / Indrajit Pandey** – on UNAIDS support to APCOM and funding issues
- **Aditya Bondyopadhyay** – Constitution and Membership of APCOM

Note: there will be at least 40 minutes given for an open discussion between participants and panellists.

If you are not a registered participant at the ICAAP and still want to attend the satellite, please carry a copy of this invite to the satellite venue and also try and inform us by email latest by 21st August 1800 Hrs Sri Lanka time, so that we can forward your name to the ICCAP organisers.