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18 March 2010
17th CFA Meeting
9 April 2010
70th ACA Meeting



XVIII INTERNATIONAL AIDS CONFERENCE
JULY | 18-23 | 2010 | VIENNA AUSTRIA

Rights Here, Right Now

**CONFERENCE
OVERVIEW**

- ◆ **The International AIDS Conference** is the premier gathering for those working in the field of HIV, as well as policy makers, persons living with HIV and other individuals

committed to ending the pandemic. It is a chance to assess where we are, evaluate recent scientific developments and lessons learnt, and collectively chart a course forward.

- ◆ **Given** the 2010 deadline for universal access set by world leaders, AIDS 2010 will coincide with a major push for expanded access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support. With a global economic crisis threatening to undermine public investments, the conference will help keep HIV on the front burner, and is a chance to demonstrate the importance of continued HIV investments to broader health and development goals. AIDS 2010 is also an

opportunity to highlight the critical connection between human rights and HIV; a dialogue begun in earnest in Mexico City in 2008. The selection of the AIDS 2010 host city is a reflection of the central role Vienna has played in bridging Eastern and Western Europe, and will allow for an examination of the epidemic's impact in Eastern Europe.

The 18th International AIDS Conference will be held in Vienna, Austria from 18 to 23 July 2010.

CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

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◆ **The AIDS 2010 programme** will present new scientific knowledge and offer many opportunities for structured dialogue on the major issues facing the global response to HIV. A variety of session types – from abstract-driven presentations to symposia, bridging sessions and plenaries – will meet the needs of various participants. Other related activities, including the Global

Village, satellite meetings, exhibitions and affiliated events, will contribute to an exceptional opportunity for professional development and networking. Following the success of the pilot programme at AIDS 2008, the XVIII International AIDS Conference will provide or facilitate hubs (centres) where selected sessions of the conference will be screened, to increase the access to the conference programme.

AIDS 2010 Theme

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Emphasizes the central importance of protecting and promoting human rights as a prerequisite to a successful response to HIV. The right to dignity and self-determination for key affected populations, to equal access to health care and life-saving prevention and treatment programmes, and the right to interventions based on evidence rather than ideology, are all incorporated in this urgent demand for action.

Rights Here, Right Now emphasizes that concrete human right measures need to be in place to protect those most vulnerable to and affected by HIV, especially women and girls,

people who use drugs, migrants, prisoners, sex workers, men who have sex with men and transgender person.

Rights Here, Right Now also emphasizes the location of the conference in Vienna, chosen in part for its proximity to Eastern Europe and Central Asia, a region experiencing one of the fastest growing epidemics that is fuelled primarily by injecting drug use. It also underscores this critical moments in time for the global epidemic – with the 2010 deadline that world leaders set for providing universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support on the immediate horizon. Right Here, Right Now is a call for leadership, accountability and action.

XVIII IAC SPONSORSHIP

The ACA Secretariat will apply to the Council for the AIDS Trust Fund to sponsor members from ACA, Council for the AIDS Trust Fund and Red Ribbon Centre Management Advisory Committee to attend the Conference. The sponsorship will include the registration fee, a HK-Vienna-HK return

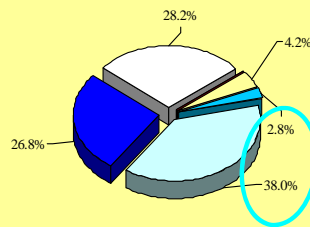
ticket and subsistence allowance for the whole Conference period. It is expected that the delegation will share their experiences with local AIDS workers upon their return to Hong Kong. Stay tune with the Report Back Seminar to be held in due course.

HIV/AIDS Situation

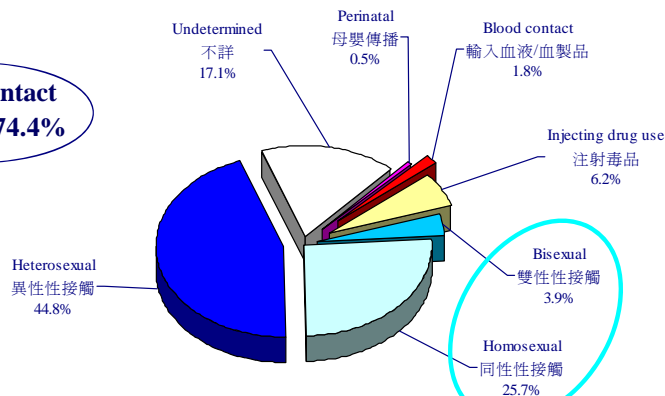
Routes of transmission of HIV infection

感染愛滋病病毒人士之傳染途徑
1984 - 2009 (N=4443)

Year 2009 (Oct - Dec)



Sexual contact
性接觸 : 74.4%



HIV/AIDS Situation

HIV/AIDS Situation in Fourth Quarter 2009 ~ Updated 31 December 2009

		This Quarter		Cumulative	
		HIV	AIDS	HIV	AIDS
Sex	Male	57	17	3575	945
	Female	14	3	868	161
Ethnicity	Chinese	51	15	2954	857
	Non-Chinese	20	5	1489	249
Route of Transmission	Sexual Contacts	48	19	3306	954
	Heterosexual	19	10	1992	684
	Homosexual	27	8	1140	227
	Bisexual	2	1	174	43
	Injecting drug use	3	0	274	45
	Blood/blood products recipients	0	0	79	24
	Perinatal	0	0	23	7
	Undetermined	20	1	761	76
Total		71	20	4443	1106