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Summary of the Seventeenth CFA Meeting held on 18 March 2010

Towards Developing the Third Set of UNAIDS Core Indicators for Monitoring Hong Kong’s AIDS Programme

Members discussed the 25 UNGASS indicators and their data source and agreed on the following:

Indicator 2 on National Composite Policy Index, Part B to be completed by civil society organizations: recommended ACA to invite Hong Kong Coalition of AIDS Service Organization (HKCASO) to provide input.

Indicators 7, 16, 17 and 22 concerning prevalence of receiving HIV test, risk behaviours and HIV prevalence among specified age groups in the general population respec-

tively: since the numerator was the general population, these figures could only be obtained through population-based surveys such as the Government’s thematic household survey.

Indicators 8, 9 and 14 concerning prevalence of receiving HIV test, contact with HIV prevention programmes and knowledge of HIV transmission in most-at-risk populations respectively: to include the relevant questions in the future PRiSM and CRiSP surveys.

Members were encouraged to

adopt the questions in their own NGOs’ service monitoring and surveys. It was noted that while the indicators would facilitate Hong Kong to benchmark its performance, cross comparison with other places should be interpreted with care since different countries might have different data collection and presentation methods. The Forum heard Dr. Tim Brown’s advice for developing a specific set of local indicators to monitor and evaluate the Hong Kong-wide response .

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“Quality Assurance Guidelines on Peer Education in Community Settings”

The Forum received the draft guidelines prepared by a Working Group comprising CFA members, their colleagues, and SPP staff. It was agreed that the guidelines should be made more user-friendly by trimming down the theory parts, outlining general principles, adding a code of ethics, setting minimum stan-

dards, and providing indicators for monitoring and evaluation. Inclusion of some important legal issues as well as local best practices would also be helpful.



Response to HKCASO’s Comments and Questions on the Mid-term Review of the Recommended HIV/AIDS Strategies for Hong Kong 2007-2011

Members noted the response compiled by ACA Secretariat to the comments and questions raised by HKCASO in relation to the mid-term review of the recommended HIV / AIDS strategies for Hong Kong 2007 – 2011. On the issue that the focus of the paper being Government-oriented, the Forum noted that the paper served as a framework to facilitate members’ discussion on the eight targets. Before the end-period

of the current Strategies, ACA would actively seek input from community and other stakeholders on progress of the eight targets. On the confiscating of condoms as prosecution evidence, the Forum noted the course of actions which had been carried out by ACA. NGOs were advised to record the incidents of unreasonable seizure of condoms so that they could be reported to the Police. The meeting also noted

ATF resource allocation plan and funding mechanism. Members were informed that the Scientific Committee on AIDS and STI had embarked on discussions to revisit the principles of antiretroviral therapy in its last meeting in March 2010. The Forum reiterated the need to ensure adequate resources for the treatment of a growing number of HIV /AIDS patients.

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Advisory Coun-
cil on AIDS 20th
Anniversary
Seminar cum
Reunion ~ 18
June 2010*

ACA is a permanent non-statutory body appointed by the Government to advise on AIDS policies in Hong Kong. To mark its 20th anniversary, ACA has decided that a seminar cum reunion event will be held on 18 June 2010.

All past and present members of ACA and its committees as well as our stakeholders will be invited. ACA has invited Dr David HO (Scientific Director of Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center), a famous international AIDS expert to deliver a keynote lecture. Apart from the Seminar, the reunion is organized with the idea to :

acknowledge efforts of ACA members, its Committees and Task Forces/Working Groups over the years; and have a meaningful occasion to let old and new friends working in the field of AIDS to come together to chat and share their experience.



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International AIDS Conference (18-23 July 2010)

Professor CHEN Char-nie, ACA Chairman will be participating on the behalf of ACA, in the upcoming XVIII International AIDS Conference (IAC) in Vienna, Austria. His participation is made possible through the support of the AIDS Trust Fund.

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Hong Kong Advisory Council on AIDS 20th Anniversary Seminar cum Reunion Programme

Date : 18 June 2010 (Friday)

Time : 13:15 – 17:00

Venue : Crystal Ballroom, 2/F, The Cityview, 23 Waterloo Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong

13:15	Registration
13:45 – 14:25	Group photos for current and former members of the Council and its Committees
14:40	Platform guests proceed on stage
14:45	Opening Remarks by Prof Chen Char-nie, JP, Chairman of ACA
14:50	Speech by Dr York Chow, GBS, JP, Secretary for Food and Health
14:55	Presentation of souvenirs
15:05	Cake-cutting ceremony
15:10	Keynote lecture by Dr David Ho, Scientific Director of Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center
16:00	Tea reception
17:00	Programme ends