



Editorial Board

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54th CFA Meeting
18 March 2020

A Summary of the 53rd CFA Meeting held on 16 December 2019

HIV and AIDS Response Indicator Survey (HARiS) 2019 preliminary results

The University of Hong Kong presented the preliminary results of HARiS 2019 on female sex workers (FSW), male clients of female sex workers (MCFSW) and people who inject drugs (PWID). During the meeting, NGOs shared their experiences of providing services to the target populations. The survey data will be further processed for analysis.

The purpose of conducting HARiS regularly was to observe the longitudinal trend of a set of key indicators among clients receiving services from different NGOs, as well the overall effectiveness of HIV prevention programmes.

DH also informed Members that another round of HARiS would be carried out in 2020. In addition to the aforementioned three key at-risk populations, HARiS 2020 will also cover men who have sex with men (MSM).

More about the 53rd CFA Meeting

Report of the 6th National Academic Conference on HIV/AIDS

The National Academic Conference on HIV/AIDS has been organised annually by the Chinese Association of STD and AIDS Prevention and Control (中國性病愛滋病防治協會) since 2014 and is highly supported by the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) and World Health Organization (WHO).

This year, the Conference was held in Hangzhou from 15 to 18 October 2019. The 4-day conference provided a platform for HIV experts from various fields to review and discuss the experience of the latest HIV programmes within China and overseas. A medical officer from DH and staff from the Hong Kong AIDS Foundation attended the Conference.

DH briefed Members on the latest situation of HIV epidemics of different countries in Asia and the Pacific and different provinces in Mainland China. The latest strategies of China in HIV control and prevention was introduced. The Hong Kong AIDS Foundation also introduced its work in the HIV prevention projects in China.

Arrangement for attending CFA as observers

The following arrangement was agreed during the CFA Meeting held in March 2012 -

- a. Upon the Convener's invitation/agreement, people who were interested to take part as observer might attend the whole or certain sessions of the meeting and speak up in the meeting at the Convener's discretion;
- b. The CFA Secretariat would announce the agenda on the ACA's website (in the ACA Newsfile) prior to each CFA Meeting. Interested parties could put up their requests to the CFA Secretariat for consideration;
- c. In case of over subscription, the CFA Secretariat would work out the list of participants by adopting a fair procedure deemed appropriate;
- d. Despite of this new administrative arrangement, the meeting would continue to be conducted in Cantonese only; and
- e. At the same time, the CFA Secretariat could invite relevant stakeholders to attend the meeting if deemed appropriate.

54th CFA Meeting

Date : 18 March 2020 (Wednesday)

Time : 2:30 pm

Venue : Conference Room, Red Ribbon Centre
2/F, Wang Tau Hom Jockey Club Clinic
200 Junction Road East, Kowloon

Two main items on the Agenda

- ♦ HIV epidemiology in Hong Kong 2019
- ♦ Update of recommendations on the use of post-exposure prophylaxis against HIV

Invitation

Dear All,

If you are interested to take part as observer in the 54th CFA Meeting to be held on 18 March 2020, please complete the application form (available for download from http://www.aca.gov.hk/cfa_observers_form.pdf) and send the completed form to the CFA Secretariat by **28 February 2020**. For more details of this arrangement, please refer to the summary shown on the left of this page.

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SPECTRUM workshop in Red Ribbon Centre by UNAIDS

The SPECTRUM workshop was successfully held in Red Ribbon Centre from 15 to 17 January 2020. Dr. Taoufik Bakkali and Dr. Guo Wei, two experts from UNAIDS, conducted the course for the colleagues (including medical officers, nursing officers and statistical officers) of the Special Preventive Programme. SPECTRUM is a software recommended by UNAIDS to generate HIV-related estimates and projection. The results (estimates) are useful to help inform HIV/AIDS-related strategies for Hong Kong.

