

## **UNAIDS at the 9<sup>th</sup> International Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific**

The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), will be participating in a number of events during the 2009 International Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific (ICAAP), to be held from 9-13 August 2009 in Bali, Indonesia. See below a summary of events open to media:

### **9 August**

**Event: Media Orientation**

**What:** Briefing for journalists on the congress programme

**When:** 09:00-12:00

**Where:** Bali International Convention Centre (BICC)

**Host:** ICAAP Congress Sub-Committee on Communications Chair, Mr. Danny Yatim

**Event: AIDS Ambassadors and Champions Meeting** (followed by press conf TBC)

**What:** Focus on how to strengthen the roles of regional AIDS Ambassadors to contribute to the Millenium Development Goals

**When:** 12:00 – 14:30

**Where:** BICC

**Host:** Hajjah Ani Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, First Lady of Indonesia (Prasada Rao, Director, UNAIDS Regional Support Team Asia and the Pacific, and Salman Ahmad, Pakistani rock star and UNAIDS Goodwill Ambassador will participate)

**Event: Keynote Address at Opening Ceremony**

**What:** Theme: “Putting People First – People Taking Charge”

**When:** 17:00 – 22:00

**Where:** Lotus Pond, Garuda Wisnu Kencana (GWK) Cultural Park, Bali

**Speaker:** Prasada Rao, Director, UNAIDS Regional Support Team Asia and the Pacific to deliver speech on behalf of Michel Sidibé, UNAIDS Executive Director

### **10 August**

**Event: Overview of AIDS Epidemic in Asia & the Pacific Region**

**When:** 09:00 – 10:30

**Where:** BICC

**Speaker:** Prasada Rao, Director, UNAIDS Regional Support Team Asia and the Pacific

Event: **Opening press conference**  
When: 10:30 – 11:15  
Where: Media centre  
Speaker: Prasada Rao, Director, UNAIDS Regional Support Team Asia and the Pacific; plenary speakers; 9<sup>th</sup> ICAAP co-chairs; AIDS Society of Asia and the Pacific President

Event: **Towards a Multisectoral Response: Scaling-up Harm Reduction Services for IDUs in China**

What: Forum with health and law enforcement representatives to discuss different approaches to harm reduction, focusing on China's experience

When: 17:45 – 19:15

Where: Room 7 (Bougainville), BICC

Host: UNAIDS Country Office, China

Event: **Repealing Anti-Sodomy Law: Lessons from and challenges in Asia and the Pacific**

What: Explore legal strategies against criminal laws targeting MSM in the region, bringing forth experiences of legal repression and reform from community members

When: 17:45 – 19:15

Where: Orchid, BICC

Host: Lawyers' Collective, India and UNAIDS

## 11 August

Event: **Symposium on Scaling up Harm Reduction Services Towards Universal Access in Asia: Models of Good Practice**

What: Highlight challenges in implementing harm reduction services in Asia, and showcase innovative work from the region and opportunities for South-South collaboration

When: 10:45 – 12:15

Where: Nusantara III

Host: United Nations Task Force on Injecting Drug Use and HIV/AIDS in Asia and the Pacific

Event: **Press Conference**

What: **Launch of UNAIDS Report: "HIV Transmission in Intimate Partner Relationships in Asia"**

When: 11:30 – 12:15

Where: Media centre, BICC

Speaker: Prasada Rao, Director, UNAIDS Regional Support Team Asia and the Pacific

Event: **Symposium on HIV and Intimate Partner Transmission: A Call for Action**  
What: Take stock of evidence showing the increasing vulnerability of women to HIV transmission from their intimate partners and address critical policy and programme challenges  
When: 14:00 – 15:30  
Where: Nusa Indah  
Host: UNDP/ICW/WAPN+/UNIFEM/UNDP/UNAIDS/UNFPA

## 12 August

Event: **Satellite on aids2031: A special look at countries in rapid transition in Asia**  
What: Discuss key emerging issues in Asia especially on the role of new designer drugs and use of information communication technologies on HIV vulnerability and spread in the region. The report of the Working Group on Countries in Rapid Transition will be launched at this satellite  
When: 12:30 – 14:00  
Where: Medan, BICC  
Host: UNAIDS

Event: **Symposium on Addressing Legal Barriers to Service and the Criminalisation of Most-at-Risk Populations**  
What: Explore the implications of legal barriers on HIV prevention efforts and to identify roles of key partners in addressing these barriers.  
When: 14:00 – 15:30  
Where: Nusantara II, BICC  
Host: UNAIDS

For more information on the 9th ICAAP, visit [www.icaap9.org](http://www.icaap9.org)

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