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The 11th International Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific,  
Bangkok, Thailand, 18-22 November 2013

*Asia/Pacific Reaching Triple Zero: Investing in Innovation*

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# Key Sessions and Events on HIV and AIDS and the World of Work

## Protect Human Rights at Work, Prevent HIV

### The VCT@WORK Initiative

Reaching 5 million workers with voluntary HIV testing by 2015 is the goal of the **VCT@WORK** initiative launched in June 2013.

About half of all people living with HIV globally do not know their status. **VCT@WORK** encourages workers to choose testing in a confidential setting that protects them from stigma and discrimination. Those who test positive will be referred to services for care, support and treatment to help them live longer, healthier and more productive lives. The **VCT@WORK** initiative takes a human rights-based approach integrating the key principles of the **ILO's HIV and AIDS Recommendation, 2010 (No. 200)**, including non-discrimination and the right to confidentiality.

Led by the ILO, with the support of UNAIDS, this landmark initiative is a key element of the “**Getting to Zero at Work**” campaign launched on World AIDS Day 2012. More than 200 leaders from different walks of life have already joined the campaign, including leaders from governments, employer’s and workers’ organizations, private sector partners, international and regional organizations, HIV activists and people living with HIV.

**The countdown to reach 5 million workers by 2015 has begun – together we can make each day count!**



**Zero new HIV infections. Zero discrimination. Zero AIDS-related deaths.  
Implement the ILO Recommendation on HIV and AIDS (No. 200).**

*“Everyone has the right to live a dignified, healthy and productive life. People living with HIV must be allowed to work without any fear of discrimination. **Getting to Zero should be the goal of every workplace.**”*

**Aung San Suu Kyi (Myanmar), Nobel Peace Prize 1991**



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**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

**TIME ROOM TITLE**

10:00 - 12:00

Community  
village

**Forum**

**Meet the UN Leaders**

12:15 - 13:45

Hall I

**Satellite  
meeting  
SM62**

**Leveraging Innovative Social Protection Schemes to Accelerate “Getting to Zero”**

Social service interventions such as income support and access to education, employment, nutrition and health are not accessible to populations most affected by the epidemic in Asia. One key success factor in ensuring both the HIV sensitivity as well as accessibility of social protection schemes has been the involvement of civil society organizations.

The session presents novel initiatives and evidence on HIV and social protection through a panel discussion with eminent HIV and social protection practitioners and short videos.

12:30 - 13:00

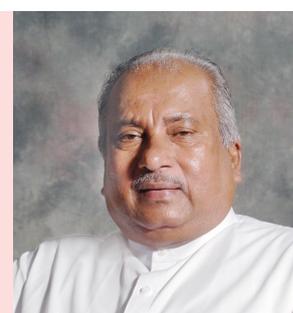
Plaza

**E-Poster  
Discussion  
EPD05**

**Knowledge Equals Rights: Current Needs of Sex Workers**

***“Social protection for all, including people living with HIV, is an investment in the future. It is essential for development and economic growth.”***

**Gamini Lokuge (Sri Lanka), Minister of Labour and Labour Relations**



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12:15 - 13:45 Hall G

**Satellite  
meeting  
SM08**

**Getting to Zero Discrimination in Healthcare  
Settings in Asia**

A UNAIDS Stigma Index study in Asia have found that between 40 to 65% of the PLHIV surveyed experienced some forms of discrimination in healthcare settings. This workshop examines effective approaches, tools and methods to reduce stigma and discrimination towards PLHIV and key affected populations by providing country examples.

15:45 - 17:15 Hall I

**Oral  
session  
OR10**

**Contextualizing HIV Interventions**

*- Using occupational safety and health management systems in workplaces to incorporate HIV and sexual reproductive health* **ICAAP1217-01155**

The session looks at the use of occupational safety and health management systems in workplaces to address HIV and sexual reproductive health issues.

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21**

10:15 - 13:15 Hall L

**Skills  
building  
workshop  
SBW22**

**How to Effectively Utilize WISE SHAPE Manuel -  
Improving Safety and Health in Adult Places of  
Entertainment**

***“Universal access to health care should be provided to all, including PLHIV and key affected populations in both the formal and informal economies.”***

**Nafsiah Mboi (Indonesia), Minister of Health and Chair of the Board of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria**



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10:30 - 12:00 Hall G **Understanding and Eliminating Stigma and Discrimination  
in Healthcare Settings**

**Oral  
session  
OR14**

*-Promoting positive living and reducing self-stigmatization  
among PLHIV in Sri Lanka **ICAAP2766-01230***

The session presents an ILO, UNDP and AIDS Foundation of Sri Lanka jointly initiated intervention to reduce external and self-stigmatization with six national hospitals and three PLHIV organizations.

*-Getting to zero at healthcare workplaces **ICAAP3047-01915***

The session presents a programme to reduce stigma in India's health sector developed by the ILO and the Ministry of Labour under the Employee State Health Insurance Corporation (ESIC).

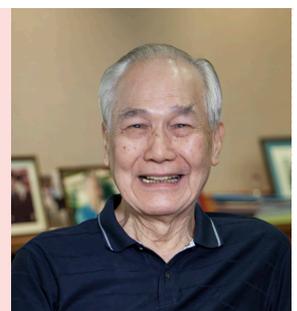
12:15 - 13:45 Hall F **Getting to Zero in the Workplace**

**Satellite  
meeting  
SM28**

The session aims to portray best practices and lessons learned from workplace HIV programs in the Asia and the Pacific region and contribute to creating a momentum for expanding evidence-based interventions that address the needs of key populations in low and concentrated epidemics.

***"We need to ensure that the legal environment protects  
the rights of people living with HIV, including in the workplace.  
By reforming national laws and policies, we can end stigma  
and discrimination, and promote greater access to HIV services,  
particularly for key populations at risk."***

**Anand Panyarachun, Former Prime Minister of Thailand**



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14:00 - 15:30 Hall D  
**Satellite Meeting SM32**  
**Reducing HIV Vulnerability among Migrant and Mobile Populations and Communities in Cross-border Areas in the GMS**  
*-Highlights of the report HIV among Migrant Workers in the GMS: Policy and Program Issues?*

14:00 - 15:30 Hall H  
**Oral Session OR17**  
**Living and Working Abroad: Challenges for PLHIV Migrants and Others**

14:00 - 15:30 Hall H  
**Oral Session OR19**  
**Sex Workers Leading HIV Prevention**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22**

10:30 - 12:00 Hall G  
**Oral session OR26**  
**Mandatory Testing and Legal Issues for PLHIV**  
*-Legal AIDS Services Turn the Tide on Discrimination in China **ICAAP3275-01638***  
  
The session presents a partnership forged between the ILO and a national legal aid center to provide legal services to PLHIV and to advocate for application of the national policy. Since the establishment of this legal aid programme, six high profile cases on employment and medical discrimination have been brought to court.

*“Decent work for all, including people living with HIV, is a cornerstone for Getting to zero new infections, zero discrimination and zero AIDS-related deaths. **We must act now to make all workplaces free from stigma and discrimination!**”*

**Guy Ryder, Director-General, International Labour Office (ILO)**



**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22**

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14:00 - 15:30

Hall F

**Satellite  
meeting  
SM59**

**Travel Restrictions: Mandatory Health Screening Practices and its Impact on Migrants' Health and Wellbeing**

The panel presents concrete recommendations and policy actions to eliminate travel restrictions for migrant workers based on their HIV status.

14:00 - 15:30

Hall I

**Oral  
Session  
OR30**

**Economics of Living with HIV: Social Protection, Income Generation and Micro Finance**

**The Thailand Business Coalition on AIDS and the ILO are pleased to invite you to the VCT@WORK booth in the Community Village.**

**Come and learn about the VCT@WORK initiative!**

*"ILO's efforts on Getting to Zero at Work are critical for an effective response to HIV. The workplace must protect the **health and human rights of workers** and ensure a safe and supportive environment for people living with and affected by HIV."*

**Michel Sidibé, Executive Director, Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)**





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Labour  
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# VCT@WORK

**5 workers million by 2015**

*Together making it happen!*

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