



23 - 25 November 2022

[NOVOTEL BANGKOK SUKHUMVIT 20](#)

19/9 Soi Sukhumvit 20, Klongtoey, Bangkok 10110, THAILAND

SESSION DESCRIPTION AND DETAILS

23 November 2022

Day 1, Session 1

Session **Connect: Regional Discussions on Diversity and Inclusion in the Private Sector**

Time **08.30 am to 05.00 pm**

Venue **The Netherlands Embassy**

Shuttle bus will be provided from Novotel 20 to Netherlands Embassy. This transport service is ONLY for non-Bangkok based participants.

The private sector is one of the largest employers and plays a significant role in the economy. By establishing standards, the private sector has the power to influence policy to be more LGBTQI inclusive. There are significant conversations taking on around the world about LGBTQI inclusion and diversity in the private sector, particularly in businesses and workplaces. These conversations are taking place within and amongst a variety of private sector participants, including firms and corporations, employee resource organizations, and non-governmental organizations that support equality.

Some participants in the private sector already have expertise with diversity and inclusion, and they can serve as a valuable resource for other private sector organizations looking to become more inclusive. To contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals' aspiration on 'leaving no one behind' we are convinced that civil society organizations working on LGBTQI rights and the private sector should work closely together in pursuit of diversity and inclusion.

This session will

Provide a platform for private sector, specifically businesses and civil society organizations working on LGBTQI rights to learn, share, and strategize on diversity and inclusion.

Discuss LGBTQI situation in the Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Philippines and Thailand and share experiences, strategies, good practices and challenges in engaging with private sector.

Identify strategies for increased LGBTQI inclusion in the workplace

08:00 - 09:00	Registration/Novotel to Netherlands Embassy	
09:00 - 09:20	Opening Remarks	
09:30 - 11:00	Panel Discussion 1: LGBTQI Situation on Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Philippines and Thailand	Panelists: Micro Rainbow, Cambodia Suara Kita, Indonesia CHIAs, Lao PDR Babaylanes, The Philippines APCOM
11:00 - 12:30	Panel Discussion 2: Thailand experience DE&I in business sectors	Panelists IBM Food Panda Sea Gate technology
12:30 - 13:30	LUNCH	
13:30 - 15:00	Panel Discussion 3: Challenges and Ways Forward for Diversity and Inclusion	Panelists: Country partner organizations, UNDP Michael Bäk (Head of Public Policy, Thailand) APAC Public Policy
15:00 - 15:10	Opportunities and Ways Forward: Elton John AIDS Foundation's New Strategy	Anna MacDonald Elton John AIDS Foundation
15:10 - 16:00	Identification of Next Steps (Group work)	Group Workshop Format: World Café
16:00 - 16:30	Presentation of Word Café Outputs	Facilitators
17:00	Closing	APCOM

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24 November 2022, Thursday

Day 2 Session 1

Session **Utilizing the powerful combination: PrEP, HIVST and ART to fight HIV in Asia-Pacific**

Time **08.30 to 12.30**

Room **Novotel Bangkok Sukhumvit 20**

The 2021 Political Declaration on Ending HIV and AIDS underscored that combination HIV prevention is a cornerstone of an effective HIV response. In the context of political environment and increasing HIV cases in Asia, APCOM has advocated that Asia-Pacific must prioritize the combination of innovative prevention tools: Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP), HIV Self Testing, and antiretroviral therapy in achieving 'Undetectable=Untransmittable (U=U)'.

Oral and Event-Driven PrEP must be provided as prevention options for MSM especially those who engage in 'chemsex'. In addition, WHO recommends that **long-acting injectable cabotegravir (CAB-LA)** may be offered as an additional HIV prevention option for people at substantial risk of HIV infection. The trend of 'Chemsex' among MSM is seen in different countries in Asia. 'Chemsex' involves both sexual and drug-related high-risk behaviors, such as multiple sexual partners, the use of multiple drugs, and injecting drug use.

HIV self-testing has emerged as an important option for people who might otherwise avoid testing services due to stigma and discrimination. HIV programs must rapidly adopt effective HIV testing technologies and offer various testing options tailored to different needs of key population.

Prioritized actions are also required to close the gaps in access to treatment and care that undermine the benefits of **antiretroviral therapy (ART)** in achieving Undetectable=Untransmittable status. Many people who initiate ART achieve viral suppression, but some are not linked to care early enough or do not remain engaged in treatment and care.

This session will address the following points:

- How soon can PrEP CAB-LA be implemented in countries in Asia-Pacific? Are there recent updates on CAB-LA?
- What are the examples and lessons learned from the pilot projects of CAB-LA in Asia-Pacific?
- How can the community maximize the benefits of PrEP, HIVST and ART to address 'chemsex'?
- How will the community organizations strengthen their program and operational capacities to enable effective implementation of combination HIV Prevention?

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08.30 - 09.00	Registration	
09.00 - 09.05	Introduction of the session	APCOM
09.05 - 09.20	HIV Prevention Combination in Asia-Pacific: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the context of UNAIDS Global AIDS Strategy • PrEP CAB-LA, HIVST and ART overview and updates: implementation studies and guidelines 	Dr. Heather Marie Schmidt Regional PrEP Adviser WHO/UNAIDS-RST
09.20 - 09.30	PrEP CAB-LA, HIVST and ART in program implementation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PrEP CAB-LA, Examples and lessons from Pilot project in Thailand - the delivery of community services, and the demand creation • PrEP CAB-LA, HIVST, and ART vis-a-vis chemsex and risk reduction programs 	Dr. Nittaya Phanupak Institute for HIV Research and Innovation (IHRI)
09.30 - 09.45	Q & A / Discussions	
09.45 - 10.15	COMMUNITY PANEL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sex, Drugs, Gay Men and Risk reduction programme (Community-Based Service Delivery) • The KRUBB Model: Private Sector (Corporate / Private Services) 	Panelists: K'Danai Linjongrut Executive Director Rainbow Sky Association of Thailand Tono Permana Muhamad Executive Director YAYASAN KASIH SUWITNO, Indonesia Murugesan Sivasubramanian Project Director Humsafar Trust India K'Arm Akkraset Chawengchinawong Co-Founder KRUBB Bangkok Thailand

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10.15-10.30	break	
10.30-10.40	Presentation of result from supplemental TA meeting for 4 countries partners.	Arm Siripong
10.40 - 12.15	<p>Activity: Mapping countries advocacy opportunities in Asia Pacific, in relation to PrEP , PrEP CAB-LA and chemsex:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● challenges, opportunities, what can partners and APCOM do ● Implementation considerations ● for adaptation to country context. ● Information / awareness campaigns ● Community service delivery ● Demand creation 	Arm Siripong
12.15 - 12.30	<p>Plenary Report back by group rapporteurs (5 mins each) Followed by Q&A (10 mins)</p>	



Day 2, Session 3

Session **Is the 'person-centered approach' person-centered?**

Time **13.30 to 17.30**

Room **Novotel Bangkok Sukhumvit 20**

Person-centered care programme promotes healthcare that is determined by many components that constitute people's identities, including gender, age and socioeconomic status. These programs provide key population quality services in prevention, diagnosis, treatment and care. Community-led services using person-centered care in their programs respond to clients' needs as human beings, and not as indicators to program funders' strategies. (*Differentiated Service Delivery for KPs is one of the person-centered approaches.*)

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Global institutions addressing HIV, including International AIDS Society (IAS), UNAIDS and PEPFAR, recognizes that community leadership ensures that HIV services are relevant to, and reach, the key population who need them the most. However, to this day, most HIV services at the country levels are not led by key population and communities. It must be noted that many of key population in the countries are still challenged in accessing basic health services due to stigma, discrimination and some times violence. For this reason, the key population is best placed to provide appropriate services for their communities.

This session will address the following points:

- What is Person-Centered Care Approach? What are the good examples in Asia?
- How do we integrate or apply person-centered care in delivering:
 - HIV services - prevention, testing, treatment, and care?
 - HIV prevention combination?
 - Key population-specific HIV services?
- How can APCOM support country-level advocacy for KP-led DSD? What capacity/ies do community organizations need to strengthen (organizational capacity)?
- How can APCOM and community partners effectively advocate to COP/ROP23 and Global Fund NFM4 the inclusion of person-centered approach in service delivery?

13.30 - 13.45	What is Person-Centered Care Approach?	
13.45 - 14.30	Is the 'person-centered care' person-centered?: Examples from Asia Vietnam Example Philippines Example Q&A	Doan Thanh Tung Executive Director Lighthouse Enterprise Rod Olete, GPLI Program Manager Gabay Sa Pulang Laso, Inc
14.30 -15.00	Discussion: Translating person-centered approach in service delivery	Rod Olete, GPLI Gabay Sa Pulang Laso, Inc
15.00 - 15.15	Coffeebreak	
15.15 - 16.30	Country Advocacy and Regional Strategy	Doan Thanh Tung Lighthouse Enterprise
16.30 - 17.00	Discussion: Organizational capacity (Referencing APCOM RapApp Tool)	APCOM



Day 2, Session 4

Session **LGBT Decriminalization in Asia**

Time **19.00 - 20.30**

Venue **Foreign Correspondents Club Thailand
P Floor, 518/5 Ploen Chit Rd, Lumpini, Pathum Wan, Bangkok
(Next to BTS Chit Lom Station)**

Participants may take the sky train from BTS Phrom Pong station to BTS Chit Lom Station

According to ILGA World’s 2019 State Sponsored Homophobia Report, around 35% (68) of UN Member States continue to criminalise consensual same-sex sexual acts, and with two out of five of these countries are located in the Asia Pacific region that is punishable by death.

In light of recent successful decriminalisation efforts in India (2018), Bhutan (2021), and efforts to decriminalisation in Sri Lanka and Singapore. It is timely to convene an Asia discussion on the strategies and challenges of decriminalisation. The experiences of human rights defenders, lawyers, political leaders from these jurisdictions can inspire and assist others the Asia Pacific states fighting to realise decriminalisation in their own societies.

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18.30 – 19.00	Registration	APCOM
19.00 – 19.15	Welcome	APCOM
	Keynote Speaker	Professor Emeritus Vitit Muntarbhorn <i>UN Special Rapporteur; former member of UN Commissions of Inquiry on human rights; former UN Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity (UN IE SOGI).</i>
19.15 – 19.45	The Road to Decriminalisation and Impacts. Examples of decriminalisation in Asia <ul style="list-style-type: none">BhutanIndia	Ambassador Suchitra Durai Embassy of India, Thailand

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		Ambassador Kutshab Kinzang Dorji Royal Bhutanesse Embassy, Thailand
19.45 – 20.15	<p>Civil Society Movement for Decriminalisation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Singapore • Sri Lanka 	<p>Bryan Choong APCOM Chair Chair of Oogachanga, Singapore</p> <p>Rossana Falmer-Caldera Executive Director Sri Lanka</p>
20.15 – 20.25	Reflections	Ambassador Dr. Sarah Taylor Embassy of Canada, Thailand
20.25 – 20.30	Thank you and Close	APCOM

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Day 3, Session 5

Session **Convening Community Leadership and USAID/PEPFAR:
Discussions for engagements and priorities for COP/ROP23**

Time **08.30 to 12.30**

Room **Novotel Bangkok Sukhumvit 20**

APCOM is convening regional key population networks and community partners from 10 PEPFAR countries in Asia to begin discussions on key population engagement and priorities for Country Operational Plan / Regional Operational Plan 2023 (COP/ROP23). Asia Region is facing a continuing decline of investments into HIV programming despite the inclusion of strategies and commitments towards ensuring KP-led programs and their sustainability. While PEPFAR-funded programs have implemented strategies for working with key populations at risk of and living with HIV, they have often overlooked people who use drugs and sex workers.

The engagement of the key population with the COP/ROP23 is crucial to ensuring that the needs of their communities are appropriately addressed and budgeted for the fiscal year. For the COP/ROP23, the process of community engagement must begin at the earliest time or during the drafting of the COP/ROP23 Guidance. It is recommended that the PEPFAR Asia Coordination Unit (PARCU) continue its engagements with the key population networks even after the COP/ROP22 approval. USAID/PEPFAR is called to consult with key population representatives in developing new strategies of PEPFAR and include the representatives in the drafting of the guidelines for COP/ROP 23.

This session will address the following points:

- How do we assess our engagements last COP/ROP23?
- What are the COP guidelines and monitoring mechanisms to ensure PEPFAR country teams/coordination units engage a wide range of KP CSOs including small and local KP and community groups?
 - Review of previous COP implementation
 - Stakeholder/community consultations
 - Transparency
- How do we ensure that priorities/needs identified by key populations are included in the COP23?

08.30 - 09.00	Registration	Session Facilitator: Arm Siripong
09.00 - 09.05	Introduction to the session	Midnight Poonkasetwattana Executive Director APCOM
09.05 - 09.15	Presentation of COP/ROP21 and	Inad Quinones Rendon

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	COP/ROP22 Engagements	HIV Programming and Advocacy APCOM
09.15 - 10.00	<p>COMMUNITY PANEL 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● How do we assess our engagements last COP/ROP23? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What are the biggest challenges in engaging with the COP22-related discussions? ○ What are some easy but incremental steps that the community can take for effective engagements in the next COP processes? 	<p>Facilitator: Inad Quinones Rendon</p> <p>Panelists:</p>
10.00 - 10.10	PEPFAR Strategy 2023 Updates	PEPFAR Country Office Thailand
10.10 - 10.20	COP/ROP23: What do we know so far?	Heather Davis USAID-RDMA
10.20 - 10.30	Coffeebreak	
10.30 - 11.15	<p>COMMUNITY PANEL 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● How do we ensure that priorities/needs identified by key populations are included in the COP23? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Recommendations to engagements at Regional Level ○ Recommendations to engagements at Country Level 	<p>Facilitator: Inad Quinones Rendon</p> <p>Panelists:</p>
11.15 - 11.45	<p>PEPFAR and USAID Responses to Community Panels</p> <p>Discussions</p>	<p>PEPFAR Country Office Thailand</p> <p>Heather Davis USAID-RDMA</p>
11.45 - 12.30	Next Steps for effective COP/ROP23 Engagements	

Day 3, Session 6

Session **KEYPOP APP: Launching of APCOM's KeyPop Mobile App**

Time **13.30 to 17.00**

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APCOM, with support from ViiV Healthcare, developed a key population community-led audit framework to monitor programme investments by PEPFAR and Global Fund. This is a Mobile application called the **KEYPOP APP** (*Key Population Investments, Participation and Ownership Rapid Audit Apparatus*). As a web-based mobile application, the audit tool will be widely available. It will be more effective in providing the needed data for public accountability through the eyes of the community and will be used by the community to demand accountability and the promised investments. Inform the community about the level of investments and based on gaps – the data coming from the tool is needed to have informed conversations.

The framework will measure the level of investments in key population community strengthening in terms of actual funds, capacity strengthening activities, level of investments in the various elements of community systems strengthening, numbers of key population community members reached. Through the project, the KP networks and partners will be ready to use the audit framework and monitor the involvement of key population representatives and communities in funding decision-making process.

The KeyPop App may be used by community organisations in producing the needed data for public accountability, especially on promised investments. The information will be used to inform PEPFAR, Global Fund, KP networks and national governments on what goes well and what needs improvement.

**To allow wide usage of the mobile app, the KeyPop App is only accessible via Android Smartphones.*

***KeyPop App will available for download via Google Play in the afternoon of 25 November 2022.*

13.30 - 13.45	What is Person-Centered Care Approach?	
13.45 - 14.30	Is the 'person-centered care' person-centered?: Examples from Asia	Doan Thanh Tung Executive Director Lighthouse Enterprise
	Vietnam Example	
	Philippines Example	Rod Olete, GPLI Program Manager Gabay Sa Pulang Laso, Inc
	Q&A	

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