



# Standing up for HIV Prevention

WELCOME TO THE ASEM WORKSHOP ON HIV AND AIDS IN STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN, 4-5 JUNE 2007

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On 4-5 June 2007 the ASEM workshop on HIV and AIDS will be held in Stockholm, Sweden. The workshop will be hosted by Ms. Gunilla Carlsson, Minister for International Development Cooperation, and Ms. Maria Larsson, Minister for Elderly Care and Public Health.

## FOCUS ON YOUTH

The workshop will focus on prevention and on young people. Issues that will be highlighted include sex education, gender education for young men, youth clinics and accessibility of user-friendly services. Greater access to essential commodities for prevention, including male and female condoms and comprehensive harm reduction efforts related to drug use will also be part of the agenda.

## INSPIRING FIELD VISITS

An important part of the workshop will be field visits to local NGOs, schools and Swedish authorities working with sexual education and HIV prevention. Participants will have the opportunity to take part in two different study visits.

A detailed programme will soon be sent to all participants.

## AN INTERACTIVE PROCESS AND PANEL DISCUSSIONS

The Stockholm workshop will be based on an interactive, participative approach that will facilitate feedback and stimulate dialogue. To achieve this we will use modern technology and hold several panel discussions.

## WHO WILL PARTICIPATE?

Participants from all ASEM participating countries are cordially invited to participate in the workshop. Today there is a growing consensus that the fight against the HIV and AIDS pandemic requires the strong participation of civil society, not least people living with HIV and AIDS (PLWHA). We therefore strongly encourage all ASEM member states to include civil society participants. Grants covering travel costs and per diem will

be given to participants, as by approval from The Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs. In addition, we look forward to greeting participants from international organisations and others actively working with HIV and AIDS.

## HOW CAN I SIGN UP?

The Swedish International Development Agency (Sida) is responsible for the overall organisation of the workshop with assistance from Global Reporting, a consultancy company based in Stockholm.

We very much look forward to your positive response and to your participation in this important event. Please provide the full name, address and position of each delegate and give notice to [asem@globalreporting.net](mailto:asem@globalreporting.net)

*Please confirm your participation no later than 2 May.*

## WHAT IS ASEM?

ASEM (the Asia-Europe Meeting) is an informal process of dialogue and cooperation bringing together EU member states and the European Commission, with Asian countries. The ASEM dialogue addresses political, economic and cultural issues, with the objective of strengthening the relationship between our two regions. The first ASEM Summit was held in Bangkok in March 1996. In 2005 there was a workshop in Ho Chi Minh City. The workshop in Sweden is the continuation of the initiative launched in Hämeenlinna, Finland, 18-19 June 2006. The workshop is co-sponsored by Sweden, Vietnam, the Netherlands and the Philippines.