



ACSM at Country Level Core Group

Chair: Netty Kamp

Secretariat: Young-Ae Chu

ACSM Core Group Conference Call Friday, 28 August 2009

Participants

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Updates on tools

ACSM Best Practice document: Alka gave update of the status of the document. It has taken longer than previously foreseen for a number of reasons including in-consistency of the best practices received, gaps of information that we have been trying to get, as well as efforts to make this document "live up to its expectations".

The draft will be sent for all Core Group members to review and comment the first week of September. CG members will have two weeks to provide concrete comments on track changes, to facilitate consolidation of all comments into a final draft.

Media document: Document is finalized and has been posted online (http://www.stoptb.org/resource_center/assets/documents/Working%20with%20the%20Media%20Final%20Web.pdf). It was also announced through the July ACSM e-update. Hard copies are currently in print, as is translation into French.

ACSM in action: In all e-update issues and also on the ACSM Country-level website (http://www.stoptb.org/wg/advocacy_communication/acsmcl/cambodia.asp), we have created an "ACSM in action" section - which aims to highlight ACSM activities conducted by our partners. So far PATH has been active in contributing stories. Core Group members are strongly encouraged to send in information of what their organizations are doing in their respective countries.

Cancun ACSM CG - SG Meeting

The ACSM Core Group and Sub Group meeting will be held from **29 November to 1 December** at the following location:

Omni Cancun Hotel & Villas

Blvd. Kukulcan, L-48 KM. 16.5 M.55
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Support for all CG members will include the following: economy class flight and per diem to cover from 28 November to 2 December (4 nights). For those needing official invitation letters for visa purposes, please let Secretariat know. Visa, travel insurance and other formalities for travel are the sole responsibility of the travellers.

Registration to the Union Conference: Secretariat cannot provide financial support for registration.

All CG members confirmed to attend should **first and foremost book their flights**. Email for travel agent and instructions will be sent via email.

ACTION POINT: Core Group members to send to Secretariat proposal for agenda item in Core Group and Sub Group meeting. Secretariat will be compiling recommendations for agenda items and draft agenda for CG review. Key topics already on the agenda will include workplan for 2010 and adoption of TOR by Sub Group.

Cancun Bursaries

As was done for the ACSM Working Group meeting in Cape Town in 2007, the Partnership will make available a total of 40,000 USD to provide 20 ACSM SG members with bursaries, or scholarships, of up to 2000 USD each.

The committee will be responsible for finalizing criteria and selecting bursary winners. Committee will consist of ACSM SG chair, Secretariat, and 2 CG members. Chief Austin and Elena have volunteered. Committee members will be contacted soon and we will aim to have complete selection in mid-September.

Union Conference Berlin 2010

Next year's Union Conference will be held in Berlin on **11-15 November 2010**. Online submission of sessions for the Conference is now open. Proposed sessions should relate to the theme *Tuberculosis, HIV and lung health: from research and innovations to solutions* and be submitted no later than **31 October 2009**.

CG member agree we should submit proposal.

ACTION POINT: All core group members to think about possible topics and presentations that they, or organizations they know can make. Secretariat will submit proposal BASED on submission from CG members.