

Minutes of the 57th Meeting of the CCM

The following were present :

1. Shri KeshavDesiraju, **Chair**-India CCM & Secretary, Department of Health & Family Welfare
2. Shri Lov Varma, Secretary, Department of AIDS Control (DAC)
3. Ms. AradhanaJohri, Additional Secretary, DAC – Member Secretary
4. Shri Anshu Prakash, Joint Secretary, Department of Health & Family Welfare
5. Dr. Ramesh Paranjape, National AIDS Research Institute, Pune
6. Shri MangeshGupte, ACC Ltd, Mumbai
7. Dr. P. Elangovan, Indian Association for the Study of STD & AIDS, Chennai
8. Dr.NataMenabde, WHO Representative
9. Ms. Lise Grande, UN Resident Coordinator
10. Dr. Rajesh Kumar, SPYM, New Delhi – **Vice Chair**
11. Father Fredrick D'Souza, Caritas India, New Delhi
12. Swami Shantatmananda, Ramakrishna Mission, New Delhi
13. Ms. Daxa Patel, Surat
14. Mr. Arno Schaefer, Minister Counsellor, Delegation of European Union to India, New Delhi
15. Dr Roshan Kumar, Director, SEEDS
16. MONNET Rodolphe, Embassy of France
17. Ms S Veena, Vice President, Samara
18. Dr Prakash H Aher, Magmo Welfare Sanstha, Nasik

The following were present representing CCM Members:

1. Dr. R.P. Meena, Director (Finance) representing Shri S.K. Srivastava, Additional Secretary & Finance Adviser
2. Dr. C. Padma Priyadarshini representing Dr.SoumyaSwaminathan, NIRT, Chennai
3. Dr.Priti Kumar representing Dr. K. Srinath Reddy, PHFI, New Delhi
4. Dr. Pauline Harvey representing Dr. Nancy Godfrey, USAID
5. Ms. NandiniKapur representing Dr.OussamaTawil, UNAIDS

6. Dr. J. Subbanna representing Dr. P.V Ranganadha Rao, LEPR

These brief minutes of the 57th Meeting of the CCM held at NirmanBhavan, New Delhi at 3 p.m on Friday, October 4, 2013 are issuing from the Office of the Chair, CCM. Detailed minutes will issue in due course.

2. At the outset, the Chair conveyed thanks to USAID for kindly bearing the expenditure involved on the travel costs of some outstation members of CCM. The CCM has had to request USAID in this matter because funds available with the CCM Secretariat have dwindled and further replenishments have not been made. The CCM was informed that expenditure details requested by GF Headquarters had been sent in letter of September 11, 2013.

3. The issue of the location of the CCM Secretariat was discussed at some length. Ms. Lise Grande pointed out that a recent mail from Mr. Andreas Tamberg seemed to suggest that release of funds for CCM Secretariat is linked to relocation from NACO. After very long discussion, it was agreed that CCM Secretariat will write to GF in follow up to letter of September 11 and request that in the light of those clarifications, the necessary funds may be released.

4. On the matter of the issues of VIHAAN grant including the selection of SR/SSRs under R4 RCC Alliance Grant, a four member Committee had been set up at the previous meeting under the chairmanship of the Vice Chair of the CCM. Allegations of conflict of interest have been levelled against the Vice Chair, which were refuted by Dr. Ramesh Paranjpe at today's meeting. The Committee has not, however, concluded its work and it was agreed that they would decide on how to proceed further in the matter. CCM was also informed that USAID had disassociated itself from the work of the Committee.

5. On the matter of extension of the Round 4 RCC Treatment Grant, the Grant documents remain unsigned. Representatives of the Department of AIDS Control informed the meeting that necessary steps had been taken to ensure that availability of medication was assured at all locations. The grant agreement for release of funds to the AIDS Control programme must be resolved quickly and Department of AIDS Control must pursue this with the Global Fund. The CCM would need to be informed when the documentation has been signed by Vice Chair and Chair before transmission to the Global Fund.

6. On the selection of a representative of the HIV+ community as a member of the CCM, the meeting was informed that a consensus decision has not yet been reached. UNAIDS was requested to pursue efforts to attain consensus. The CCM expressed concern that these vacancies remained unfilled.

7. CCM was informed by the Chair that AS (Health) would replace AS (AIDS Control) as one of the four Ministry nominees on the CCM, the other three being Secretary, AIDS Control, Additional Secretary & FA and Joint Secretary (TB & Malaria). The CCM which is required to choose one of the four government nominees to be the Member-Secretary endorsed the suggestion of the Chair that AS (Health) would be the Member-Secretary. These arrangements will come into force immediately.

8. The meeting ended with thanks to all members.