

Minutes of the 54th meeting held on 23rd October 2006, at 4.00 pm, in the Conference Room of the Anti Malaria Campaign, Public Health Complex, 555/5, Elvitigala Mawatha, Colombo 05.

Present:

Mr. Shirley Tissera	- Congress of Religions/ CFP, Vice Chair / CCM
Dr. R.R.Abeysinghe	- Coordinator GFATM Project, MOH
Dr. Chandra Sarukkali	- Director / NPTCCD
Dr. S. Puri	- Actg. WHO Representative to Sri Lanka
Prof. Carlo Fonseka	- UGC
Ms. Swarna Kodagoda	- Alliance Lanka
Mr. David Bridger	- UNAIDS
Dr. Iyanthi Abeyawickrame	- SLMA
Dr. S.L.G Jayasuriya	- IMPA

Observers:

Ms. Hiranthi Ratnayake	- Local Fund Agency (PWC)
Dr. S.Warusawithane	- WHO

Excused:

Mr. Ranjith Maligaspe	- Ministry of Healthcare and Nutrition
Dr. R.R.M.L.R.Siyambalagoda	- Director / AMC
Prof. Jennifer Perera	- SLMA (Out of Country)
Mr. M.I.M Iqbal	- Sewa Lanka Foundation

Absent:

Dr. Nimal Edirisinghe	- Director / STD AIDS
Dr. Aberra Bekele	- UNICEF
Dr. L.P.Chandradasa	- Director GFATM Project / Sarvodaya
Dr. Chris Nonis	- Ceylon Chamber of Commerce
Mr. Samson Lal	- Lanka Plus
Mr. D.M.L Guneratne	- Family Planning Association
Dr (Mrs.) K. Naveratne	- World Bank
Mr. S.K.D. Dassanayake	- Sri Lanka Red Cross Society

1. Confirmation of the Minutes of 53rd Meeting

Minutes were confirmed as proposed by Prof. Carlo Fonseka and seconded by Dr. Chandra Sarukkali.

2. Matters arising from the minutes

NGO Representation

Mr. Shirley Tissera, vice chair/ CCM asked if the six selected NGOs were invited to today's meeting. Dr. R.R. Abeysinghe explained that till the minutes of the 53rd meeting are confirmed they could not be invited to participate

SLMA Representation

Dr. Sarukkali asked that in what category SLMA is represented in the CCM, and also said SLMA is not a NGO. Dr. Iyanthi Abeyewickrame (current Chairperson of the Communicable Diseases Committee of the SLMA) who is representing SLMA on behalf of Prof. Jennifer Perera queried if she should not be at the meeting. Several members expressed the opinion that SLMA should be part of the CCM. A final decision to be reached at the next meeting of CCM after discussion with Dr. Lalith Chandradasa and Chairman / CCM.

3. Capacity building of the Global Fund Project Office

Dr. Abeysinghe, Project Coordinator tabled a letter received from Ms Malavika Rao, regarding the above as per the request of Chairman / CCM. The content of the letter were discussed and it was explained that action had been initiated to address the issues raised in the letter, as follows,

Clause 1.

Measurers are being implemented to minimize procedural and reporting delays in the project office.

Clause 2.

Dr. Abeysinghe explained that applications had been called for filling the post of M & E officer of the project office in the National Newspapers on 26th July 2006. Ninety-four applicants had applied and a Selection Panel has been appointed by Secretary, Ministry of Healthcare and Nutrition in capacity of Chairman / CCM to select a Suitable candidate. Action is being taken to make an early appointment.

Clause 3

The decision regarding non-Extension of services of Dr. W.P. Fernando, former consultant GFATM Project was explained as being due to the age of Dr. Fernando, as applicable to all public servants in Sri Lanka.

Clause 4

Action will be taken to keep the Global Fund informed of appointment of senior staff to the Project Office.

Clause 5

Terms of Reference for Project Office will be developed jointly with the Global Fund.

4. Nominee From Lanka Plus

Since the President of Lanka Plus has resigned from CCM and “Lanka Plus” is representing people living with HIV/AIDS, it was decided to inform them to nominate a representative to the CCM.

5. Next CCM meeting

The date will be notified to the members.



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