



Selection of the Asia Pacific regional host for Civil Society Action Team (CSAT)

A public call for nominations was announced on September 2007 to solicit nominations for the positions of Host Organizations for the Regional Coordinators of the Civil Society Action Team (CSAT).

We are pleased to announce the selection* of the 7 Sisters, based in Thailand, as the regional host of CSAT in Asia-Pacific. The 7 Sisters (www.7sisters.org) is an HIV/AIDS focused broad-based alliance bringing together seven regional networks in Asia-Pacific. The Asia-Pacific Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS (APN+) will be the legal host of the 7 Sisters, responsible for fiduciary arrangements.

CSAT is a new civil society-led global initiative that aims to coordinate, broker, and advocate for technical support to civil society organizations implementing or seeking grants from the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria (Global Fund).

Other existing CSAT regional hosts include:

- Middle East and North Africa: Association de lutte contre le sida (ALCS), Morocco
- Eastern Europe and Central Asia: Eurasian Harm Reduction Network (EHRN), Lithuania
- West and Central Africa: AfriCASO, Senegal
- East and Southern Africa: AfriCASO, Senegal

The selection of a regional host for the Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) region will be finalized at the beginning of 2008. Organizations interested in applying for this position should contact Natalia Ciausova, Acting CSAT International Coordinator at nataliac@icaso.org <<mailto:nataliac@icaso.org>> for information on the application process.

*Selection Committee:

1. Bobby John, India
2. Alexander Tsekhanovich, Russia
3. Baba Goumbala, Senegal
4. Gracia Violeta Ross, Bolivia
5. Gulnara Kurmanova, Kyrgyzstan
6. Javier Hourcade Bellocq, Argentina
7. Othman Mellouk, Morocco
8. Sunil Pant, Nepal
9. Richard Burzynski, ICASO (Global Host Organization of the CSAT)