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“Management of Antiretroviral Treatment (ART) and Long-term Adherence to ART”

6 – 17 May 2019

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**TICA : Thailand International Cooperation Agency**

is a national focal point for Thailand's international development cooperation. TICA was established in 2004 to realize Thailand's aspiration to be a contributor of development cooperation. Believing that global challenges are best addressed by international cooperation and global partnership, today we continue to strengthen our contribution to achieve global development agenda through various capacity-building and human resources development programmes. In response to the recent changes in the global landscape of development cooperation, especially through the concept of South-South and Triangular Cooperation, TICA continues to realign our focuses in order to deliver Thailand's commitment to be a relevant partner in global agendas including the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

**AITC : Annual International Training Course**

was initiated in 1991 as a framework in providing short-term training for developing partners. Today, the AITC remains one of TICA's flagship programmes. It offers not only a training experience, but also a platform in exchanging ideas and establishing professional network among participants from across the developing world. Aiming at sharing Thailand's best practices and experience to the world, the AITC training courses focus on development topics of our expertise currently categorized under five themes namely; “**Sufficiency Economy Philosophy**” or **SEP**, **Food Security**, **Public Health**, **Climate Change**, and **Other topics related to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**.

**International Training Center on AIDS, TB and STIs,  
Department of Disease Control,  
Ministry of Public Health**

International Training Center on AIDS, TB and STIs was established in 2004 to conduct international training courses on AIDS, TB and STIs, one of the most pressing international health agendas. This training course was originally formulated in 1977 and was continuously conducted by the Ministry of Public Health with an aim to share Thailand's accumulated experience and expertise in sexually transmitted infections case management for clinicians and health professionals from Asian countries and beyond.

**AITC Theme : Public Health**

This training course falls under the AITC theme – “Public Health”. We believe that health is a very important component for economic and social development, national security, regional and global stability. In the post 2015 context, health has been increasingly recognized as a key contributor in development as good health is one of the fundamental building blocks of society and sustainable development. From improved quality to inclusive healthcare system, Thailand has been sharing our experience and lesson-learned with developing partners on the road to achieve health-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

## Course Objectives

This training course aims at sharing Thailand's experiences in implementing Antiretroviral Treatment (ART) programme in tackling with HIV/AIDS problem. At the end of this course, participants are expected to;

- Understand principles and concepts of Antiretroviral Treatment (ART) management and long-term adherence to ART.
- Understand how the ART program can be sustained by including in the Universal Health Coverage scheme.
- Be able to develop strategies and methodology in implementing ART programme including monitoring and evaluation.
- Be able to apply knowledge and skill gained to the case of their respective countries.

## Course Methodology

Training methodologies to be used during this training course include;

- Lecture
- Group discussion
- After action review (AAR)
- Study visit
- Demonstration

## Assignment and Evaluation

- In-class participation and discussion.
- Advance assignment – Submission and 10-minutes presentation of “Country Report” which contains information on national HIV/AIDS and ART programme of their respective countries that include, such as relevant epidemiology/ policy, health services system, counseling and testing services, care service, M&E System and Community participation
- Attendance - Participants are required to attend all activities organized during the course. TICA reserves the rights to revoke its fellowship offered or take appropriate action in case a participant is in attendance of less than 90 percent of the training hours.

## Course Outline

This training course offers knowledge and understanding on the management of Antiretroviral Treatment (ART) programme and Long-term Adherence to ART. Topics of training are such as;

- Overview of Global and National AIDS Program
- Updated Knowledge on HIV Infection and Antiretroviral Treatment
- Drug Resistance
- Components of Service Delivery in Ending AIDS Program and ART Program
- National HIV/AIDS Program Management and Service Packages
- HIV Counseling and Testing Services
- Stigma and Discrimination
- Adherence to ART
- Financing and Access to Affordable ART
- ART Program Monitoring and Evaluation
- Sustainability of ART Program

## Participant Criteria

Candidates must possess qualifications as specified in “Guideline for Thailand’s Annual International Training Course Programme” No. 2 “Qualifications” as well as following qualifications;

- Two candidates must be nominated per country. One person should work in national ART programmes/policies and another person should work in relevant local healthcare centre.
- Currently working with at least two-year experience as Health official of medical, nursing or public health officers in the treatment and care for PLHA and well conversant on the HIV/AIDS program of own country.
- Age between 27 - 50 years of age

## Application

- Two candidates must be nominated per country. One person should work in national ART programmes/policies and another person should work in relevant local healthcare centre.
- Candidates must be nominated/ endorsed by their respective governments of the eligible countries/territories by the closing date for application.
- Complete nomination documents must be submitted to TICA through the Royal Thai Embassy/ Permanent Mission of Thailand to the United Nations/Royal Thai Consulate-General accredited to eligible countries/ territories.

(See “List of Eligible Countries” for more information)

## Number of Participants

20 persons

## Training Institution and Venue

### Training Institution

International Training Center on AIDS, TB and STIs (ITC), Bureau of AIDS, TB and STIs (BATS), Department of Disease Control, Ministry of Public Health, Thailand

### Training Venue

Narai Hotel,  
Silom Road, Bangrak,  
Bangkok

For more information on qualifications, application forms, and application procedures, please visit our website at <http://www.tica.thaigov.net/main/en/information/73803-Annual-International-Training-Course.html>

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## Selection and Confirmation

- Priority will be given to nominations that made of two candidates from the same countries. One person should work in national ART programmes/policies and another person should work in relevant local healthcare centre.
- Particular attention shall be paid to the candidates' background, their current position, and practical use they expect to make of the knowledge and experience gained from training on the return to their positions.
- Selection of participants is also based on geographical distribution and gender balance.
- Successful applicants will be informed approximately 4 weeks before the beginning of training course.
- Successful applicants must return duly completed and signed acceptance form by the deadline to confirm their participation in the programme.

## Terms of Awards

AITC Training Fellowship\* include training fee, return economy-class, airfare, accommodation, allowance, insurance, airport transfer and social programme.

\* Subject to rates and conditions established by TICA

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