

List of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on the Asia-Pacific Forum Against Drugs (APFAD)

Q1: What is the Asia-Pacific Forum Against Drugs (APFAD) about?

The Asia-Pacific Forum Against Drugs aims to bring together the anti-drug lobby groups which could include non-government and government organisations using a knowledge sharing platform.

Through APFAD 2015, NCADA hopes to encourage networking and closer collaboration among like-minded anti-drug advocates to organise early and resist the pro-drug liberalisation agenda at the United Nations General Assembly Special Session (UNGASS) on Drugs 2016. APFAD 2015 participants will also consider and adopt a declaration in support of a future society free from drug abuse.

Q2: What is the theme of the forum?

The theme of APFAD is “A drug-free Asia Pacific for our Children.”

Q3: What are some of the topics that will be discussed at APFAD?

The 4 key topics that will be discussed at APFAD are as follows:

- (1) The road to United Nations General Assembly Special Session (UNGASS) on Drugs 2016,
- (2) New challenges in the anti-drug scene – Cannabis,
- (3) Preventive education – Understanding motivations of youths; and
- (4) Treatment and rehabilitation – A holistic response, and Sharing by a Practitioner.

Q4: Who are the speakers for the topics to be discussed at APFAD?

Experts from overseas and Singapore will speak on these topics, which are pertinent to our collective regional and global anti-drug advocacy efforts. We are honoured to have invited Mr Erik Leijonmarck, Secretary General of European Cities Against Drugs (ECAD) to share on the topic of the Road to UNGASS 2016, and Mr Kevin Sabet, Director, Drug Policy Institute and Assistant Professor, College of Medicine at the University of Florida, to share insights on the new challenges in the anti-drug scene – Cannabis.

Stakeholders within Singapore’s anti-drug ecosystem would also be making presentations on the topics on Preventive Education and Treatment and Rehabilitation.

Q5: Who is invited to attend APFAD?

APFAD 2015 is expected to attract over 100 participants from both government and non-government organisations in the Singapore and Asia Pacific region.

Q6: When will the forum be held?

APFAD will be held on 27 August 2015 (Thursday), and it will be a full-day event. There will also be an optional facilities visit to understand Singapore’s anti-drug efforts on the morning of 28 August 2015. More details of the facilities visit will be released at a later date.

Q7: Where will it be held?

APFAD will be held in Singapore. Further details of the venue will be shared closer to date.

Q8: Who is NCADA?

The National Council Against Drug Abuse (NCADA) was formed in January 1995 as an advisory council to Singapore's Ministry of Home Affairs and upholds Singapore's zero-tolerance stance against drugs. In this regard, NCADA works closely with other non-government and voluntary welfare organisations to organise anti-drug activities. NCADA's preventive drug education programmes educate the public on the dangers of drug abuse. To date, Singapore has a strong national consensus of zero tolerance against drugs. For more information on NCADA, please refer to our annual report at:

http://www.cnb.gov.sg/Libraries/CNB_MediaLibrary_Files/NCADA_Annual_Report_2013.sflb.ashx.

Interested organisations may also refer to NCADA's Facebook page at the following address for more information on our organisation:

<https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/National-Council-Against-Drug-Abuse-NCADA/1484137865172832>