



Virtual Conference
16 Sept - 10 Nov 2020

Drug Demand Reduction in Africa:

Prevention, Treatment and Epidemiology



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Conference Programme

With support from ISSUP Global, ISSUP South Africa is excited to announce its first Virtual Conference on Drug Demand Reduction in Africa - Prevention, Treatment and Epidemiology, which will be convened online through a series of six plenaries beginning September 16, 2020, through to November 10, 2020.

ISSUP South Africa is excited to partner not only with ISSUP Global, but also with the African Union Commission, South African National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (SANCA), Department of Social Development, Republic of South Africa (DSD), Organization of American States Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (OAS/CICAD), and the U.S. Department of State/Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (DOS/INL).

The Drug Demand Reduction in Africa Virtual Conference will bring together national and international experts in the field of substance use prevention, treatment, and epidemiology to provide presentations on a broad range of related topics, including:

- Continental Perspective of Drug Use in Africa
- African Union Plan of Action on Drug Control and Crime Prevention (2019-2023)
- Global Perspective of Drug Use Worldwide
- Global Initiatives by the U.S. Department of State/Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (DOS/INL)
- Regional Perspective of Drug Use in Latin America and the Caribbean
- Evidence-Based Prevention Policy and Practice
- Treatment and Recovery
- Epidemiology and its Role in Drug Demand Reduction

Plenary 1: Setting the Scene for Drug Demand Reduction in Africa

Date: September 16, 2020

Time: 2:00 pm – 4:10 pm South Africa time

Plenary Chair: Jeff Lee and Livia Edegger, ISSUP Global

Conference Welcome and Introduction:

- Jeff Lee, Senior Consultant, ISSUP Global
- Livia Edegger, Deputy Director, ISSUP Global

Setting the Scene:

- Roger Weimann - President, ISSUP SA; Director, SANCA Eastern Cape
- Joanna Travis-Roberts - Chief Executive, ISSUP Global
- Brian Morales - Branch Chief Counternarcotics, Office of Global Programs and Policies (INL/GPP)
- Ambassador Adam Namm - Executive Secretary, Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD), Organization of the American States (OAS)
- Ms Hendrietta Bogopane-Zulu - Deputy Minister, Republic of South Africa Department of Social Development (DSD)
- Her Excellency Amira Elfadil - Commissioner for Social Affairs, African Union Commission (AUC)

Global Perspective – A Global Overview of Drug Use

- Giovanna Campello - Chief, Prevention, Treatment & Rehabilitation Section, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)
- Chloé Carpentier - Chief, Drug Research Section, Research Branch, UNODC

Continental Perspective – An Overview of Drug Use in Africa

- Dr Jane Marie Ong'olo - Head of Social Welfare, Vulnerable Groups and Drug Control, African Union Commission

African Union Plan of Action on Drug Control and Crime Prevention (2019-2023)

- Dr Abel Basutu - Senior Drug Control Programme Officer, African Union Commission

Global Initiatives by the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, US State Department

- William McGlynn - Senior Advisor, Office of Global Policy and Programs, Drug Demand Reduction, INL, U.S. Department of State
- Bruno Bui - Foreign Affairs Officer, Office of Global Policy and Programs, Drug Demand Reduction, INL, U.S. Department of State

Regional Perspective – Latin America and the Caribbean

- Marya Hynes - Chief, Inter-American Observatory on Drugs, CICAD

Summary and Invitation to Send Comments and Questions Arising from Inputs

Moderator: Jeff Lee and Livia Edegger, ISSUP Global

Plenary 2: Evidence-Based Prevention: Policy and Practice

Date: September 22nd, 2020

Time: 2:00 pm – 4:10 pm South Africa time

Plenary Chair: David Bayever, ISSUP South Africa

What Constitutes Evidence-Based Prevention?

- Jeff Lee - Senior Consultant, ISSUP Global

Prevention Standards

- Giovanna Campello - Chief, Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Section, UNODC

Media-Based Prevention Programmes

- William D. Crano - Oskamp Professor of Social Psychology, Division of Behavioral and Organizational Science, Claremont Graduate University, USA

Alcohol Use Prevention (data on alcohol use, environmental prevention initiatives):

- Maristela Monteiro - Regional Advisor on Alcohol and Substance Abuse, Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO) *Focus on the Latin America & the Caribbean
- Professor Neo Morojele - Professor and Acting HOD, Department of Psychology, University of Johannesburg, South Africa
- Professor Nazarius Tumwesigye - Associate Professor and Head of Department, Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Makerere University School of Public Health, Uganda
- René Adams - Programme Manager, Substance Abuse Prevention and Drug Control Rehabilitation Division, Social Welfare Services Directorate, Ministry of Health and Social Services, Namibia

Question & Answer Session

Moderator: David Bayever, ISSUP South Africa

Plenary 3: A Focus on Treatment and Recovery

Date: October 6th, 2020

Time: 2:00 pm – 4:10 pm South Africa time

Plenary Chair: Kim Johnson, Ph.D. Executive Director, ICUDDR

Treatment Standards

- Anja Busse - Programme Officer, Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Section, Drug Prevention and Health Branch, UNODC

Service Quality Measurements in Treatment Facilities

- Professor Bronwyn Myers - Chief Specialist Scientist, Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Research Unit, South African Medical Research Council

Best Practices in Treatment and UTC training in Africa

- George Murimi - Training Coordinator for Africa, Colombo Plan DAP

Credentialing and Certification

- Becky Vaughn - Director, Global Centre for Credentialing and Certification (GCCC), Colombo Plan DAP

Case Studies of Treatment Programmes in Latin America/Caribbean and Africa

- Bawo O. James - Consultant mental health physician and a certified addiction treatment specialist, Federal Neuropsychiatric Hospital, Benin City, Edo State, Nigeria
- Yuri Cutipé - Executive Director of Mental Health, Ministry of Health, Peru

Question & Answer Session

Moderator: Kim Johnson, Ph.D. Executive Director, ICUDDR

Plenary 4: Epidemiology and Its Role in Drug Demand Reduction

Date: October 20th, 2020

Time: 2:00 pm – 4:10 pm South Africa time

Plenary Chair: Dr. Rey Chad Abdool, Senior Independent Consultant, Drug Epidemiology, African Union Commission

A Continental Overview of Drug Epidemiology in Africa

- Professor Isidore Obot - Director, Centre for Research and Information on Substance Abuse, Nigeria

Regional Perspectives

- Dr Olubusayo Akinola - Programme Officer, Drug Demand Reduction, ECOWAS Commission
- Nadine Harker Burnhams - Research Scientist, South African Medical Research Council, SENDU/SACENDU

Overview of Drug Epidemiology in Latin America & Caribbean

- Pernell Clarke - Research Specialist, Inter-American Observatory on Drugs, CICAD - Caribbean
- Roberto Canay – Co-President, ISSUP Argentina - Latin America

Synchronising Global Drug Epidemiology Data Collection

- Chloé Carpentier- Chief, Drug Research Section, Research Branch, UNODC
- Enrico Bisogno- Chief, Data Development and Dissemination Unit, UNODC

Question & Answer Session

Moderator: Dr. Rey Chad Abdool, Senior Independent Consultant, Drug Epidemiology, African Union Commission

Plenary 5: Role of Legislators and Traditional health Practitioners in Drug Demand Reduction

Date: November 4th, 2020

Time: 2:00 pm – 4:10 pm South Africa time

Plenary Chair: Hon. Hendrietta Bogopane-Zulu, Deputy Minister, Department of Social Development, Government of South Africa

Role of the Legislator in Drug Demand Reduction

- Senator Mattie Hunter - Illinois State Senator, USA
- Advocate Luyanda Mtshotshisa - State Prosecutor, South Africa (TBC)
- Senator Héctor Yépez Martínez - Ecuador
- Hon Seth Kwame Acheampong - Chairman, Defence and Interior Committee, Parliament of Ghana

Role of Traditional Health Practitioners and Leaders in Drug Demand Reduction (Roundtable Discussion)

- Dr. Pelmos Mashabela- Deputy Chairperson of the Central Drug Authority, South Africa
- Dr Goodman Sibeko – Director of ITTC; Head, Division of Addiction Psychiatry, University of Cape Town
- Dr David Basangwa, Uganda
- Representatives from other African Countries (Mauritius, Kenya)

Question & Answer Session

Moderator: Ms Coceka Nogoduka, Acting CEO, South African National AIDS Council

Plenary 6: Review and Reflections: A Panel Session

Date: November 10th, 2020

Time: 2:00 pm – 4:10 pm South Africa time

Plenary Co-Chairs: African Union Commission and Joanna Travis-Roberts, Chief Executive, ISSUP Global

A panel session to respond to questions and issues arising from the previous 5 plenaries.

Panel members (TBC):

- Republic of South Africa (Dr. Pelmos Mashabela, Deputy Chairperson, Central Drug Authority)
- African Union Commission
- ISSUP South Africa
- ISSUP Global
- INL
- CICAD
- Colombo Plan
- ICUDDR