

## ISSUP Newsletter - Issue 95

[View this email in your browser](#)**Welcome to a special edition newsletter on Quality in Treatment**

In this issue we are delighted to welcome guest contributor **Annette Dale-Perera** of **ADP Consultancy UK** for a closer look at quality in treatment, why it matters, and the thinking behind the launch of our new network. Don't miss our upcoming [Quality in Treatment Seminar](#) on Tuesday 23rd February, 2021.

**ISSUP Quality in Treatment Network**

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As a professional involved in substance use disorder (drug) interventions, I am sure you will agree that we have a duty to ensure the treatment we provide is of quality – is of a 'known standard' and in line with international guidance.

The reasons for this are clear. People with substance use disorders are entitled to the same quality of treatment as any other group and yet they often lack access and face more stigma. Sadly, we are also aware ([World Drug Report](#), UNODC 2020) that some areas lack the recommended components of treatment systems or have treatment that is not in line with the international evidence-base, human rights or ethics.

The good news is that, as an international community, we have some key 'foundation stones' for ensuring quality. We have solid evidence drug treatment 'works' and can help people reduce risks, improve health and overcome dependence on substances. We have evidence-based guidance ('the [International Standards for the Treatment of Drug Use Disorders](#)' WHO/UNODC, 2020) on drug treatment systems and services. There are policy levers - a global priority in UN Sustainable Development Goals to

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Yet, we have a steep mountain to climb to ensure that service users in every area, of every country receive good quality drug treatment. Yes, drug treatment can 'work' but poor quality treatment may compromise human rights, may not be effective and may even make people's issues worse and put them at more risk. BUT we can help change this.

The ISSUP [Quality in Treatment Network](#) will share good practice and promote quality and quality assurance (QA) in drug treatment. We want to build a network of passionate people who can share expertise, knowledge and experience. Service user experience is core to QA, so the network will welcome people with 'lived experience' of drug treatment or peer support. We will also provide a home for those who have had QA training and who want to continue their professional development. **We hope you can join this exciting initiative.**

**Annette Dale-Perera** has over 35 years experience in drug treatment, as a practitioner, manager, researcher, national quality lead and UK government advisor. She is Director of ADP Consultancy UK and lead consultant for UNODC/WHO on QA in drug treatment (since 2017). Watch her presentation on Quality in Drug Use Disorder Treatment [here](#).

On February 23rd, join Annette and guest speakers for a seminar on quality in substance use disorder treatment. This event will tie in with the launch of the new Quality in Treatment Network. Spanish interpretation will be provided. [Register here](#)

The banner features a green and white color scheme. At the top left is a 'LIVE WEBINAR' badge. The ISSUP logo is at the top right. The main title 'Quality in Treatment' is in large green font, followed by the subtitle 'Launch of the New 'Quality in Treatment' ISSUP Network'. Below this are seven headshots of speakers with their names underneath: Annette Dale-Perera, Charlotte Sisson, Anja Busse, Dr. Auwal Salihu, Dr. Akan Ibango, Borikhan Shaumarov, and Tim Sampey. At the bottom, a dark grey bar contains the date 'February 23, 2021' and the times '8AM New York | 1PM London'.

**LIVE WEBINAR**

**ISSUP** INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF SUBSTANCE USE PROFESSIONALS

# Quality in Treatment

## Launch of the New 'Quality in Treatment' ISSUP Network

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treatment practice. Here is a selection of key documents and resources.



[World Drug Report  
2020](#)



[International Standards for the  
Treatment of Drug Use Disorders](#)



[COPOLAD Treatment Work and  
Activities](#)



[EMCDDA Treatment Standards and  
Best Practice](#)



[UNODC Quality Assurance  
Mechanism Scientific Poster](#)



[UN Sustainable Development  
Goals](#)

## Upcoming Webinars & Events



24 Feb | **ISSUP South Africa Webinar:** "Alcohol and COVID-19 in SA: An Endless Cycle of Liquor Sales Bans Being Imposed and Lifted, or Catalyst for Meaningful Action?"  
[Register for the webinar here.](#)

25 Feb | **ISSUP Chile Webinar:** "Resultados del estudio sobre prevención, tratamiento e inclusión social, en el marco de la pandemia de

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**Resultados del estudio sobre prevención, tratamiento e inclusión social, en el marco de la pandemia de Covid-19 en Chile.**

Exponen:

- CICAD-OEA,
- Capítulo Chileno de ISSUP,
- Oficina de Asuntos Internacionales de Narcóticos y Aplicación de la Ley de EEUU (INL).

jueves 25 de febrero 17:00 hrs (Hora de Chile)

El webinar será seguido de la Segunda Reunión Anual de Socios del Capítulo Chileno de ISSUP, a partir de las 18:30 hrs.

**MI IN AFRICA WEBINAR SERIES:**

**Motivational Interviewing in Practice, An African Journey**

Thursday, 25th February, 17h00-18h30 UTC+2 (SAST)

William Miller and Stephen Rollnick, co-founders of Motivational Interviewing engage with clinicians and researchers from across Africa, drawing on lessons from existing research and dissemination activities, and exploring the broader potential of Motivational Interviewing on the African Continent.

This Webinar is the first of a series focused on Motivational Interviewing in Africa.

Hosted by the South Africa International Technology Transfer Centre in collaboration with MI & Beyond.

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25 Feb | **MI in Africa Webinar Series.**

"Motivational Interviewing in Practice: An African Journey". Hosted by the South Africa International Technology Transfer Centre in collaboration with MI & Beyond. [Register here.](#)

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