



INTRODUCING

International Society of Substance Use Professionals

Singapore National Chapter (ISSUP-SG)

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Singapore's National Drug Policy: An Integrated Ecosystem

Enforcement, treatment, prevention, recovery, and reintegration are designed to reinforce one another as a single national system.



Legal & Policy Framework

The Misuse of Drugs Act channels maximum deterrence at traffickers, while directing abusers toward treatment-oriented pathways.



Enforcement

CNB-led and intelligence-driven. Dismantled 25 syndicates and over S\$15M seized in 2024; legislation adapts quickly to new threats.



Treatment

Abstinence-oriented and phased, through Drug Rehabilitation Centres and community-based diversion under the Drug Supervision Scheme.



Prevention

CNB anti-drug education reached ~39,000 students in 2024, backed by an Inter-Ministry Committee on youth drug abuse.



Recovery

Social Service Agencies, faith-based organisations and ground-up initiatives build recovery capital through community-based support.



Reintegration

Yellow Ribbon Singapore and the SANA-led Yellow Ribbon Community Project drive Awareness, Acceptance, and Action island-wide.

Introducing the Host Organisation



Singapore Anti-Narcotics Association

Founded 1972

VISION

As a leader in drug addiction prevention and recovery, SANA aspires to mobilise the community towards a drug-free Singapore

MISSION

We educate the community on the harms of drug abuse, provide support for persons-in-recovery towards desistance, and advocate for a drug-free society.



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What We Do: The Throughcare Approach

A continuum of care spanning prevention, treatment, community reintegration, and advocacy.



Preventive Drug Education

Preventing youth drug offending and minimising intergenerational offending through school talks, campaigns, and peer-led advocacy.



Aftercare & Step-Up Centres

Individualised rehabilitation support and walk-in facilities offering reintegration services, prosocial activities, and family support.



Community Engagement

Involving the community in prosocial programmes, building a network of support, and working to remove the stigma of recovery.



Outreach & Advocacy

Advocating for a drug-free Singapore and region, exchanging best practices with overseas counterparts and global partners.

Our Impact At a Glance

Selected outcomes from over five decades of prevention, treatment, and recovery support work.

–48%

As part of the integrated anti-narcotics ecosystem, Singapore saw a decrease in registered drug abusers arrested over the last three decades (1994–2025)

26.1%

As part of the rehabilitation and reintegration ecosystem, two-year recidivism rate for the 2023 DRC release cohort, down from 30.8% a year prior

30,000

students engaged annually through the SANA ACT Badge preventive drug education scheme

5,000

youths engaged annually through the SANA ACT Empower Youth programme

1,000+

active Yellow Ribbon Community Project volunteers supporting families, as of Jan 2026

93

community engagement zones onboarded nationwide, ensuring nearby support for every family

A Global Partner for a Drug-Free World

While our roots are local, SANA's advocacy and partnerships reach across the region and the globe.

ECOSOC Special Consultative Status

Accorded by the United Nations Economic and Social Council in 2018, enabling SANA to contribute to discussions at international platforms, including the annual Commission on Narcotic Drugs in Vienna.

Asia-Pacific Confederation against Drugs (APCD)

Founding member and Permanent Secretariat. Launched May 2025 in Singapore, APCD has grown to 24 member NGOs across 14 countries and territories.

ALSO A MEMBER OF

Vienna NGO Committee on Drugs (VNGOC) · World Federation Against Drugs (WFAD) · One Voice One Message (OVOM) · Istanbul Initiative



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SINCE 2026

Proud Host of ***ISSUP Singapore National Chapter***

Connecting local practice with global standards — bringing together social workers, researchers, doctors, and community partners for knowledge sharing and collaboration.

Leveraging the Strength of SANA

As our host organization, SANA provides the ISSUP Singapore Chapter with a foundation of unparalleled credibility and resources.



A 54-Year Legacy

Established in 1972, SANA has been at the forefront of Singapore's national fight against drug abuse, providing deep institutional memory that informs the Chapter's local relevance.



The SANA Step-Up Centres

The Chapter is physically anchored at the Step-Up Centre, serving as a "Physical Hub" for professionals to meet, collaborate, and access resources.



Regional Leadership

Through SANA's founding role in the Asia-Pacific Confederation against Drugs (APCD) and its leadership in the CARE Network, the Chapter facilitates high-level international knowledge transfer.

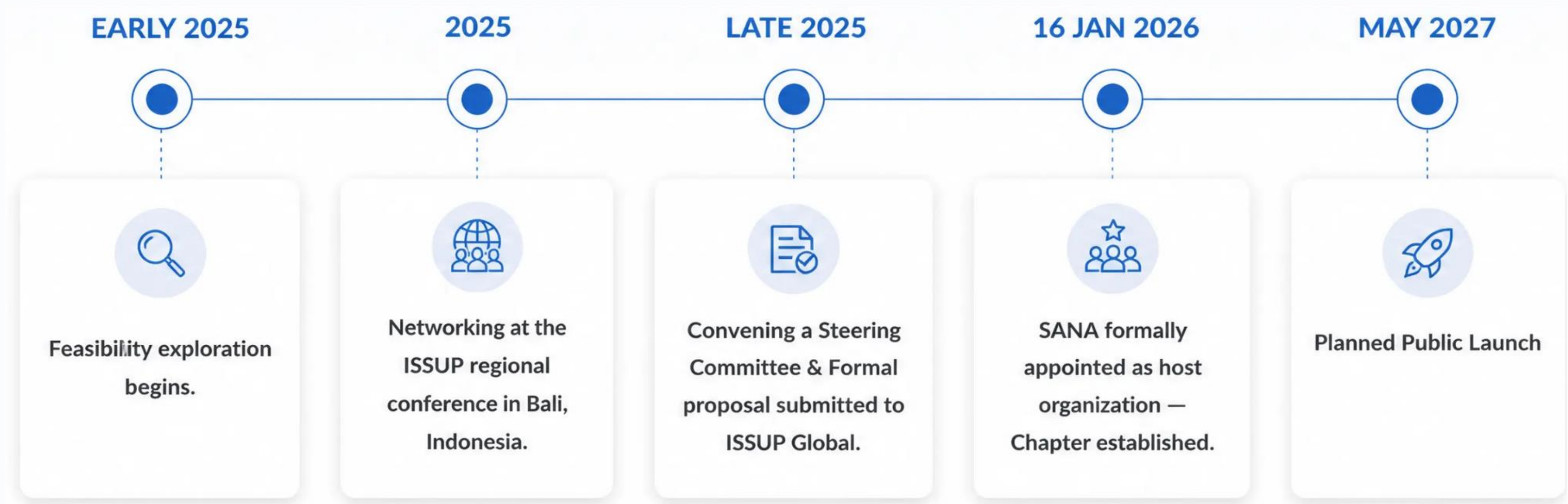


A Managing Agent for Impact

SANA's experience managing government programs like the Yellow Ribbon Community Project ensures the Chapter operates with the highest standards of governance and operational integrity.

Our Journey: Bridging Five Decades of Legacy with Global Excellence

A vision to elevate the standards of Singapore's substance use workforce — moving toward a multidisciplinary, evidence-informed practice aligned with international benchmarks.



Currently on a strategic roadmap toward public launch — grounded in professionalizing Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Support.

Operational Launch & Preparation Journey

VIRTUAL SOFT LAUNCH

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JULY 2026

ISSUP-SG introduced to local & regional, international SU-PTRS communities with a goal of collaboration and shared learning.



The Journey to Launch

- Exploratory planning and strategic consultation across local and international stakeholders.
- Establishing the operational framework to support professionals across Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Support.



Acknowledgment & Gratitude

Special thanks to ISSUP Indonesia for their invaluable mentorship, guidance, and support in pointing us in the right direction during our operationalization process.

Mission, Vision, & Core Values



VISION

A Singapore where every individual working in prevention, treatment and recovery support is equipped with evidence- informed knowledge, skills, and professional support to help individuals, families, and communities achieve lasting recovery and resilience against substance abuse.



MISSION

To strengthen Singapore's substance, use workforce through training, professional development, advocacy, and collaborative networks, while advancing the highest standards of practice in prevention, treatment, and recovery support.

Core Values



Evidence-Informed Excellence

Grounding every practice in global data and scientific rigor.



Inclusivity

Ensuring a diverse network that welcomes all practitioners, special interest networks and vibrant ground up initiatives.



Collaboration

Building bridges across the national and regional social service and health ecosystem.



Innovation

Creating and adapting localized frameworks, to meet modern challenges.



Compassion

Keeping the dignity and well-being of individuals and families at the heart of our professional growth.

Our Leadership & Governance

ISSUP SG Steering Committee — a multi-sectoral team representing government, academia, and social service practitioners.

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Strategic Alignment with ISSUP Global

While our heart is local, our standards are global.



National Focal Point

The Singapore Chapter serves as the national focal point for ISSUP Global, ensuring international, data-supported knowledge is translated into culturally relevant, actionable practice.



UTC / UPC /URC Curricula

The Universal Treatment, Prevention, Recovery Support Curricula anchor a shared global standard — adapted for the Singaporean environment through local delivery and context.

The Physical Hub: SANA Step-Up Centres



Operational Anchors

SANA Step-Up Centres serve as the primary physical hubs for ISSUP-SG activities and local engagement.



Asset-Based Communities

Walk-in support, family resources, and localized recovery programming embedded directly in community neighborhoods.



Hub Functions

Hosting ISSUP-SG workshops, peer network sessions, and workforce capacity-building programs.

Service Philosophy: Recovery Capital & Activated Citizens



Building Recovery Capital – Strengthening Resilience

Shifting focus toward expanding internal and external resources (human, social, physical, and cultural) necessary for sustained recovery.



Embracing Service Users

Moving beyond a traditional service-delivery model to actively engage service users in their own recovery journeys.



"Activated Citizens" in a Life Re-Visioned

Transforming individuals with lived experience from passive recipients into empowered, active contributors to community prevention and peer support.

ISSUP Singapore Youth & Women Networks



Women in Practice, Recovery, Advocacy & Leadership

Building peer support networks, community of practice, leadership pathways, and advocacy platforms that empower women to drive community engagement and shape recovery-informed policy.



Youth Leadership & Engagement

Youth leadership driving youth-led advocacy, involvement in prevention, research, and community-building, peer education, and digital outreach initiatives.

Research, Dissemination, & Knowledge Sharing



Bridging Research and Practice

Regular publication of research reviews, practice briefs, and national learning webinars. Translating international and localized research into actionable clinical and community strategies.



SPOTLIGHT INITIATIVE

Reviewing the gaze of lifelong patient-hood, decoupling of identities, re-visioning a life of resilience and adoption of an activated citizenry.



Communities of Learning & Practice

A peer-learning space where practitioners, researchers, and community partners exchange insights, strengthen competencies, and turn evidence into practical action across prevention, treatment, and recovery support.

Strategic Collaboration Goals & Local Partnerships

Multi-Sector Collaboration

Connecting social service agencies, healthcare & academic institutions, professional associations, and specialised ground up initiatives

Amplify Singapore's contribution to global Substance Use Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Support knowledge and practice.

Promote internationally recognised standards of practice



Facilitate access to the latest evidence on prevention, treatment, and recovery



Create professional networking opportunities across agencies that often work in parallel



ISSUP-SG for Every Organisation

Our segmented partnership model ensures every organisation can find its place and contribute meaningfully to our shared mission.



Resilience Partners

for small 'Non-IPC' organisations, special interest networks, and grassroots initiatives looking to grow and professionalise.



Advocacy Pillars

for IPC-status Social Service Agencies (SSAs) positioning them as sector leaders with a national brand.



Thought Leaders Circle

for academic and government-linked agencies, providing a platform for practice-integration research and policy influence.



Impact Sustainers

for corporations and businesses seeking to align ESG/CSR goals with global standards in public health and community support.

LET'S COLLABORATE

Call to Action & Founding Partner Privileges

Join the ISSUP-SG Network

Open to individual practitioners, researchers, students, and organizations in Singapore.



FOUNDING PARTNER PRIVILEGES

Organizations and professionals joining during our initial launch phase receive exclusive Founding Partner status.



Access to global
ISSUP resources



Priority access
to training



Local networking
events



Contribution opportunities
for national workforce
initiatives

Strategic Roadmap: Path to May 2027



Summary & Core Takeaways



National Hub

ISSUP-SG bridges local expertise with global standards under the hosting of SANA and Step-Up Centres.



Empowerment Focus

Centered on building Recovery Capital, youth leadership, and activating citizenry in service users.



Collaborative Call

Inviting all stakeholders across prevention, treatment, and recovery to join as Founding Partners and shape Singapore's workforce journey together.

THANK YOU

Join & Connect With Us



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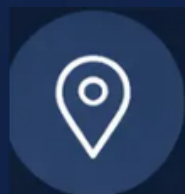
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PHYSICAL HUB

SANA Step-Up Centres

Q & A SESSION