



The Permanent Mission of The Republic of Botswana to the United Nations
in collaboration with IOGT International cordially invites you to a UN Side Event at CSW61

ALCOHOL POLICY AS A WOMEN'S RIGHTS ISSUE

Response to violence against women and girls through addressing structural and underlying causes

March 14, 2017, 15.00 - 16.15 HRS
Express Bar, GA Building UN
UN Headquarters, New York

Women in the 21st century are potentially the biggest drivers of development and global prosperity. But as a group they are also – still – subjected to tremendous inequalities, health threats and poverty.

Two epidemics largely make up the burden on women and girls in Botswana: all forms of violence against women (VAW) and HIV/ AIDS. Fueling the two epidemics, harmful use of alcohol adds up to the enormous harm for health of individuals, public health, economy and security of the country.

The purpose of the Side Event is to explore evidence-based solutions to advance Women's Rights – from grass-roots activism to policy measures addressing all three structural and underlying causes of violence against women and girls.

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Opening

HIV/AIDS, GBV, alcohol - synergies for change

Multisectorial and coordinated approach

Panel discussion
Comments and Conclusions



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