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SUBSTANCE ABUSE IN THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT ERA

Addiction prevention, treatment and recovery as tools to eradicate poverty and boost development

February 5, 2018, 10.00 - 11.30 HRS
Conference room D, GA Building UN
UN Headquarters, New York

Harmful substances – alcohol and other drugs – are obstacles to sustainable development – adversely affecting individuals, families, communities, and societies. Alcohol and other drugs are fueling the vicious cycle of poverty, ill-health and marginalization. With a line-up of extraordinary speakers, this Panel Discussion will provide state-of-the-art knowledge and understanding of the subject matter: • How alcohol and other drugs impact sustainable development and poverty eradication on different levels. • Analyze how different groups and communities are affected and explore solutions for transformative change • Present concrete best practices from grass-roots initiatives • Discuss ways forward for urgent action to prevent and reduce harm caused by alcohol and other drugs to contribute to sustainable development.

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Substance abuse and the SDGs:

Recovery ready communities

Rights-based rehabilitation programs in poorest communities. Perspectives from Uganda

Community-based and evidence-based prevention and rehabilitation interventions. Perspectives from Sri Lanka

Women and Alcohol

Substance abuse and families: How big is the problem and what to do about it?

Societies of addiction: what works to tackle harmful substances on population level?

Moderator