

Provisional programme of work

Location: WHO Headquarters, Avenue Appia 20, Geneva, Switzerland

Time	Tuesday, 27 June 2023	Venue
8:30-9:00	Registration and collection of meeting badges/WHO grounds pass	WHO reception
High-level segment		
9:00-9:45	Welcome and opening remarks from the WHO Secretariat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Opening address (video message) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General ➤ Welcoming address from the WHO Secretariat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jérôme Salomon, Assistant Director-General, Universal Health Coverage/Communicable and Non-Communicable Diseases (UCN) ➤ Interventions from special guests of the Forum 	Z3
9:45-11:00	Public health dimensions of alcohol, drug use and addictive behaviours: taking stock of the past and looking into the future <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Presentation from the WHO Secretariat ➤ Interventions from representatives of Member States ➤ Interventions from representatives of UN entities and intergovernmental organizations, civil society organizations and professional associations 	Z3
11:00-11:30	Coffee/tea break	
11:00-13:00	Public health dimensions of alcohol, drug use and addictive behaviours: taking stock of the past and looking into the future (continued) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Interventions from intergovernmental organizations, civil society organizations and professional associations 	Z3
13:00-14:00	Lunch break	
14:00-15:30	Policy frameworks and action plans to address the public health dimensions of alcohol, drugs and addictive behaviours <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Global alcohol action plan 2022-2030 and SAFER Initiative ➤ International commitments to address the world drug problem ➤ International efforts to reduce harm due to addictive behaviours 	Z3
15:30-16:00	Coffee/tea break	
16:00-17:30	Cross-border and digital marketing of alcoholic beverages <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Alcohol marketing practices: a global overview ➤ Experiences from countries ➤ Reflections from Civil Society ➤ Cross-border marketing report from WHO ➤ Digital marketing of alcohol in Europe ➤ Restricting digital marketing across risk factors: existing approaches and policy options ➤ Discussion 	Z3
16:00-17:30	Prevention and management of opioid overdose and opioid use disorders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Addressing drug overdose challenges by drug demand reduction efforts ➤ WHO/UNODC Stop Overdose Safely initiative: lessons learned and plans ahead 	Z1

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The impact of the WHO/UNODC S-O-S training package on opioid overdose response knowledge and attitudes ➤ Discussion 	
16:00-17:30	Health consequences of addictive behaviours <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Health consequences of gambling and gambling disorder: (preliminary) results of a systematic review ➤ Gaming impacts on health and WHO-led activities to address them ➤ Gambling and suicidality ➤ “Gambling Addiction - I was at the very edge. What zero limits means to me now” ➤ Discussion 	Z2
18:00-19:30	Networking reception	WHO Main Cafeteria

Time	Wednesday, 28 June 2023	Venue
9:00-10:30	Plenary session 1. Substance use and development: progress towards the achievement of SDG health target 3.5 on strengthening prevention and treatment of substance abuse <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Alcohol consumption and alcohol-attributable disease burden: are we on track for achieving global targets? ➤ Addressing prevention of drug use and treatment of drug use disorders through interagency collaboration ➤ Treatment coverage and service capacity for substance use disorders ➤ Substance use and development: looking into the future ➤ Q&A 	Z3
10:30-11:00	Coffee/tea break	
11:00-13:00	Impact of alcohol use on population health: at the intersection of science and policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Alcohol use and cardiovascular diseases ➤ Alcohol use and cancers: an update ➤ Implications of alcohol-cancer relationships for communication on alcohol and health ➤ Understanding alcohol's harm to others: leveraging policy to reduce interpersonal violence and harm ➤ Panel discussion: Controversies around harms and benefits of alcohol use 	Z3
11:00-13:00	Health and social effects of non-medical cannabis use <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Overview of short- and long-term health consequences of non-medical cannabis use ➤ Health and social consequences of cannabis use following regulatory changes ➤ Cannabis and other drug use in countries of the Eastern Mediterranean Region ➤ Discussion 	Room V
11:00-13:00	Public health dimensions of online and cross-border marketing of gambling and (video)gaming <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Expansion of online gambling and its public health implications ➤ Online gaming and its public health implications ➤ Discussion 	Room U1

Time	Wednesday, 28 June 2023 (continued)	Venue
13:00-14:00	Lunch break	
14:00-15:30	Plenary session 2. Commercial determinants of substance use and addictive behaviours and implications for public health policies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ WHO programme on the economic and commercial determinants of health ➤ The alcohol industry as a commercial determinant of health: implications of roles and responsibilities as defined in the Global alcohol action plan 2022-2030 	Z3

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Commercial determinants of gambling harms ➤ Q&A 	
15:30-16:00	Coffee/tea break	
16:00-17:30	Ways to increase coverage and strengthen implementation of effective policies to reduce alcohol-related harm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ways to increase coverage and strengthen implementation of effective policies to reduce alcohol-related harm: results of evidence review ➤ Panel discussion 	Z3
16:00-17:30	Health and social burden due to drug use: current estimates, challenges and the future <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ World Drug Report 2023: key findings and conclusions ➤ Disease burden associated with injection drug use ➤ WHO estimates of drug-attributable disease burden ➤ Discussion 	Room V
16:00-17:30	Monitoring and surveillance of addictive behaviours, related harm and policy responses in populations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Global review of gambling legislation ➤ What is monitored and what needs to be monitored ➤ Monitoring addictive behaviours and policy responses in the WHO global survey on progress with attainment of SDG health target 3.5 ➤ Discussion 	Room U1
Time	Thursday, 29 June 2023	Venue
9:00-10:30	Plenary session 3. Research and practice in the provision of treatment for disorders due to substance use or addictive behaviours <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Research on treatment development and implementation for substance use disorders ➤ Recent developments in management of substance use disorders in China ➤ Policy and practice challenges in addressing gaming disorder in Indonesia ➤ Q&A 	Z3
10:30-11:00	Coffee/tea break	
11:00-12:30	Alcohol use and alcohol use disorders: identification, diagnosis, brief interventions and treatment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Treatment Coverage for Men with Alcohol Use Disorders in Three Regions in South Africa: Findings from Household Survey ➤ The Outcome Reporting in Alcohol Brief Intervention Trials (ORBITAL) core outcome set: Global consensus on key outcomes in efficacy and effectiveness trials of alcohol brief interventions ➤ Diagnosis of disorders due to alcohol use in ICD-11 ➤ Organization of treatment and care for alcohol use disorders in low-and middle-income countries: case of Zimbabwe ➤ Discussion 	Z3
11:00-12:30	Public health policies regulating cannabis and cannabis-based products <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ WHO Expert Committee on Drug Dependence recommendations on international regulations for cannabis and cannabis-based products ➤ Expanding and improving public health regulations of cannabis: a cross-national approach ➤ Essential strategies and interventions to prevent cannabis-related harm in regulations of cannabis-based products ➤ Discussion 	Room V
11:00-12:30	Identification, diagnosis and management of disorders due to addictive behaviours <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Diagnostic guidance and instruments for ICD-11 gaming disorder ➤ Loss of control: a key diagnostic feature of gaming disorder ➤ Making Change: a Canadian population perspective on treatment-seeking and self-directed change in addictive behaviours ➤ Discussion 	Room U1

12:30-14:00	Lunch break	
14:00-15:30	Plenary session 4. Comorbidities: implications for public health and health service responses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Addressing comorbidities in developing and delivering a new drug strategy: from harm to hope ➤ Gaming disorder and comorbid neurodevelopmental disorders ➤ Evidence on psychiatric and somatic comorbidity in people with substance use disorders based on national health registers ➤ Addressing comorbidities in the ICD-11 ➤ Q&A 	Z3
15:30-16:00	Coffee/tea break	
16:00-17:30	Monitoring progress with achievement of global targets on reducing the harmful use of alcohol <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Latest estimates of alcohol per capita consumption and news from the Global Information System on Alcohol and Health (GISAH) ➤ Global trends in alcohol policy development based on WHO data ➤ Challenges in estimation of alcohol per capita consumption and potential solutions ➤ Discussion 	Z3
16:00-17:30	Pharmacotherapy of drug use disorders: process and outcome evaluation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Evaluation of treatment for substance use disorders ➤ Process and outcome evaluation of treatment of opioid dependence with long-acting buprenorphine formulations ➤ Process and outcome evaluation in pharmacological trials ➤ Discussion 	Room V
16:00-17:30	Public health policies regulating addictive behaviours <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Regulatory measures for preventing harms due to gambling ➤ Regulatory measure for preventing harms from gaming ➤ Challenges in implementation of regulatory measures ➤ Discussion 	Room U1
Time	Friday, 30 June 2023	Venue
Special initiatives and meetings of interest groups (lunch break 13:00-14:00)		
9:00-15:30	Alcohol: SAFER Initiative on alcohol and its implementation at country level (see Annex 1)	Z3
9:00-11:00	Digital transformation in prevention and treatment of disorders due to substance use and addictive behaviours <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Computer-based interventions for mental health conditions ➤ Computer-based interventions for substance use and addictive behaviours ➤ Discussion 	Room D23016 (Building D/UNAIDS/)
9:00-11:00	Extended-release formulations in treatment of opioid dependence: focus on treatment protocols <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Protocols of initiation of treatment with long-acting buprenorphine ➤ Experiences of delivering treatment with extended-release formulations ➤ Discussion 	Room U1
11:00-11:30	Coffee/tea break	
11:30-15:30	Health workforce development (substance use and addictive behaviours) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ongoing workforce development projects in WHO ➤ Ongoing workforce development projects for substance use and addictive behaviours in partner organizations ➤ Review of competencies for health professionals in addiction medicine ➤ Discussion 	Room U1

11:30-15:30	Diagnostic instruments for disorders due to addictive behaviours <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Current stage of the work on diagnostic instrument for gaming disorder➤ Further work on diagnostic and screening instruments➤ Discussion	Room D23016 (Building D/UNAIDS/)
15:30-16:00	Coffee/tea break	
16:00-16:45	Plenary session 5. Evaluation. Closure of the 4 th FADAB	Z3

SAFER Initiative on alcohol and its implementation at country level

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Time	Friday, 30 June 2023	Venue
9:00-09:10	Opening of the “SAFER Day” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Welcoming remarks 	Z3
09:10-09:45	Introduction to the “SAFER Day” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The SAFER initiative ➤ The SAFER technical package: an introduction ➤ The SAFER technical package: Investing in reducing alcohol harms ➤ Moderated discussions 	
9:30-11:00	Spotlight on countries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ SAFER in action: In-depth country work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SAFER Uganda ○ SAFER Nepal ○ Subnational SAFER in Thailand ➤ Moderated discussion 	Z3
11:00-11:30	Coffee/tea break	
11:30-13:00	Spotlight on protecting policy processes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The SAFER technical package: Conflict of interest ➤ Lessons and challenges from Europe ➤ Lessons learned from International alcohol control study ➤ Panel with stakeholders ➤ Moderated discussions 	Z3
13:00-14:00	Lunch break	
14:00-15:20	Spotlight on SAFER regional and global partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ SAFER in action: Inter-country learning for implementing high-impact interventions ➤ Other global and regional initiatives and entities working with countries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ RESET ○ How to strengthen global and regional collaboration to implement high-impact interventions ➤ Moderated discussions 	Z3
15:20-15:30	Closure of the “SAFER Day”	Z3