



ALCOHOL POLICY AS CATALYST FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Unlocking the potential of alcohol policy solutions to reach health and development for all.

Date	September 21, 2022
Time	1.30pm-3.00pm EST
Place	Church Center of the United Nations, NYC

High-Level Side Event – SDG Summit and HLM on UHC 2023

The first half the era of the Sustainable Development Goals has not yielded significant progress towards reaching development and health for all and leaving no one behind. One of the biggest obstacles to reaching the SDGs is alcohol. Alcohol harm is a major obstacle to reaching 14 of 17 SDGs and alcohol's contribution to the global burden of disease has been increasing.

Member States of the World Health Organizations have recognized the lack of progress and identified alcohol as public health priority with urgent need to accelerate action. In 2022, Member States unanimously adopted the Global Alcohol Action, with a renewed focus on the most cost-effective, high-impact, and scientifically proven alcohol policy solutions.

Objectives

- This event aims to take stock of key challenges in developing and implementing evidence-based and ambitious alcohol policy solutions. How can those challenges be overcome?
- The event will showcase best practices from countries and provide a platform for discussion, and experience sharing.
- The discussion will chart benefits of cross-border and international collaboration among member states, and the potential of technical support and normative guidance from the World Health Organization.
- The event will outline the role of communities in the implementation of the global alcohol action plan to help ensure ambitious action and achieve progress that benefits all.

Co-sponsors:





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PROGRAM

OPENING

KEYNOTE REMARKS

Ingvild Kjerkol

How has alcohol policy helped advance SDGs, including towards UHC?

Minister of Health of Norway

Riina Sikkut

Minister of Health and Labour of Estonia

Michal Palkovic (tbc)

Minister of Health of Slovakia

Ximena Aguilera Sanhueza (tbc)

Minister of Health of Chile

Kwaku Agyemang-Manu

Minister of Health of Ghana

DEEP DIVE SEGMENT

Ilana Pinsky

Public Health Consultant

Alcohol policy as catalyst for Sustainable Development

Academic presentation: Are countries using alcohol policy to reach their SDGs targets?

Roy Small

Policy Specialist, UNDP

UNDP presentation: Alcohol as obstacle to development

Kristina Sperkova

President, Movendi International

Movendi International: Achieving sustainable development through alcohol policy

INTERACTIVE SEGMENT

What are the key challenges and what are the main opportunities in advancing alcohol policy for development and health for all?

Conversation with perspectives from all co-sponsoring Member States, academia, UN partners and Civil Society including youth perspective

Ajifanta Marenah

Board Member, Movendi New York - Expert perspective youth

Adam Karpati

Senior Vice President, Vital Strategies - Expert perspective civil society

WRAP UP AND CLOSING

Co-sponsors:



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