

# Third WHO Forum on Alcohol, Drugs and Addictive Behaviours

## Accelerating public health actions and addressing new challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic

**Online meeting, 22-25 June 2021**

**Organized by the Alcohol, Drugs and Addictive Behaviours Unit, Geneva, Switzerland**

### Provisional programme of work

Time (CET)	Tuesday, 22 June 2021
08:30-10:00	<b>Welcome and opening remarks</b> <b>Prevention and management of drug overdose deaths</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Results of SOS project implementation</li> <li>➤ Enhancing public health action on prevention and management of drug overdose deaths</li> </ul>
10:00-10:15	<b>BREAK</b>
10:15-11:45	<b>Public health dimensions of gambling</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Regulatory approaches to gambling</li> <li>➤ Prevention strategies and interventions</li> </ul>
11:45-12:00	<b>BREAK</b>
12:00-13:30	<b>SAFER initiative on reducing the harmful use of alcohol and its implementation in low- and middle-income countries</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ "SAFER in Action": global, regional and national perspectives</li> <li>➤ Challenges and opportunities of multistakeholder, multisectoral and multilevel partnerships in SAFER implementation</li> </ul>
13:30-14:00	<b>BREAK</b>
<b>High-level segment (with simultaneous interpretation in English/French/Russian/Spanish)</b>	
14:00-14:30	<b>Official opening of the Forum</b>
14:30-15:15	<b>Enhancing public health actions on alcohol, drugs and addictive behaviours to achieve health targets for 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (SDG 2030)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Interventions from WHO Member States</li> <li>➤ Interventions from represented UN agencies and international organizations</li> </ul>
15:15-15:30	<b>BREAK</b>
15:30-17:00	<b>Enhancing public health actions on alcohol, drugs and addictive behaviours to achieve health targets for 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (SDG 2030)</b> (continued)

Time (CET)	Wednesday, 23 June 2021
08:30-10:00	<b>Progress with attainment of SDG health target 3.5</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Substance use and developments</li> <li>➤ Trends in alcohol consumption and its consequences</li> <li>➤ Treatment coverage for substance use disorders: where do we stand</li> </ul>
10:00-10:15	<b>BREAK</b>
10:15-11:45	<b>Five years since UN General Assembly Special Session on the world drug problem</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Recent developments and progress so far</li> <li>➤ WHO-UNODC collaboration on prevention and management of drug use and drug use disorders</li> <li>➤ Roundtable discussion</li> </ul>
11:45-12:00	<b>BREAK</b>
12:00-13:30	<b>Classification, diagnosis and nomenclature</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Disorders due to substance use and addictive behaviours in ICD-11</li> <li>➤ Results of field testing of ICD-11</li> <li>➤ Nomenclature: importance of defining the terms</li> </ul>
13:30-14:15	<b>BREAK</b>
14:15-15:45	<b>Cannabis and health</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Neurobiology of cannabis and health implications</li> <li>➤ Health effects of cannabis use</li> <li>➤ Prevention of cannabis use and cannabis use disorders</li> </ul>
15:45-16:00	<b>BREAK</b>
16:00-18:00	<b>Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ On levels and patterns of substance use and addictive behaviours</li> <li>➤ On service provision</li> <li>➤ On policy and programme responses</li> </ul>

Time (CET)	Thursday, 24 June 2021
08:30-10:00	<b>Public health dimensions of gaming</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Diagnostic and screening instruments</li> <li>➤ Prevention strategies and interventions</li> <li>➤ Management of gaming disorder</li> </ul>
10:00-10:15	<b>BREAK</b>
10:15-11:45	<b>Accelerating public health actions on the harmful use of alcohol</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Digital marketing of alcohol beverages</li> <li>➤ Alcohol beverage labelling</li> <li>➤ Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD)</li> </ul>
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12:00-13:30	<b>Accelerating public health actions on the world drug problem</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Trends in drug use and its health consequences</li> <li>➤ Prevention of drug use among children and adolescents</li> <li>➤ Implementing WHO-UNODC International standards on the treatment of drug use disorders at country level</li> </ul>
13:30-14:30	<b>BREAK</b>
14:30-16:00	<b>Health workforce development in addiction medicine and related fields</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Training packages for health professionals</li> <li>➤ Training needs of young professionals in addiction medicine</li> <li>➤ Priorities for health workforce development to advance prevention and management of disorders due to substance use and addictive behaviours</li> </ul>
16:00-16:15	<b>BREAK</b>
16:15-17:45	<b>Information systems on substance use and addictive behaviours</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ WHO Global Information System on Alcohol and Health (GISAH): an update</li> <li>➤ Treatment system and services for substance use and substance use disorders</li> <li>➤ City level indicators for alcohol and opioid overdose</li> </ul>

Time (CET)	Friday, 25 June 2021
09:00-09:45	<b>Cross-border alcohol marketing, advertising and promotional activities (with simultaneous interpretation in English/French/Russian)</b>
09:45-12:00	<b>Draft action plan (2022-2030) to effectively implement the Global strategy to reduce the harmful use of alcohol as a public health priority (with simultaneous interpretation in English/French/Russian)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Discussion on the first draft of the action plan</li> <li>➤ Feedback from the civil society organizations on the draft action plan</li> </ul>
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17:00-17:15	<b>Concluding remarks and closing of meeting</b>