

49th WHO EXPERT COMMITTEE ON DRUG DEPENDENCE

Provisional Agenda

Information Meeting (Virtual)

19 October 2026

10:00-13:00 CEST

1. Welcome and opening of the meeting

2. WHO presentations

- 2.1 Expert Committee on Drug Dependence
- 2.2 Science Division
- 2.3 Gender, Equity, and Human Rights
- 2.4 Legal and Ethics

3. Presentations and statements from participants



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Closed Session

19-22 October 2026

1. Procedural matters and updates

- 1.1 Opening of meeting and welcoming remarks
- 1.2 Introduction of participants
- 1.3 Statement of confidentiality
- 1.4 Declarations of interest
- 1.5 Election of Chair, Vice-Chair, and Rapporteur
- 1.6 Adoption of agenda

2. Updates on priorities from international agencies

2.1 Briefings from international agencies on their work on the public health dimension of the world drug problem

- 2.1.1 WHO
- 2.1.2 UNODC
- 2.1.3 INCB

2.2 Updates on ECDD meeting recommendations and outcomes

- 2.2.1 Recommendations and outcomes of the 48th ECDD
- 2.2.2 Updates on substance surveillance

3. Critical reviews: Recommendations on the scope of international control

Opioids

- 3.1 Cychlorphine / N-propionitrile chlorphine
- 3.2 Etomethazene (5-methyl etodesnitazene)
- 3.3 Spirochlorphine

Benzodiazepines

- 3.4 Desalkylgidazepam
- 3.5 Ethylbromazolam

4. Preliminary reviews (pre-reviews)

Anaesthetics

- 4.1 Etomidate
- 4.2 Medetomidine (veterinary medicine)

5. Finalization of meeting report