

GLOBAL CONSULTATION (HYBRID) WITH PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND ACADEMIA ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GLOBAL ALCOHOL ACTION PLAN (GAAP) 2022-2030

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SCOPE AND PURPOSE

In May 2022, the 75th World Health Assembly adopted the Action plan (2022-2030) to effectively implement the Global strategy to reduce the harmful use of alcohol as a public health priority.

The global alcohol action plan for 2022–2030 aims to boost the implementation of the Global strategy and leverage the available evidence and policy know-how in alcohol control and tackling the harms associated with alcohol consumption. The action plan sets up six crucial areas for action as well as corresponding global targets and indicators. It proposes specific actions and measures by Member States, the WHO Secretariat and by other stakeholders, including professional associations and academia.

Considerable challenges remain for the development and implementation of effective measures to reduce the harmful use of alcohol at all levels. There is a need for strengthening international collaboration and coordination to accelerate progress in reducing the harmful use of alcohol and increasing the public health impact at the national and international levels.

The objectives of the consultation are to inform about the Global alcohol action plan 2022-2030 and the actions proposed in the plan for professional associations and academia, including WHO collaborating centres, as well as to expore opportunities and plans for international collaboration and discuss potential roles and activities of represented academic groups and professional associations in the implementation of the Global alcohol action plan 2022-2030.

The consultation will be organized as a hybrid meeting that will take place in WHO Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, with a possibility of a web-based connection for those invited participants who can't come to Geneva on the dates of the consultation. A detailed agenda, program and weblink to connect will be circulated in advance of the consultation.