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**MEETING OF TECHNICAL EXPERTS ON PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSES TO PUBLIC HEALTH RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH CANNABIS USE AND CANNABIS USE DISORDERS**

VENUE: SALLE B, WHO HEADQUARTERS, GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

DATES: 18-20 DECEMBER 2019

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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

1. Welcome and introductions. Objectives of the meeting.
  2. Cannabis and cannabinoids: terminology, classification, neurobiology
  3. An update on epidemiology of cannabis use, cannabis use disorders and associated health conditions
    - a. Epidemiology of non-medical use of cannabis
    - b. Epidemiology of cannabis use disorders
    - c. Health and social effects of non-medical use of cannabis
    - d. Disease burden attributable to cannabis use
  4. An overview of the medical use of cannabis and cannabinoids: history, global scope, rationale, current practices and regulations, challenges and impact
  5. An overview of public health strategies and interventions to reduce public health risks associated with cannabis use and cannabis use disorders
    - a. Prevention of non-medical use of cannabis through public health policies
    - b. Harm reduction approaches, strategies and interventions
    - c. Policies and regulations to minimise public health risks associated with the use of cannabis and cannabinoids
    - d. Prevention and management of disorders due to cannabis use
    - e. Role of different stakeholders in development and implementation of public health policies aimed to reduce the health burden attributable to cannabis
  6. Priority areas for international collaboration
  7. Priority areas for future research
  8. Revision of WHO publication “The health and social effects of nonmedical cannabis use”
  9. Conclusions, recommendations and next steps.
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