



World Health
Organization

5th WHO Forum on Alcohol, Drugs and Addictive Behaviours

Aligning efforts, strengthening solidarity and partnerships
(24-26 June 2025)

Provisional programme of work

Time	Tuesday, 24 June 2025
09:30 – 10:00	Registration (Weblink opens)
High-level segment (by invitation only)	
10:00-10:30	Welcome and opening remarks from the WHO Secretariat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Welcome address (video message) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General ➤ Opening address from the WHO Secretariat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr Jeremy Farrar, Assistant Director-General, Health Promotion and Disease Prevention and Control ○ Dévora Kestel, Director, Department of Mental Health, Brain Health and Substance Use ➤ Interventions from special guests of the Forum
10:30-12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Public health dimensions of alcohol, drug use and addictive behaviours: Aligning efforts, strengthening solidarity and partnerships ➤ Presentation from the WHO Secretariat ➤ Interventions from representatives of Member States ➤ Interventions from representatives of UN entities ➤ Interventions from regional and other intergovernmental organizations ➤ Interventions from civil society organizations and professional associations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Non-State actors in official relation with WHO ○ Other Non-State Actors
12:00-13:00	Lunch break

Time	Tuesday, 24 June 2025
Regular Segment (by invitation only)	
13:00-14:30	Session 1: Reducing alcohol-related harm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Presentations (60 min max) ➤ Discussion (30 min)
14:30-15:00	Break
15:00-16:30 (90 min parallel sessions)	<div> Session 2: SAFER (Global, regional and national initiatives to implement the most cost-effective interventions to reduce alcohol-related harm) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Presentations (60 min max) ➤ Discussion (30 min) </div> <div> Session 3: Enabling factors for public health actions on substance use and addictive behaviours <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Presentations (60 min max) ➤ Discussion (30 min) </div>
16:30-17:00	Closing the first day

Time	Wednesday, 25 June 2025 (by invitation only)	
09:45-10:00	Opening and welcome (weblink opens)	
10:00-11:30	Session 4: Public health aspects of addictive behaviors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Presentations (60 min): ➤ Discussion (30 min) 	
11:30-13:00	Session 5: Public health aspects of drug use <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Presentations (60 min): ➤ Discussion (30 min) 	
13:00-14:00	Lunch break	
14:00-15:30 (90 min parallel sessions)	Session 6: WHO EURO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Presentations (60 min max) ➤ Discussion (30 min) 	Session 7: WHO EMRO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Presentations (60 min max) ➤ Discussion (30 min)
15:30-16:00	Closing the second day	

Time	Thursday, 26 June 2025 (by invitation only)	
09:45-10:00	Opening and welcome (weblink opens)	
10:00-11:30 (90 min parallel sessions)	Session 8: To be confirmed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Presentations (60 min max) ➤ Discussion (30 min) 	Session 9: WHO Collaborating centres <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Presentations (60 min) ➤ Discussion (30 min)
11:30-12:30	Session 10: Global efforts in monitoring and surveillance of substance use and addictive behaviours, related harm and policy responses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Presentations (40 min max) ➤ Discussion (20 min) 	
12:30-13:30	Lunch break	
13:30-14:20	Session 11: Global and regional updates on data collection from partner organizations 2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Presentations (30 min) ➤ Discussion (20 min) 	
14:20-15:30	Session 12: Innovation and coordination to address alcohol, drugs and addictive behaviors from a research, policy and practice perspective <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Presentations (40 min): ➤ Discussion (30 min) 	
15:30-17:00	Session 13: Strength in solidarity (<i>Opportunities to fund public health responses on alcohol, drugs and addictive behaviours in unstable times</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Presentations roundtable (30 min) ➤ Discussion on sustainable financing (30 min) 	
17:00	Feedback forms, Closing the forum	