

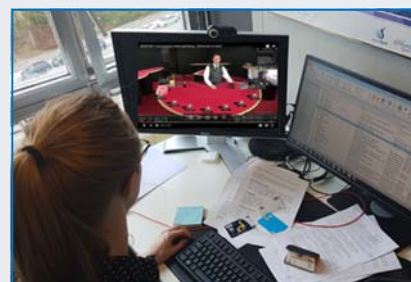
Second WHO Forum on alcohol, drugs and addictive behaviours

Achieving SDG 2030 health targets through enhanced partnerships and collaboration

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“Built upon the success of the first World Health Organization (WHO) Forum on alcohol, drugs and addictive behaviours held in 2017 in Geneva, the Second Forum is envisaged to bring a new impetus to international activities led or implemented by WHO in reducing the health and social burden associated with substance use and addictive behaviours.”

Against a rapidly changing global health landscape and increasing commercialization, strong international collaboration and partnerships are needed to address the harmful use of alcohol and public health dimensions of drug use and achieve Universal Health Coverage for people suffering from disorders due to substance use and addictive behaviours.”

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Overview

The World Health Organization (WHO) Department of Mental Health and Substance Use organizes, for the second time, the Global Forum on alcohol, drugs and addictive behaviours (FADAB) with the primary goal of strengthening partnerships and collaboration among public health oriented organizations, networks and institutions to enhance public health actions in these areas in the era of Sustainable Development Goals 2030 (SDG 2030).

Target 3.5 of SDG3 sets out a commitment by governments to strengthen the prevention and treatment of substance abuse, target 3.4 - to prevent and treat noncommunicable diseases and promote mental health, target 3.8 - to achieve universal health coverage.

Meeting these demands requires WHO and other public health oriented organizations, networks and institutions to enhance public health actions in global and regional policy frameworks, strategies and action plan implementation. In the rapidly changing global health landscape, strengthened international partnerships and innovative approaches are needed to advance WHO's new mission with regard to alcohol, drugs and addictive behaviours — to promote health, keep the world safe and serve the vulnerable.

The Second WHO FADAB will provide an opportunity for a diverse group of stakeholders to develop new and strengthen existing partnerships, networks and collaborative projects. The Forum will also serve as a platform for discussing a variety of topics organized around three major thematic tracks addressing the public health dimensions of:

- Alcohol (including the WHO-led SAFER initiative)
- Psychoactive drug use (including the challenges of the opioid crisis and cannabis use)
- Addictive behaviours (including gaming and gambling disorders).

and the following cross-cutting issues:

- Implementation of effective policy options and interventions
- Harm to others
- Commercial determinants of health and the role of different stakeholders in achieving public health objectives
- Monitoring progress in achieving Universal Health Coverage and the relevant SDG 2030 targets
- 11th revision of the International Classification of Diseases (ICD-11).

It is expected that the Second Forum will provide a unique platform for building new partnerships and international collaborative activities among representatives of governments, UN entities, civil society organizations, professional associations, health service providers and academia.

The Forum is by invitation only.

You may be invited because:

... as a policy-maker engaged in priority-setting, development and evaluation of prevention and treatment strategies, you are keen to join a global forum that will lead to new partnerships and engagement with others to identify, develop and implement cutting-edge strategies and programmes

... as a health-care provider or commissioner, you want to join a global forum sharing with and learning from your peers on sharpening and implementing new approaches for prevention, screening, and treatment interventions, and better understand how evidence-based prevention and treatment can be financed and implemented

... as a focal point for this area in a Permanent Mission in Geneva, you would like to know more about WHO activities, partnerships and other international efforts

... as an official of an intergovernmental organization, or a United Nations specialized agency, you want to take up the opportunity to join a global, united force, to meet other experts and influencers face-to-face, and to strengthen your networks

... as a representative of a professional association or other nongovernmental organization, you are eager to be part of a forum where you can interact with key players, seize advocacy opportunities, and better position your work in furthering policy and programme changes

... as an academic, you want to benefit from a global platform to explore avenues for knowledge translation, identify research gaps and join forces with new partners in developing and actioning new research agendas

... as a philanthropic foundation representative, you want to be part of a global movement that meets new players and opens new solutions for your foundation to improve health and well-being of populations

... as a representative of a public health oriented entity that is concerned with the scope and magnitude of public health problems related to alcohol, drugs and addictive behaviours, you would like to explore ways to better contribute to reduce these problems

... as a specialist working in the media sector, you are looking for a platform that allows you to be fully informed of the global issues at stake.

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