

Programme South African Drug Policy Week 2016

DAY 01 MONDAY FEBRUARY 1st 2016

- 18h00 - 20h30 Registration

18h00-20h30 Public Plenary and Opening

- 18h45 Welcome and opening Professor Harry Hausler
- 19h00 Nancy Fee *UNAIDS: A Public Health and Rights Approach to Drugs*
- 19h20 Prof Julian Buchannan *Ending Prohibition without a hangover*
- 20h00-20h30 Discussion and close

DAY 02 TUESDAY FEBRUARY 2nd 2016



09h00 Registration

10h00 - 11h15 SESSION 1 DRUG USE IN SOUTH AFRICA – HEALTH, CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND SOCIAL ISSUES

Drug use will be looked at through three perspectives: health, criminal justice, and social issues. By the end of the day participants should have a better understanding of: (i) what drives drug use, (ii) why drug use can be problematic and how the individual and society is affected (iii) what interventions work in each of these areas.

- 10h00-10h15 Welcome and Introductions
- 10h15-10h45 Prof Julian Buchannan *Drug use in modern society: Medical, criminal or social issue?*
- 10h45-11h15 JP van Niekerk *Bootleggers and Baptists*



11h15-11h30 Tea

11h30-13h00 SESSION 2 HEALTH PERSPECTIVE – FACILITATOR: LIZE WEICH

Examining a health related response to drug use in South Africa. What is needed? How does drug use, HIV and other infectious diseases intersect and what responses should we have? Does drug use need to be treated and how do we address at risk groups, particularly women.

- 11h30-11h45 Jannie Hugo *The Addiction Epidemic in SA needs a Primary Health Care Response*
- 11h45-12h00 Rodger Meyer *The Course of a Substance Use Disorder*
- 12h00-12h15 Andrew Scheibe *Drug use, policy and HIV*
- 12h15-12h30 Bronwyn Myers *Advancing access to comprehensive health services for women who use drugs*
- 12h30-13h00 Facilitated discussion



13h00-14h00 Lunch

14h00-15h30 SESSION 3 CRIMINAL JUSTICE PERSPECTIVE – FACILITATOR: MONIQUE MARKS

An examination of the role of the criminal justice system in drug control, looking at how effective it is (or isn't). Also looking at the role that litigation and law enforcement can play in the advancement of public health and how law enforcement agencies can play a role in policy reform

- 14h00-14h15 Jaco Westraat *The role of forensics in drug regulation*
- 14h15-14h30 Scott Bernstein *Litigation for advancing Human Rights*
- 14h30-15h00 Nick Crofts *The role of law enforcement in public health, harm reduction and drug policy reform.*
- 15h00-15h30 Facilitated discussion



15h30 - 16h00 Tea

16h00-17h30 SESSION 4 SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT – FACILITATOR: JULIAN BUCHANNAN

A look at the social drivers of drug use and how stigmatisation and barriers to accessing services, employment and education affect drug use and lead to more problematic drug use within communities. Examples of community programs of differing approaches and principles that can be applied.

- 16h00-16h15 Shaun Shelly *Drug use and meaning*
- 16h15-16h30 Shuaib Hoosain *The Sultan Bahu opioid substitution program within the auspices of community based services*
- 16h30-16h45 Jesse Laitinen *Khulisa Social Solutions 'Streetscapes' project outcomes*
- 16h45-17h00 Nathalie Rose *Harm reduction in Mauritius for people who use drugs*
- 17h00-17h30 Facilitated discussion

DAY 03 WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 3rd 2016



08h30 Registration

DRUG POLICY

Day three will examine drug policy both internationally and locally. It will build on the themes of previous days and show how drug policy can influence drug use both positively and negatively and can increase or decrease the harms caused by drug use. We will examine African and South African drug policy. The second half of the day will involve workshops and discussion groups. The outcomes of day 2 will be that key stakeholders will have been able to examine current drug policy critically and be debating the issues of drug policy. Journalists will be better able to write critically about issues of drug use and drug policy in a non-stigmatising and more helpful way.

09h00-09h15 Shaun Shelly to provide a review of the previous day's activities.

09h15-11h00 SESSION 1 INTERNATIONAL DRUG POLICY EVOLUTION AND APPLICATION – FACILITATOR: JP VAN NIEKERK

This session will give a brief history of international drug policy and give an overview of the UNGASS process. It will also demonstrate how current drug policy affects drug users and how it can be used to encourage health orientated approaches to drug use.

- 09h15-09h30 Jamie Bridge *International drug policy - where are we, and how did we get here?*
- 09h30-10h00 Lochan Naidoo *Health orientated interpretations of the conventions*
- 10h00-10h15 Scott Bernstein *The UNGASS process and Civil Society*
- 10h15-10h30 Nelson Medeiros *Human rights and drug policy*
- 10h30-11h00 Facilitated discussion



11h00-11h30 Tea

11h30-13h00 SESSION 2 POLICY IN AFRICA – FACILITATOR: JAMIE BRIDGE

South African National Drug Master Plan and how CSOs can play a role in UNGASS. The common African position as well as the South African submission for the zero draft for the UNGASS process

- 11h30-11h45 Simon Howell *An analysis of the National Drug Master Plan*
- 11h45-12h00 Wilson Box *The role of civil society in the UNGASS process*
- 12h00-12h15 Jane-Marie Ong'olo *The Common African Position*
- 12h15-12h30 Maria-Goretti Ane *Differences between the common African position and the submitted position*
- 12h30-13h00 Facilitated discussion



13h00-14h00 Lunch

14h00-16h00 SESSION 3 PARALLEL GROUPS

Four parallel group discussions/sessions will take place:

- Key stakeholders will be invited to discuss how they feel South African Drug policy could be better informed, what directions it could take and how this would be practically possible
- Other stakeholders such as civil society and academics and other parties would discuss similar issues and develop a set of recommendations
- Law Enforcement will be asked to explore their role in drug policy and public health
- Press would attend a workshop and discussion group on how to critically write about drug policy and drug related issues without increasing stigma.



16h00-16h15 Tea

16h15-17h30 Feedback and conclusion of main sessions

DAY 04 THURSDAY FEBRUARY 4th 2016

WRITING TEAM AND REGIONAL MEETINGS

09h00-09h30 Registration

09h30-16h00 Regional discussions by invitation

13h00-14h00 Lunch and conclusion