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**CONTINENTAL EXPERTS MEETING
CAPE TOWN
SOUTH AFRICA
1-5 August 2016**

**EPIDEMIOLOGICAL NETWORK PLANNING MEETING AND CONTINENTAL
CONSULTATION FOR DRUG DEMAND REDUCTION FOCAL POINTS**

Draft Agenda

Draft Provisional Agenda Day 1 – Monday	
8:30 – 9.30	Registration
9.30 – 10:00	<p>Opening Session</p> <p><i>Moderator – Jane Marie Ong’olo, AUC</i></p> <p>Opening and Welcome Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical Research Council • Bill McGlynn, Senior Advisor, US Department of State’s Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) • Dr Johnny Strijdom, Head of Division, Social Welfare and Vulnerable Groups, AU Commission
10.00-10.30	Tea Break
10.30- 11:00	<p>Session 1 – Introduction of the Epidemiological Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objectives, scope and duration of the project • Expectations of the two day session and tasks
11:00 - 12:00	<p>Session 2 – Gathering baseline information</p> <p>Country experience sharing on existing systems, data type and data sources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nigeria ○ Plenary discussion
12.00-12.30/2.00-2.30	<p>Country experience sharing on existing systems, data type and data sources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kenya ○ Plenary discussion
12.30- 2.00	Lunch Break
2.30-3.30	<p>Session 2 – Gathering baseline information (cont’d)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Senegal ○ Plenary discussion
3.30-3.50	Tea Break
3.50- 5.00	<p>Session 2 – Gathering baseline information (cont’d)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ South Africa ○ Plenary discussion and consensus building

Day 2 – Tuesday	
9.00-10.30	Session 3 – Regional and international networks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Southern Africa Epidemiological Network on Drug Use (SENDU) ○ West African Epidemiological Network on Drug Use (WENDU)
10.30- 11.00	Tea Break
11.00- 12.30	Session 3 – Regional and international networks ((cont'd) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Update from UNODC ○ Update from WHO ○ Update from ISS ○ Plenary discussion and consensus building
12.30-2.00	Lunch Break
2.00-3.30	Session 4 – The way forward: Building the Continental Epidemiological Network on Drug Use sequentially <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Synthesis and analysis of feedback from the four countries ○ Strengthening of the drug epidemiological networks in the four countries <p>Consolidation of data collection strategies an tools – Follow-up required by AUC</p>
	Tea break
3.50--5.00	Session 4 – The way forward: Building the Continental Epidemiological Network on Drug Use sequentially (con't)
5.00 – 5.15	Closing
Day 3 – Wednesday	
Continental Consultation on Drug Demand Reduction	

8.30-9.30	Registration
9.30-10.00	<p>Opening and welcoming session</p> <p><i>Moderator –AUC</i></p> <p>Opening and Welcome Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representative of the Government of South Africa • WHO • UNODC • Bill McGlynn, Senior Advisor, US Department of State’s Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) • Amb. Olawale Maiyegun, Director, Department of Social Affairs, AU Commission
10.00-10.30	Group Photo / Tea Break
10.30-11.00	<p>Session 1 – Setting the Scene</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of the Drug Epidemiology project • Outcome of the preceding meeting • Objectives of the consultation
11.00 -13:00	<p>Session 2 – Review of research and data collection on drug trends at national and regional levels on the continent</p> <p><i>Moderator- AUC/INL</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community epidemiology networks – A tool for drug surveillance in Africa • Audit of community epidemiological networks on drug use in AU Member States • Synthesis and analysis of feedback from four AU member countries that have functional drug epidemiological networks <p>Plenary discussion identifying best practices, including sustainability and capacity building</p>
13:00-14:15	Lunch Break
14:15- 15:00	<p>Session 3 – Challenges in establishing and maintaining national and regional epidemiological networks</p> <p><i>Moderated by AUC</i></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West African Epidemiological Network on Drug Use (WENDU) • Southern Africa Epidemiological Network on Drug Use (SENDU) • UNODC • WHO
15:00 – 15:30	<p>Session 4 – Consensus building on next steps for the Epi project Moderated plenary discussions (AUC/INL/IPs)</p> <p><i>Moderated by AUC</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal for participating countries • Consolidation of data collection strategies and tools • Training needs • Country assessment missions <p>Collaboration with International Partners and possible expansion of targeted countries</p>
15.30-15:50	Tea Break
15:50-17:00	<p>Session 4 – Consensus building on next steps for the Epi project (cont'd)</p>
Day 4 – Thursday	
9.30-10.00	Session 5– Recap of day 1 on the establishment of national epidemiology networks
10:00 – 11:00	Session 6 – Consensus building on the questionnaire to report on the implementation of the AU Plan of Action on Drug Control (2013-2017)
11:00 – 11:30	Tea Break
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11:30 – 13:00	<p>Session 7 – Review progress towards implementation of treatment programmes</p> <p>Sharing national experiences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ghana • Kenya

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mauritius • Cameroon • Egypt
13:00 – 14:15	Lunch Break
14:15 – 15:30	Review progress towards implementation of treatment programmes (con't)
15.30-16:00	Tea Break
16:00 – 17:15	Session 8 – Review progress towards implementing treatment programmes and emerging issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation International organizations and highlighting of good practices • Plenary discussions
Day 5 – Friday	
9.30-11:00	Session 9 – Review progress towards implementing drug prevention programmes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief presentation by International organizations and highlighting of good practices • Plenary discussions
11:00 – 11:30	Tea Break
11.30-12:30	Session 10 – Emerging challenges in drug demand reduction for consideration by the 2nd Session of the AU Specialised Technical Committee on Health, Population and Drug Control in March 2017 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plenary discussion
12.30-13:00	Session 11 – Summary of Key issues and official closure