

SUMMARY CONCEPT NOTE FOR

THE 4TH UGANDA ALCOHOL POLICY CONFERENCE 2024 (UAPC24)

Introduction: Alcohol is a significant risk factor for premature morbidity and mortality, contributing to 5.3% of global deaths and 5.1 % of the disease burden. Uganda is among the countries with the highest annual alcohol intake and highest prevalence of alcohol-related negative outcomes. Alcohol consumption in Uganda contributes to various health issues, including liver diseases, mental health disorders, non-communicable diseases, road traffic accidents, intimate partner violence, increased hospital admissions, risk sexual behaviors, increased economic burden, and perpetuating cycles of poverty and inequality.

Rationale UAPC24. Uganda faces alcohol-related harm due to unregulated practices, including free distribution of alcohol and branded merchandise, and lacks legally binding regulations on health warning labels on alcohol containers. Furthermore, the 2023 alcohol bill in Uganda faces opposition from various stakeholders due to concerns about potential economic ramifications. Key industry players express apprehensions about the impact of alcohol regulation on tax revenue, job opportunities, and market dynamics. In this context, the Uganda Alcohol Policy Conference emerges as a crucial platform for stakeholders to collaborate, exchange knowledge, and develop evidence-based strategies to mitigate alcohol-related harm, promote public health and holistic development, and ensure economic growth. Conference participation is not open to members of the alcohol industry and their affiliates.

Conference themes: The conference themes focus on the public health impacts of alcohol consumption, social and economic dimensions, policy approaches, community engagement, and environmental dimensions.

Conference delivery format. The conference will be held in a hybrid format, combining virtual and face-to-face platforms, featuring keynote presentations, plenary sessions, panel discussions, and interactive workshops and exhibitions.

The rationale for resource mobilization: The UAPC24's success relies on financial and logistical support, to cater for the venue, meals, travel, marketing materials, technology, printing, and administrative costs. Any support towards its successful implementation shall be highly appreciated.

Conclusion: This conference aims to promote global health, well-being, and prosperity by convening diverse stakeholders to implement effective alcohol control policies.

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