



## Putting health and human rights at the centre of drug policy: Recommendations from the Global Commission on Drug Policy

Satellite session, International Conference on AIDS and STIs in Africa

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2011, 17:30-19:00, B7 Hall 'Sof Omer'**

**Refreshments provided**

You are warmly invited to the satellite session organised by **Kenyan AIDS NGO Consortium**, the **International Drug Policy Consortium** and **Harm Reduction International**.

### Session overview

The Global Commission on Drug Policy, comprised of many influential and respected global figures, concluded that repressive drug policies based on tough law enforcement have failed. One of the greatest failings has been the detrimental effect on public health, in particular how such policies have fuelled the HIV epidemic among people who inject drugs by limiting their access to health and harm reduction services

This issue is particularly pertinent for Africa as countries in the region have witnessed a growing prevalence of drug use due to the creation domestic drug markets caused by new trafficking routes. An increase in injecting drug use could exacerbate Africa's HIV problem if evidence-based HIV prevention programmes such as harm reduction for people who inject drugs are not put in place.

The speakers will outline developments in HIV prevention policies and programmes for people who use drugs in the region with a specific focus on Kenya and Mauritius. The session will be a forum to share ideas, discuss good practice and innovative approaches towards the legislative reform of drug policies appropriate for the African context.

### Speakers

- Ann Fordham, Executive Director, **International Drug Policy Consortium**, United Kingdom
- Dr. Sobbie Mulindi, Deputy Director, Coordination and Support, **National AIDS Control Council**, Kenya
- Rey Chad Abdool, Regional adviser, **United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime**, Kenya
- Nathalie Rose, Coordinator of harm reduction programmes, **Collectif Urgence Toxida**, Mauritius

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