



National Action for Access to Opioid Medicines: Success Stories

We have great pleasure in inviting you to attend a lunch time briefing to be held in

Mozart Room, VIC Restaurant at 1 p.m. on Monday, 8th March, 2010

The briefing is intended to contribute to the discussion at the Plenary session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, scheduled for the afternoon of 8th March, and will have as its focus three points:

- Drug control systems in many countries around the world today fail to ensure adequate availability of controlled medications, as required by the UN drug conventions;
- Several low and middle income countries are successfully taking steps to overcome regulatory barriers that impede the availability of controlled medicines; and
- Responsible regulatory reform does not lead to increased diversion or misuse.

Speakers from different regions of the world will provide information on ways in which availability problems have been tackled in their country.

A light buffet lunch will be provided. Space is limited to the first 70 people attending.

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Programme

Introductory Remarks

Dr. Willem Scholten, Team Leader, WHO Access to Controlled Medications Programme

Colin McIlff, Multilateral Organizations Officer, U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)

Alison Crocket, Senior Advisor, U.K. Department for International Development (DFID); speaking also on behalf of the Consortium for Drug Control and Access to Medicines (DCAM)

Improving Morphine Availability in Resource Limited Settings: Uganda's Experience with Nurse Prescribing

Dr. Henry Ddungu: Advocacy Manager, African Palliative Care Association, and Physician, Mulago Hospital, Kampala, Uganda

India's Experience with Reform of Excessively Cumbersome Narcotics Regulations

Dr. M R Rajagopal: Chairman, Pallium India

Finding the way to reach a balance between access to opioids and regulations directed to avoid misuse: Panama experience

Dr. Rosa Buitrago de Tello: Clinical Pharmacist, Titular Professor, School of Pharmacy, University of Panama

Introducing Medically Assisted Treatment for Drug Users: The Central Asian Experience

Alisher Latypov: Research Student, The Wellcome Trust Centre for the History of Medicine at University College London and Corresponding Member, Reference Group to the United Nations on HIV and Injecting Drug Use

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