



# NATIONAL HARM REDUCTION CONFERENCE TBILISI · 2019

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# Day 1 - March 26

09:00-10:00

Registration

10:00-10:40

Opening Session

10:00 - 10:40 Welcome Speeches

**Dr.Philippe De Botton** - President - Medecins Du Monde France

**Dr.Elisabeth Avril** - Director - Gaia Paris - Responsible for Mission in Georgia - Medecins Du Monde France

**Ketevan Khutsishvili** - Executive Director - Open Society Georgia Foundation (OSGF)

**Zaza Karchkhadze** - Chairman of Board - Georgian Network of People who Use Drugs (GeNPUD)

**Report From Activists Summit**

10:40 - 10:50 Screening of Video Clip

10:50-12:30

## Plenary Session: Transition and Sustainability of Harm Reduction

**Moderator: Ketevan Chkhatarashvili - Expert/Consultant**

10:50-11:00

Ensuring sustainable access to Harm Reduction Services in Transition Period in Georgia: Challenges and Solutions

**Kakha Kvashilava** - Executive Director - Georgian Harm Reduction Network (GHRN)

11:00-11:10

Transition Period: Effective HIV Response and Sustainability of Harm Reduction: Strategic Priorities, Implemented Actions and Future Plans

**Tamar Gabunia** - Deputy Minister of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia

11:10-11:20

Lessons learnt and what to replicate: Harm Reduction and Access to Services in countries preparing for transition

**Gyongyver Jakab** - Fund Portfolio Manager – The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria

11:20-11:30

Domestic funding for Harm reduction in EECA region: challenges and compromises

**Ganna Dovbakh** - Executive Director - Eurasian Harm Reduction Association (EHRA)

11:30-11:40

Lessons learnt and what to avoid: Harm Reduction and Access to Services in countries where transition already happened;

**Peter Sarosi** - Executive Director - Rights Reporter Foundation

11:40-12:30

Panel Discussion and Q&A

12:30-13:00

**Break & Poster Tour**

13:00-14:30

## Plenary Session: New Harm Reduction

**Moderator: Darejan (Jana) Javakhishvili - Senior Programme Manager - Global Initiative in Psychiatry - GIP**

13:00-13:10

New Psychoactive Substances and Non-Injecting Drug Use: Global Challenges and Response Measures

**Mat Southwell** – Project Coordinator – European Network of People who Use Drugs (EuroNPUD)

13:10-13:20

New Psychoactive Substances and Non-Injecting Drug Use in Georgia: Needs and Challenges

**Dr.David Otiashvili** - Executive Director - Addiction Research Centre "Alternative Georgia"

13:20-13:30

Cannabis under control. A detailed and cautious scenario for a regulated, not-for-profit cannabis market

**Prof.Dr.Tom Decorte** - Professor of Criminology – University of Ghent - Faculty of Law and Criminology, Institute for Social Drug research (ISD)

13:30-13:40

Drug Consumption Room: An effective measure to reduce human and social harms

**Dr.Elisabeth Avril** - Director - Gaia Paris - Responsible for Mission in Georgia-MDM France

13:40-13:50

Drug Use and Harm Reduction in Night Clubs and Musical Festivals: What we need to introduce?

**David Subeliani** - White Noise Movement (WNM)

13:50-14:30

Panel Discussion and Q&A

14:30-16:00

## Lunch & Exhibition Tour: Harm Reduction Best Practices not available in Georgia

**Exhibition Booth 1:** Drug Consumption Room

**Exhibition Booth 3:** Drug Checking

**Exhibition Booth 5:**  
Syringe Vending  
Machines

**Exhibition Booth 2:** Harm Reduction  
Paraphernalia

**Exhibition Booth 4:** Heroin Assisted Treatment  
(HAT) and other practices of OST

16:00-17:30

## Parallel Session 1: Harm Reduction Services

**Moderator - Ketevan Bidzinashvili - Executive Director - 'Step to the Future'**

### HIV/AIDS

16:00-16:10

Overview and challenges: HIV and Harm Reduction in Georgia

**Maka Gogia** - Programme Director - Georgian Harm Reduction Network (GHRN)

16:10-16:20

Women Living with HIV, ARV Treatment and Harm Reduction Services

**Tamar Gakhokidze** - Social Worker - 'Hepa +'

16:20-16:35

Questions & Answers

### Hepatitis C

16:35-16:45

HCV and Harm Reduction in Georgia

**Nino Janashia** - Executive Director - 'Ksenoni'

16:45-17:00

Questions & Answers

### Tuberculosis

17:00-17:10

Role of Harm Reduction in TB Response

**Konstantine Labartkava** - Executive Director - 'New Vector'

17:10-17:30

Questions & Answers

16:00-17:30

## Parallel Session 2: Treatment & Rehabilitation

**Moderator - Nino Tsereteli - Executive Director - Center for Information and Counseling on reproductive Health "Tanadgoma"**

### Opioid Substitution Therapies

16:00-16:10

Opioid Substitution Therapies in Georgia

**Khatuna Todadze** - Deputy Director - Centre for Mental Health and Prevention of Addiction

16:17-16:25

View of Patients of OST Programmes: Needs and Challenges

**Konstantine Rukhadze** - OST Patient

16:25-16:35

Questions & Answers

### Rehabilitation Programmes

16:35-16:42

Rehabilitation Programmes in Georgia: From ART Therapies to Rehab Centre

**Vazha Kasrelishvili** - Project Coordinator - Center for Information and Counseling on reproductive Health "Tanadgoma"

16:42-16:50

"Importance of Psychotherapy in Treatment of Substance Users and Successful Treatment Statistics"

**Natia Panjigidze** - Founder and Manager of Therapy Programme at Psycho-Social Rehabilitation Center "Kamara"

16:50-17:00

Questions & Answers

### Harm Reduction in Prisons

17:00-17:10

Harm Reduction in Prisons: Needs and Challenges

**Kakha Kepuladze** - Project Coordinator - Center for Information and Counseling on reproductive Health "Tanadgoma"

17:10-17:30

Questions & Answers

16:00-17:30

## Parallel Session 3: Specific Services and Human Rights

**Moderator - Ernst Wisse - Harm Reduction Adviser - Medecins Du Monde France**

### Overdose

16:00-16:07

Management of Opioid Overdoses

**Zaza Kharchkhadze** - Chairman of Board - Georgian Network of People who Use Drugs (GeNPUD)

16:07-16:14

Overdose related to New Psychoactive Substances: Introducing Response Measures

**Temo Khatlashvili** - Director - Community Alliance

16:14-16:20

View of Night Club Hosts on Harm Reduction in Club settings: Needs and Asks

**Naja Orashvili** - Owner - Nightclub - 'Bassiani'

16:20-16:35

Questions & Answers

### Drug Use and LGBTQI Community

16:35-16:42

Drug Use and Expected Challenges in MSM and Trans Communities

**David Kakhaberi** - Programme Coordinator - Equality Movement

16:42-16:50

Tbilisi Pride - A Dignity March for LGBTQI Rights

**Giorgi Tabagari** - Tbilisi Pride

16:50-17:00

Questions & Answers

### Women who Use Drugs

16:35-16:45

Specific needs and tailored services for WUD

**Gvantsa Kvinikadze**-Project Consultant- 'Aceso'

16:35-16:45

Specific needs and tailored services for FSW

**Nino Bolkvadze** - 'Women for Freedom'

16:45-17:00

Questions & Answers

# Day 2 - March 27

09:00-10:00

Registration

10:00-12:00

Plenary Session: Drug Policy

**Moderator: Salome Asatiani - Correspondent - Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty Georgian Service**

10:00-10:10

Drug Policy in Georgia: Definition of Problems and review of developments and changes in Georgian Drug Legislation

**Sopho Verdzeuli** - Director of Democracy and Justice Programme - Human Rights Education and Monitoring Center (EMC)

10:10-10:20

Legislative Regulation of Cannabis in Georgia and Decisions of Constitutional Court

**Vakhushti Menabde** – Expert/Constitutionalist

10:20-10:30

Repressive Drug Policy in Georgia - Report by Human Rights Watch

**Giorgi Gogia** - Associate Director - Europe and Central Asia Division - Human Rights Watch

10:30-11:40

"Call for Global Decriminalization; Need of the moment"

**Binod Gurung** - Board Member - International Network of People who Use Drugs (INPUD)

10:40-10:50

Vision and Plans of Parliament of Georgia on Drug Legislation and related challenges

**Akaki Zoidze** - Chairman - Health and Social Issues Committee – Parliament of Georgia

10:50-11:00

Vision and Plans of Ministry of Interior on Drug Legislation and related challenges

**Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia**

10:50-11:00

A Public Health Approach to Drug Policy

**Celine Grillon** - Advocacy Adviser - Medecins Du Monde France

11:10-11:20

Voice of Georgia PUD Community

**Lasha Abesadze** - Georgian Network of People who Use Drugs (GeNPUD)

11:20-11:30

Call for Decriminalization

**Beqa Tsikarishvili** – White Noise Movement

11:30-12:00

Panel Discussion and Q&A

12:00-12:30

Break & Poster Tour



12:30-14:00

## Plenary Session: Donors and Funding

**Moderator: Ganna Dovbakh - Executive Director - Eurasian Harm Reduction Association (EHRA)**

12:30-12:40	Main Stages of Budget Development and State Funding of Healthcare Programmes in Georgia	<b>Irina Javakhadze</b> - Chief Specialist - Ministry of Finance of Georgia
12:40-12:50	The lost decade: Neglect for harm reduction funding and the health crisis among people who use drugs	<b>Olga Szubert</b> - Senior Policy Analyst - Harm Reduction International
12:50-13:00	Funding Opportunities for Harm Reduction and Cross-Cutting Fields within European Union	<b>Lali Chkhetia</b> - Programme Officer Delegation of the European Union to Georgia
13:00-13:10	French 5% Initiative: Funding Policy and opportunities for local actors	<b>Tiphaine Lucas</b> – Attaché of International Cooperation - Embassy of France in Georgia
13:10-13:20	AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF) HIV program in Georgia	<b>Mzia Tabatadze</b> - Programme Consultant - AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF)
13:20-13:30	CRG EECA Regional Platform - Technical Support Opportunities for CSOs and CBOs	<b>Ganna Dovbakh</b> – Executive Director – Eurasian Harm Reduction Association (EHRA)
13:30-14:00	Panel Discussion and Q&A	

14:00-15:30

## Lunch & Exhibition Tour: Successful Drug Policies

**Exhibition Booth 1:** Drug Policy in Portugal

**Exhibition Booth 3:** Drug Policy in Switzerland

**Exhibition Booth 5:**  
Cannabis related  
Policy in Colorado  
State, USA

**Exhibition Booth 2:** Drug Policy in Netherlands

**Exhibition Booth 4:** Drug Policy in Czech Republic

15:30 - 17:00

Workshops

Workshop 1: Transition and Sustainability;  
Moderator - Giorgi Gotsadze - Curatio International Foundation (CIF)

Workshop 2: New Harm Reduction;  
Moderator - Irma Kirtadze - Addiction Research Center ‘Alternative Georgia’

Workshop 3: Drug Policy;  
Moderator - David Otiashvili - Addiction Research Center ‘Alternative Georgia’

17:00 - 17:30

Break

17:30 - 18:30

Closing Session

17:00-17:20	Workshops' Results	Rapporteurs  Medecins Du Monde  Open Society Georgia Foundation
17:20-17:30	Presentation of Conference Declaration	
17:30-18:00	Closing Remarks	