



## **The East African Network for Prevention and Treatment of Substance Use Disorders**

**The Vision:** *A vibrant regional platform that advocates for the reduction of substance abuse in East African community*

### **The objectives:**

1. To promote research, create platform for vital information sharing on substance abuse and related illnesses among regional members.
2. To engage the EAC in progressive substance abuse policy formulation and implementation;
3. Engagement of East African governments and key stake holders in inclusion of substance abuse and prevention in all sectors.

### **Activities:**

1. Capacity building
2. Membership recruitment
3. Research
4. Mapping and assessment
5. Outreach
6. Media inclusion
7. Training and sensitization
8. Fundraisings and resource mobilization
9. Constant engagements through meetings
10. Networking
11. Monitoring and evaluation
12. Commemoration of world drug day and other thematic days
13. Advocacy

**Secretariat,** a secretariat will be set up in the office of the current Chair. The Current chair's organisation will offer support provided by an intern

## **Structure**

The delegates appointed a Chair and Secretary of the network and created a structure to be discussed at the follow up online-meeting in April. The network will consist of a Chair, Secretary, focal persons from each East African country which will serve as officers with different topics. The network's structure will serve to work for a gendered balance. The focal persons will be extended to include other countries in the region.

The Chair, Secretary and Focal persons will hold certain "Commissions", stated below. The importance in having different topics of concern so that the Chair and Secretary are not doing all the work, and that different people are sent to represent the network depending on the area of expertise.

- Commissioner for International Affairs and Chair
- Commissioner for Prevention Affairs and Regional Affairs African Union
- Commissioners for Treatment, rehabilitation and reintegration - Affairs Regional Affairs EAC
- Commissioner for Resource Mobilization, lobby and Capacity Building
- Commissioner for Gender, Membership, Lobby and advocacy Affairs
- Commissioner for Partnership, Networking and Liaison
- Commissioner for Young People and Alternative Development
- Ex- Officio Member, the office of the Secretary General

These focal persons will be elected by each country, with an interim election to be held 4<sup>th</sup> of May, and will serve leading up to the first General Assembly of the network.

## **New members of the network**

*Based on minutes 27 april 2020*

Discussion about the importance of new network members to understand the ground and ideas of the network before joining on. A short document can be created based on Andrew's report from Uganda, for which new members can read and understand. We can present your clear vision and mission to any new members of the network.

Short information will also be added to these notes for new members to read. The network can look wider into the East African community, including Rwanda (who were unable to attend the workshop in Kampala), South Sudan, the DRC.

Idea that for the time-being new members are part of the WFAD network, the application of which can be used for new members to the network.

Suggestion to include Rogers Kasirye (UYDEL) and Regina Mattsson as special advisors to the Board. Other international partners can become observers.