

3rd UGANDA ALCOHOL POLICY CONFERENCE (UAPC22)

INTRODUCTION

Alcohol misuse is a global challenge and a major concern in Uganda. Harmful use of alcohol is responsible for 3.3 million deaths every year (one death every 10 seconds) and alcohol use leads to more than 200 disease and injury conditions including a range of mental and behavioural disorders. Alcohol is a massive obstacle to development, adversely affecting 13 of 17 Sustainable Development Goals, fuelling poverty, inequality, violence, including gender-based violence, and vast economic and productivity losses.

ALCOHOL MISUSE AND POLICY INTERVENTION IN UGANDA

Uganda is categorised among countries with hazardous drinking patterns due to high prevalence of alcohol consumption and heavy episodic and underage drinking. Uganda's alcohol per capita consumption of 9.8 litres, is among the highest in Africa (Africa's average is 6 litres (WHO, 2014)). Most of the alcohol produced/ consumed is illicit. In 2011, a worldwide survey of socio-economic consequences of alcohol consumption reported Uganda as the country with the highest rate of

UAPC22 AT A GLANCE

Theme: Building Momentum For The Prevention Of Alcohol-Related Harm In Uganda: From Rhetoric To Action

Dates: 23-25/11/ 2022

Venue: To be decided

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Objective: The 3rd Uganda Alcohol Policy Conference aims at bringing together key stake holders to discuss a comprehensive strategy for preventing alcohol harm in Uganda.

About UAPA

UAPA is a network of non-government organisations and researchers working in public health agencies who share information on alcohol issues and advocate for evidence based alcohol policies free from commercial interests.

Co-Organisers

- Ministry of health (Mental health division) and
- Makerere University School of public health.

alcohol-related negative consequences among listed drinkers (Graham et al., 2011). Overall, alcohol misuse has been documented to hinder social economic advancement and current trends pose considerable challenge to the attainment of Uganda's Vision 2040 for "A Transformed Society from a peasant to a modern and prosperous Country".

In spite of the devastating effects of alcohol, its regulation in Uganda remains weak. The country still works with the out-dated Enguli act of 1967 and a few fragmented laws. Since 2019, Government of Uganda has instituted important regulations towards control of alcohol harm including enactment of the National Alcohol Policy and banning production and sale of alcohol packaged in 200MLs or less. However, effectiveness of the two major developments in improving the social economic life of Ugandans is still hampered by vigorous lobby of the alcohol industry and of late compromised by the challenges posed by COVID-19.

UGANDA ALCOHOL POLICY CONFERENCE 2022 (UAPC22), KAMPALA

DATES: 23rd – 25th November, 2022

THEME: Building Momentum For The Prevention Of Alcohol-Related Harm In Uganda: Walk the talk

UAPC is the largest gathering of researchers, practitioners, advocates and policymakers working on alcohol policy in Uganda. The conference is sponsored by IOGT-NTO movement and organized by UAPA in partnership with Ministry of Health and Makerere University School of Public Health.

UAPC 2022's focus is to build bridges between research/evidence and alcohol control policy formulation and implementation. The 1st conference held in November 2018 was dedicated to enhancing collaboration to overcome alcohol harm, while the second in 2020 focused on community participation in the

eradication of alcohol harm. UAPC 2022 will hence go a step higher by supporting the momentum for the current alcohol legislative initiatives in Uganda.

Participation at the conference shall be by both physical and virtual means. Online participation shall be free but requires earlier registration.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Scientific Advisory Committee of UAPC2020 invites abstract submissions from researchers and practitioners for oral presentations.

Registration Fees:

Early Bird (Up to 30th August 2022): Ugandans (250,000) and Non Ugandans 90 US dollars

Regular Up to 30th October 2022): Ugandans (250,000) and Non Ugandans 100 US dollars.

Late registration (After 1st November: Ugandans (300,000) and Non Ugandans 150 US dollars.

Dates and Deadlines

Abstract Submission closes midnight 31st August 2022

Late breaking abstract submission close midnight 30th September 2022

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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

UAPC22 welcome submission of abstracts for presentations relevant to the conference topics and themes.

We strongly encourage abstracts from both researchers and practitioners. 'Practitioners' include any professional working in research translation, policy, advocacy and communications. The focus of the conference is alcohol policy; abstracts that describe findings from alcohol epidemiology are welcome provided they include discussion of clear implications for policy.

Priority will be given to presentations that offer critical or reflective comment rather than purely program or descriptive papers. Papers will be accepted and considered in two domains:

Research: Clear design, presentation, analysis, outcomes

Practice: Clear context, process, analysis, outcomes

Presentation at UAPC2022 is not open to any person who has a conflict of interest due to financial relationships, direct or indirect, with the alcohol industry.

Conference Thematic areas:

- a. Alcohol harm:
 - i) Propagators, victims and solutions
 - ii) Economic and social costs of alcohol – to individuals, families, communities and the society
 - iii) Alcohol and Human Rights, Alcohol and Women and children’s rights
 - iv) Alcohol and health (Mental Health, COVID, ...)

- b. Implementing Effective Alcohol Policies: Barriers and opportunities
 - ii) National Alcohol Control Bill and National Alcohol Control Policy
 - iii) Subnational alcohol regulations: Ordinances and By-laws
 - iv) Protecting alcohol policies against vested interests
 - v) Alcohol Marketing and pricing policies

- c. Solutions to alcohol harm

- i. Building networks, coalitions and Community, sub-national and national action for alcohol control
- ii. Treatment of Alcohol Use Disorders
- iii. Changing social norms

Presentation Types

All presenters are encouraged to consider the learning outcomes for the audience when preparing your presentation. What are the take away messages that you can provide the audience, how can you improve their knowledge and skills?

Oral presentations: Presenters will have 10 minutes for presentation. Each presentation will be followed by up to 5 minutes for question and answers. Some presentations shall be online.

Workshop: A limited opportunity is available for workshops for interested stake holders. Please contact the organisers if you would like to present a workshop.

Late Breaker Abstracts: These 5 minute presentations provide an opportunity to highlight case studies and new and/or upcoming research or research-translation initiatives. The format for these presentations is still to be determined.

Abstract Requirements

All intended presentations require the submission of an abstract. All abstracts will be subject to peer review. Refer to the online abstract submission form or manual abstract submission form for requirements.

The abstract title should be no longer than 12 words.

The abstract should be a maximum of 250 words in simple text paragraphs without images or tables.

For each abstract submission, authors must identify as either a researcher or practitioner and select at least one topic.

If there is more than one presenter, all correspondence will be sent to the person whose name and email address is entered with the abstract.

A maximum of two (2) abstracts may be submitted per presenting author. All abstracts must be in original work and submitted in English.

Please note: All presenters must register at the time of confirming their acceptance to present offer and pay the conference registration fee.

Abstracts are to be submitted electronically using the online facility on the UAPC2022 website.

Select the Abstract Submission tab and follow the prompts.

Abstracts submitted for presentation will be published exactly as received and should be checked for spelling and grammar prior to submission. Do not submit a version with 'track changes' active.

It is the submitting author's responsibility to ensure that the abstract uploaded to the server is the correct version.

All presenters must register once they have confirmed their acceptance of the presentation. There is no fee for registration.

Speakers have been strategically identified from the different stakeholders in Uganda including health, communication, economic, legal, in both civil and public sectors. Alcohol researchers, religious and political leaders will also be expected to make key note presentations. Finally, we *shall* extend invitation to some

speakers particularly from to share success stories and challenges related to mitigation of alcohol harm.

SPONSORSHIP

The conference welcomes sponsors provided that they are not connected to the alcohol industry. Conference sponsorship packages are as follows:

1. Gold (UGX Five Million Shillings):
 - a. Full coloured page in abstract book (on front/hind covers),
 - b. Display banner at conference site,
 - c. Logo on all conference materials,
 - d. A presentation during the conference,
 - e. An exhibition table for 2 people and networking dinner for 2 people

2. Silver (UGX Three Million Shillings):
 - a. Full coloured page in abstract book (inside the book),
 - b. Display banner at conference site,
 - c. Logo on all conference materials,
 - d. An exhibition table, dinner for 1 person.

3. Bronze (UGX Two Million Shillings):
 - a. Half coloured page in abstract book,
 - b. Logo on all conference materials,
 - c. An exhibition table, dinner for 1 person, exhibition and conference participation for 1 one person;.

Please note:

- UAPA does not take any money or resources from alcohol manufactures, distributors, seller or their partners.
 - Limited space also exist for individuals/organisations that would like to showcase their works (500,000/= per exhibition stall)
1. Core organizing Committee (Leaders)
 - b) Chairperson; Dr. Kalema David (Hope and Beyond)
 - c) Vice Chairperson/Fundraising/Treasurer/Networking/Partnerships: Baguma Richard (Uganda Health Communication Alliance)
 - d) Coordinator; Ms. Nassanga Margaret (Uganda Alcohol Policy Alliance(UAPA))
 - e) Committees Leaders
 1. Scientific committee: Prof. Nazarious Mbona Tumwesigye (Makerere University School of Public Health)
 2. Publicity & Information Technology: Edgar Ntensibe (UAPA)
 3. Invitations/Protocols: Ms Patience Ninsiima (Ministry of Health)
 4. Welfare, Logistics, Venue and Program flow:
 5. UAPA Business: Juliet Namukasa (International Aid Services)