



The European Union, the Government of Latvia, the African Union, the UNODC Drug Prevention and Health Branch, the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA) and Liverpool John Moores University

kindly invite you to a joint side event on

DEVELOPING AND PROMOTING QUALITY STANDARDS IN DRUG DEMAND REDUCTION

58th Session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs

Wednesday, 11 March 2015, 13.10 – 14.00

Conference Room M3, M Building, Vienna International Centre

The event aims at introducing the participants to a number of initiatives dedicated to developing global and regional quality standards in drug demand reduction.

The UNODC will present the current projects aimed at developing and disseminating standards in the areas of both drug prevention and treatment.

The African Union will present the African initiative towards the adoption and implementation of minimum quality standards for drug use prevention and treatment.

The European Union will give an overview of its policy work in the area of minimum quality standards in drug demand reduction, followed with a presentation of the project *European Drug Prevention Quality Standards*, highlighting the activities in order to support practical implementation of drug prevention standards.



AGENDA

- 13.10 – 13.15 **Opening remarks**
Ambassador Györgyi Martin Zanathy, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the International Organisations in Vienna
- Moderated by**
Ambassador Bahtijors Hasans, The Permanent Representative of the Republic of Latvia to the UN, OSCE and Other International Organizations in Vienna
- 13.15 – 13.25 **INTERNATIONAL QUALITY STANDARDS IN DRUG PREVENTION AND TREATMENT**
Mr. Gilberto Gerra, Chief of the Drug Prevention and Health Branch, UNODC
- 13.25 – 13.35 **AFRICAN UNION CONTINENTAL MINIMUM QUALITY STANDARDS FOR TREATMENT OF DRUG DEPENDENCE**
Ms. Jane Marie Ong'olo, Programme Manager of the AU Plan of Action on Drug Control and Crime of the African Union Commission
- 13.35 - 13.45 **DEVELOPING MINIMUM QUALITY STANDARDS IN DRUG DEMAND REDUCTION IN THE EUROPEAN UNION**
Mr. Jānis Bekmanis, President of the Horizontal Working Party on Drugs during the Latvian Presidency at the Council of the European Union
- 13.45 - 13.55 **SUPPORTING IMPLEMENTATION OF QUALITY STANDARDS IN DRUG PREVENTION IN EUROPE – THE EDPQS PROJECT**
Mr. Harry Sumnall, Professor in Substance Use, Centre for Public Health, Liverpool John Moores University, United Kingdom
- 13.55 – 14.00 **Questions and answers**

Followed by coffee and snacks