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Day 1 - March 26

09:00-10:00

Registration

10:00-10:50

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 Otiaashvili - 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)

16:10-16:15

Women Living with HIV, ARV Treatment and Harm Reduction Services

Tamar Gakhokidze - Social Worker - 'Hepa +'

16:15-16:20

Bio-Behavioral Surveillance Survey and Population Size Estimation among MSM population in Georgia

Natia Shengelia - Researcher - Curatio International Foundation - CIF

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 Theraphies

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 Panjikidze - 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 Khatiashvili - 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 Kakhaveri - 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	Ekaterine Gardaphkhadze - 'Akeso'
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

Irina Javakhadze - 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

Olga Szubert - Senior Policy Analyst - Harm Reduction International

12:50-13:00

Funding Opportunities for Harm Reduction and Cross-Cutting Fields within European Union

Lali Chkhetia - Programme Officer
Delegation of the European Union to Georgia

13:00-13:10

French 5% Initiative: Funding Policy and opportunities for local actors

Tiphaine Lucas – Attaché of International Cooperation - Embassy of France in Georgia

13:10-13:20

AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF) HIV program in Georgia

Mzia Tabatadze - Programme Consultant - AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF)

13:20-13:30

CRG EECA Regional Platform - Technical Support Opportunities for CSOs and CBOs

Ganna Dovbakh – 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

17:20-17:30

Presentation of Conference Declaration

17:30-18:00

Closing Remarks

Rapporteurs

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