# AY FORWARD

# **DEVELOPING GENDER - SENSITIVE** TREATMENT PROGRAMMES TO **ERADICATE BARRIERS FOR WOMEN**

VIRTUAL SIDE EVENT HELD DURING THE 64TH SESSION ON THE COMMISION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS

## Thursday $15^{\text{th}}$ April 2021, 10:00-10:50am









THIS SIDE-EVENT EMPHASISES THE NEED TO FOCUS ON WOMEN'S NEED IN STRATEGIES AND POLICIES, AND WILL OFFER AN ACTION PLAN FOR A WAY FORWARD - WHILE HIGHLIGHTING BEST PRACTICES.

Women who use drugs face barriers limiting access to treatment and recovery options. During the pandemic, women have been affected negatively with levels of GBV rising across the world and in many places drugs and alcohol use has increased. Also, the number of children who live with a parent(s) who is tackling addiction has risen. It is imperative to break the barriers that hinder womens' access and adherence to addiction treatment services and to offer gender-sensitive treatment

### **SPEAKERS**

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#### **MODERATOR**

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