

It all begins with health. Using a Substance Use Health lens to achieve broad improvements in drug and government policy

Wednesday 15th of March, 8:00-8:50 MOE05

Organization: Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction (CCSA)

Co-sponsors:

- The International Drug Policy Consortium (IDPC)
- RIO – a Norwegian users’ association in the field of alcohol and drugs
- Dianova International
- Canadian Addiction Peer Support Association (CAPSA)

Chair: Dr. Alexander Caudarella, CEO (CCSA)

Description:

This side event will provide an opportunity to understand the principles of health with respect to substance use. Taking a strength-based approach to increasing the health outcomes of people who use or used substances. Prioritizing health offers opportunities for divergent and sometimes conflicting perspectives to develop shared outcomes and accountability. Practically, use of a health lens to assess the effectiveness of policies and regulations recognizes that improved health outcomes are the common ground these divergent points of view can gather on to make progress in this field.

Speakers:

- Alexander Caudarella CEO of CCSA -first CND since his appointment.
- Kenneth Arctander RIO Norway
- Lucia Goberna Lehmann, Dianova International (Spain)
- Anthony Esposti / Howard Gordon Garner, CAPSA
- Ann Fordham, Executive Director, IDPC speaker or recommendation