

GAPA Virtual Event 12-14 October

Sessions A: Asia and Western Pacific region

Program outline (Asia and Western Pacific regions)

Tuesday 12 October – three hours

Singapore/HK/Manila
11:00-14:00

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KEYNOTE SESSION 1A:

Protection of alcohol policy from industry interests

Chair: Ms Gianna Gayle Amul

- **Welcome** – GAPA board members
- **Alcohol industry Public Relations (CSR) and its implication for ‘engagement’**
Ms Gianna Gayle Amul
- **Alcohol industry: The elephant in the room?**
Dr Nason Hessari Maani
- **The role of the alcohol industry in national alcohol policy**
Ms Paula Johns

REGIONAL MODERATED PANEL DISCUSSION 1A:

Regional experience of industry public relations activities (CSR and PPPs) and how to accelerate civil society and governmental responses

- Four panellists with 10-minute comments each.
- Questions, comments and discussion online and in chat

Panelists:

1. **Sharon Friel**, ARC Laureate Fellow and Professor of Health Equity, School of Regulation and Global Governance, The Australian National University
2. **Dao The Son**, MA, Senior Lecturer, Thuongmai University, Viet Nam
3. **Monika Arora**, Executive Director, HRIDAY and Director: Health Promotion, India
4. **Nicki Jackson**, Executive Director, Alcohol Health Watch, Whakatupato Waipiro, New Zealand

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KEYNOTE SESSION 2A:

The three best buys

Chair: Dr Lathika Athauda

- **Alcohol: No Ordinary Commodity: update on effective Interventions – preview of 3rd revised edition**
Overview – Professor Thomas Babor
Pricing policies – Professor Bundit Sornpaisarn
Availability – Professor Michael Livingston
Marketing – Professor Sally Casswell

REGIONAL MODERATED PANEL DISCUSSION BASED ON KEY NOTES 2A:

How can global and regional networks promote uptake of the ‘best buys’ at national, regional and global levels?

- Four panellists with 10-minute comments each.

- Questions, comments and discussion online and in chat

Panelists:

1. **Dr Orratai Waleewong**, International Health Policy Programme, Ministry of Public Health Thailand
2. **Caterina Giorgi**, Chief Executive Officer, Foundation for Alcohol Research and Education (FARE), Australia
3. **Dr Regina CT Ching**, Hon Secretary, The Hong Kong Alliance for Advocacy Against Alcohol
4. **Dr Caroline Lukaszuk**, Technical Officer, Violence, Injury Prevention & Reduction of Harmful Use of Alcohol, WHO WPRO

Thursday 14 October – Three hours

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KEYNOTE SESSION 3A:
The way forward

Chair: Mr Pubudu Sumanasekara

- **GAPA's priorities going forward**
Professor Sally Casswell,
- **Learning from Baby milk: the importance of independent monitoring and reporting**
Patti Rundall,
- **The way forward – Building broader coalitions and keeping options open**
Dr Thaksaphon Thamarangsi (Mek)

MODERATED PANEL DISCUSSION BASED ON KEY NOTES 3A:

1. **Member States response at WHO Executive Board and WHA to draft Global alcohol action plan**
2. **Broadening our coalition: ideas for sectors and issues/framings on which to increase focus**

- Four panellists with 10-minute comments each.
- Questions, comments and discussion online and in chat

Panelists:

1. **KM Gopakumar**, Third World Network/ People's Health Movement, India
2. **Daiana Buresova**, Regional Manager for the Pacific, McCabe Centre for Law and Cancer, Fiji
3. **Scott Wilson MIndigH (SubUse)**, CEO, Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council South Australia; Adjunct Associate Professor and Co- Director, Indigenous Health and Substance Use, Discipline of Addiction Medicine, Sydney Medical School, The University of Sydney; NHMRC Centre of Research Excellence: Indigenous Health and Alcohol, Australia
4. **Samitha Sugathimala** Program Director, Foundation for Innovative Social Development, Sri Lanka

Closing and welcome to GAPC 2023 in Cape Town
GAPC 2023 team