



# WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

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**Consultation with representatives of intergovernmental organizations on ways they could contribute to reducing harmful use of alcohol.**

**8<sup>th</sup> September 2009 - Geneva, SWITZERLAND**  
**Salle C - WHO Headquarters**

## **SCOPE AND PURPOSE**

On 24 May 2008, the 61st session of the World Health Assembly adopted an important resolution on "Strategies to reduce the harmful use of alcohol". The resolution calls for the development by 2010 of a draft global strategy to reduce the harmful use of alcohol that is based on all available evidence and existing best practices and that addresses relevant policy options. In addition the WHO Secretariat requested to collaborate and consult with Member States, as well as consult with intergovernmental organizations, health professionals, nongovernmental organizations and economic operators on ways they could contribute to reducing harmful use of alcohol. It is as a part of this latter request that the Secretariat of the World Health Organization is inviting representatives of selected intergovernmental organizations to a consultation meeting in Geneva on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2009.

The meeting will have a global focus, but to ensure broad representation worldwide and also regional intergovernmental organizations will be invited.

The main focus of the consultation will be on how the intergovernmental organizations could contribute to reducing harmful use of alcohol worldwide and support the development, implementation and monitoring of strategies and programmes aimed at the reduction of alcohol-related harm. Furthermore, an additional focus will be on exploring possible ways for a more structured interaction at global level between the WHO Secretariat and intergovernmental organizations, also in the context of implementation of the above-mentioned World Health Assembly resolution.

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