

# GLOBAL ALCOHOL POLICY CONFERENCE OCTOBER

*The Global Alcohol Policy Conference (GAPC2023), "Investing in People before Profits: Building Momentum towards the Framework Convention on Alcohol Control," will be held from 24 - 26 October 2023 in Cape Town, South Africa.*

## PLENARY SPEAKER

Professor Charles Parry

Director of the Mental Health, Alcohol, Substance Use & Tobacco Research Unit at the South African Medical Research Council

Professor Charles Parry has been the director of the Mental Health, Alcohol, Substance Use & Tobacco Research Unit at the South African Medical Research Council for the past 21 years. He is a Clinical and Research Psychologist and an extraordinary professor in the Department of Psychiatry at Stellenbosch University.

Trained in South Africa and the USA in clinical and community psychology and mathematical statistics he has published 300 indexed journal articles, co-authored three books on alcohol policy and undertaken over 820 media interviews (mostly on issues related to alcohol policy).

His current research centres on alcohol and drug epidemiology and burden of disease; foetal alcohol spectrum disorders; alcohol use and HIV/TB treatment; and alcohol policy. Since 2006 he has been a member of the WHO Expert Panel on Drug Dependence and Alcohol Problems and in 2010 was appointed to board of the Global Alcohol Policy Alliance. He has also been an active member of the Scientific Advisory Board to the UN World Drug Report since 2015.

