



## Media Release

### Global Alcohol Policy Conference Declaration

26 October 2023

Cape Town, South Africa:

At the end of the 7th biennial global alcohol policy conference (GAPC) which was hosted by the Global Alcohol Policy Alliance (GAPA), the South African Medical Research Council (SAMRC), the Southern African Alcohol Policy Alliance (SAAPA), and the Department of Social Development (DSD) held in Cape Town from 24 to 26 October, delegates endorsed the following declaration.

“We, the 521 participants from 55 countries gathered at the 7th Global Alcohol Policy Conference in Cape Town, South Africa from October 24-26, 2023.

- Recognizing alcohol’s significant role in the global burden of disease and as a major barrier to achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals,
- Call on our national governments to recognize the alcohol industry’s conflict of interest with effective alcohol policies and establish clear rules separating the industry from engagement with policy development.
- Call on WHO Member States to direct the WHO Director-General and other intergovernmental organizations to:
  - study the necessity and feasibility of a legally binding instrument to strengthen the public health response to alcohol consumption and related harm, through consultation with nation states and civil society, and
- Report the findings through the Executive Board to the World Health Assembly.”

End

The broadcast of the conference is available here: <https://dsdtv.org.za/live-stream/>

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