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The World Health Organization (WHO) presents its compliments to Member States and Associate Members and has the pleasure of announcing that the 49th Expert Committee on Drug Dependence (ECDD) will meet from **19 to 22 October 2026** in Geneva, Switzerland. Given that WHO Expert Committee meetings are of a closed nature, this letter serves to notify Member States of the Agenda of the 49th ECDD, which is in the Annex I file, attached for reference.

WHO is mandated by the 1961 and 1971 International Drug Control Conventions to make recommendations to the UN Secretary-General on the need for and level of international control of psychoactive substances based on the advice of its independent scientific advisory body, the ECDD. To assess whether or not a psychoactive substance should be placed under international control, the ECDD convenes annually to review the potential of that substance to cause dependence, abuse and harm to health, as well as any therapeutic applications. In order to perform this review and make evidence-based decisions, the ECDD conducts medical, scientific, and public health evaluations of the selected psychoactive substances using the best available information.

Although the meetings are of a closed nature, Member States and Associate Members are invited to contribute to the ECDD review process by joining the 49th ECDD Information Session on 19 October 2026. The Information Session will be held virtually and allow interested parties to learn about present and future activities of the ECDD Secretariat, and to present information concerning substances under review to the 49th Expert Committee for consideration in its deliberations. Registration information will be made available on the ECDD website in due course: Expert Committee on Drug Dependence.

As in the past and in line with the publication “*Guidance on the WHO review of psychoactive substances for international control*” (EB126/2010/REC1, Annex 6),¹ Member States and Associate Members can also contribute to the ECDD review process by providing up to date and accurate information concerning the substances under review in advance of the meeting. For this purpose, and as per previous practice, a questionnaire will be sent to Member States and Associate Members to gather country information on the legitimate use, harmful use, status of national control and potential impact of international control for each substance under evaluation.

¹ https://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/EB126-REC1/B126_REC1-en.pdf#page=90.

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... Annex II to this Circular Letter contains a list of national focal points officially designated by Member States and Associate Members in previous years who provide country information to the ECDD through the Member States questionnaire referred to above. If the focal point information requires changes or amendments, Member States and Associate Members are invited to inform the WHO ECDD Secretariat by email to ecddsecretariat@who.int by **31 July 2026** with the subject “49ECDD Focal Point: (Country Name)”.

If the individual on the list is still the official focal point for completing the ECDD Member State questionnaire this year and if no additions or amendments to focal point details are made by **31 July 2026**, the focal point from the list will be given further instructions and direct access to online questionnaires by the WHO Secretariat. Results of the questionnaires will be prepared as a report as part of the 49th ECDD substance review process.

In addition to the questionnaire, Member States and Associate Members are also encouraged to provide any additional relevant information (unpublished or published) on substances to be reviewed by the 49th ECDD by emailing ecddsecretariat@who.int with the subject “Ref: C.L.31.2026”.

All recommendations made by the 48th ECDD, held in October 2025, were accepted by the 69th UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs and all technical reports and recommendations made by the ECDD will be available online through the recently launched ECDD Information Repository (<https://ecddrepository.org/en>).

The World Health Organization takes this opportunity to renew to Member States and Associate Members the assurance of its highest consideration.

GENEVA, 9 July 2026



49th WHO Expert Committee on Drug Dependence

Provisional Agenda

Information Meeting

(Virtual) 19 October 2026

10:00-13:00 CEST

- 1. Welcome and opening of the meeting**
- 2. WHO presentations**
 - 2.1 Expert Committee on Drug Dependence
 - 2.2 Science Division
 - 2.3 Gender, Equity, and Human Rights
 - 2.4 Legal and Ethics
- 3. Presentations and statements from participants**

49th WHO Expert Committee on Drug Dependence

Geneva, Switzerland

Provisional Agenda

Closed Session

19–22 October 2026

1. Procedural matters and updates

- 1.1 Opening of meeting and welcoming remarks
- 1.2 Introduction of participants
- 1.3 Statement of confidentiality
- 1.4 Declarations of interest
- 1.5 Election of Chair, Vice-Chair, and Rapporteur
- 1.6 Adoption of agenda

2. Updates on priorities from international agencies

- 2.1 Briefings from international agencies on their work on the public health dimension of the world drug problem
 - 2.1.1 WHO
 - 2.1.2 UNODC
 - 2.1.3 INCB
- 2.2 Updates on ECDD meeting recommendations and outcomes
 - 2.2.1 Recommendations and outcomes of the 48th ECDD
 - 2.2.2 Updates on substance surveillance

3. Critical reviews: Recommendations on the scope of international control

- 3.1 Cychlorphine / N-propionitrile chlorphine – critical review (Opioids)
- 3.2 Desalkylgidazepam – critical review (Benzodiazepine)
- 3.3 Ethylbromazolam – critical review (Benzodiazepine)
- 3.4 Etomidate – Pre-review (medicine anaesthetic)
- 3.5 Medetomidine – Pre-review (veterinary medicine – anaesthetic)
- 3.6 Etomethazene (5-methyl etodesnitazene) (Opioids)
- 3.7 Spirochlorphine (Opioids)
- 3.8 Clobromazolam (Benzodiazepines)

4. Finalization of meeting report

Annex II: List of focal points designated by Member States in previous years

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