



THE 2023 HYBRID CONFERENCE ON
THE HARMFUL USE OF ALCOHOL IN THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING CARIBBEAN

Alcohol Research Evidence for Action

THE 8TH ANNUAL CARIBBEAN ALCOHOL REDUCTION DAY



DECEMBER 1, 2023
8:00AM - 2:30PM AST

CONCEPT NOTE AND PROGRAMME



Background

The Healthy Caribbean Coalition (HCC), with the support of the Pan American Health Organisation (PAHO) announces the Eighth Annual **Caribbean Alcohol Reduction Day (CARD)** webinar/in-person event under the theme: **Alcohol Research - Evidence for Action.**

The HCC and partners have hosted annual CARD events over the last seven years, under various themes and titles: [The Misuse of Alcohol \(2016\)](#); [Drink Less, Reduce Cancer \(2017\)](#); [Youth: Let's Talk about Alcohol \(2018\)](#); [Women and Alcohol \(2019\)](#); [Alcohol and COVID-19 \(2020\)](#); and [Live Better, Drink Less, Alcohol Gets In the Way \(2021](#) * in support of PAHO's regional alcohol awareness campaign under the same banner). Last year, the theme was '[The WHO Global Alcohol Action Plan \(GAAP\) 2022-2030 – Priorities / Implications for the Caribbean](#)' to recognize the endorsement of the World Health Organization GAAP 2022–2030¹ by the Seventy-fifth World Health Assembly in May 2022.

This year, HCC is pleased to host **The 2023 Hybrid Conference on the Harmful Use of Alcohol in the English-Speaking Caribbean** alongside its partners, The UWI Faculty of Medical Sciences, St. Augustine and the Eastern Caribbean Health Outcomes Research Network (ECHORN). The Conference, which is being hosted in Trinidad and Tobago and live-streamed across the Caribbean, was conceptualized by HCC Alcohol Policy Advisor, Professor Rohan Maharaj, and will feature presentations from regional academics and public health experts, working in the field of alcohol research and policy.

Objectives

The objectives of the Conference and by extension, CARD 2023, are:

- To provide an update on regional progress and priorities in alcohol policy development and implementation including discussion of barriers and opportunities.
- To showcase alcohol research from across the English-speaking Caribbean.
- To discuss how to better utilize research to advocate for accelerated implementation of alcohol policies in the Caribbean.
- To highlight alcohol advocacy.

¹ Draft action plan (2022–2030) to effectively implement the global strategy to reduce the harmful use of alcohol as a public health priority

Conference Programme

8.30 - 8.45 GREETINGS

Sir Trevor Hassell, *President Healthy Caribbean Coalition*

Dr. Gloria Giraldo, *Advisor, Noncommunicable Diseases and Mental Health, Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)*

Dr. Joy St. John, *Executive Director, Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA)*

8.45 - 9.00 WELCOME ADDRESS

Prof. Rohan Maharaj, *HCC Alcohol Policy Advisor, Professor of Family Medicine, UWI, St. Augustine*

9.00 - 10.30 PRESENTATIONS – POPULATION-BASED STUDIES

Dr. Raveed Khan, *Physician, Lecturer in Family Medicine, UWI, St. Augustine*
Alcohol And STEPS Surveys in The English-Speaking Caribbean

Dr. Shamjeet Singh, *Lecturer in Integrated Basic Health Sciences, Faculty of Medical Sciences, UWI, St Augustine*
Alcohol And the South Asian

Dr. Shastri Motilal, *Lecturer in Family Medicine with the Faculty of Medical Sciences, UWI, St. Augustine*
National Alcohol Survey of Households in Trinidad and Tobago (NASHTT) 1

Ms. Leah Hosein and Team, *UWI, St. Augustine*
Alcohol And Adolescents-Review

Dr. Liane Conyette-Bowen, *Specialist Medical Officer, San Fernando General Hospital, Associate Lecturer, Faculty of Medical Sciences, UWI, St Augustine*
Alcohol And Elderly Populations in the Caribbean

Dr. Ryan Kumar, *Medical Doctor, Tobago*
Alcohol And Cardiovascular Mortality in Tobago

10.30 - 10.45 MID-MORNING BREAK

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10.45 - 11.40 PRESENTATIONS – REGIONAL POLICY

Prof. Rohan Maharaj, HCC Alcohol Policy Advisor, Professor of Family Medicine, UWI, St. Augustine

Civil Society and Alcohol Policy

Dr. Stephanie Date, ECHORN/Yale-TCC Fellowship Coordinator, HCC CARD Consultant

Alcohol Policy: A Survey of Regional Stakeholders

Dr. Kenneth Connell, Vice-President, HCC, Lecturer in Clinical Pharmacology, UWI, Cavehill

Caribbean Alcohol Reduction Day- Our First 7 Years

Dr. Terence Babwah, Primary Care Physician, Trinidad and Tobago

National Alcohol Survey Of Households in Trinidad And Tobago (NASHTT) 2

11.40 - 12.30 THE SOCIAL IMPACT OF ALCOHOL

Mr. Keston Singh and Team, UWI, St. Augustine

Alcohol And Popular Music In T&T

Ms. Rebecca Lakew, Director, NYC Health + Hospitals

Alcohol And Impact on Women and Families- Short Film

Dr. Paul Bourne, Department of Institutional Research, Northern Caribbean University, Mandeville, Manchester, Jamaica, West Indies

Alcohol And Use During Covid in Jamaica

12.30 - 1.30 LUNCH

1.30 - 2.25 PRESENTATIONS – MEDICAL ISSUES

Dr. Kameel Mungrue, Lecturer of Public Health, Department of Paraclinical Sciences, Faculty of Medical Sciences, UWI

Alcohol and Primary Care in Trinidad

Prof. Sandra Reid, Deputy Dean (Clinical Programmes), Senior Lecturer of Public Health Psychiatry, UWI St. Augustine

Alcohol and the ER In Trinidad

Mr. Andre Rattansingh and Team, UWI, St. Augustine

Alcohol and HBP- An Umbrella Review

Dr. Arlene Villaroel-Stuart, Lecturer in Pharmacy Practice, UWI St. Augustine

Investigating Depression and Anxiety Among Medical Students: Alcohol Use A Related Factor

2.25 - 2.30 CLOSING REMARKS

Prof. Rohan Maharaj, HCC Alcohol Policy Advisor, Professor of Family Medicine, UWI, St. Augustine