

## Tackling the world drug problem: a focus on opioids



The use of opioids for medical and non-medical purposes is an increasing public health concern in many countries. About 35 million people are using opioids for non-medical purposes annually.

This webinar will focus on the work carried out by WHO and the ECDD to prevent and mitigate harm caused by non-medical use of opioids, while ensuring that opioid medicines with important therapeutic use are accessible to those who need them.

## **Speakers:**

- Dr. Gilles Forte, WHO
- Prof. Jason White,
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- ✓ What are the current trends and challenges?
- ✓ Why are WHO's and ECDD's roles important to tackle opioids issues?
- ✓ What are the lessons we could learn from case studies in North America and Africa?

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