



INTERNATIONAL THINK TANK – EDUCATION AND TRAINING ON ADDICTION

## **Concurrent Session**

### **Education and Training in Harm Reduction Strategies and Approaches**

*Title: Lessons from partnerships Switzerland – Central Asia*

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*A Pilot Model Project* of an efficient syringe and condom distribution program in Tashkent and Samarkand, in cooperation with Government and local NGO's. Best practice of HIV prevention in IDU in Uzbekistan and Central Asia

*Coverage:* Snowball system that widely involves drug addicts and dealers is reaching a 100 times more addicts than the 225 Governmental Trust Points. Differences of the Swiss-Uzbek-Model and of existing health structures. How to become a promoter of change for Trust Points.

*Innovative activities:* Low educated outreach workers teach new methods of education and training to well educated and high ranked professionals and officials Capacity building and training for key persons in politics and the medical field. Training of outreach workers and volunteers within the project. New systems of incentives for volunteers, users and dealers.

*Impact and problems:* Risks and limits of the political context for the Pilot Model Project and its staff. Organizational and political impact of the Pilot Model Project throughout Uzbekistan and Central Asia. Promotion and realisation of a Central Asian harm reduction network, difficulties and limits. Doner-shopping and the competition between NGO's, high turnover of staff. International donership – how much get the users? The self-feeding process of national and international organisations.

*A learning process:* Sustainability of bilateral projects and the national and international support. Practice meets politics: the learning process through the Model Project between Prevention, Treatment, Harm reduction and Law enforcement.