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Policy Alliance

What's the role for advocacy and campaigning body?

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- FORUT
- SAAPA boards
- Public health expert network



Public health imperative: promoting individual well-being within context of population and socio-economic environment





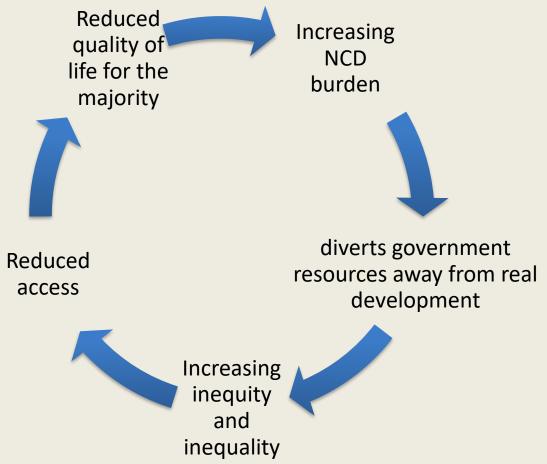


Industry narrative of public health





Masking their profit imperative and impact of product ...





Industry mantra

- Free choice
- Individual responsibility
- Economic contribution
- Vehicle/ partner for development



Enabling the industry

- SGD17 Partnerships for the goals
- resolution WHA63.13
- WHO regular dialogue with the alcohol industry

http://www.who.int/substance_abuse/activities/dialogue_economic_operators_alcohol_production/en/



In-country political context

- Africa only 17 countries have policy/legislative restrictions on alcohol advertising despite evidence – influence early initiation and amounts of alcohol consumed
- Jernigan, D. et al (2017) Alcohol marketing and youth alcohol consumption: a systematic review of longitudinal studies published since 2008, Addiction, 112 (Suppl. 1) 7-20
- 5 election year cycle promise of change (Botswana – within 1st 6 months have reduced alcohol levy and increased hours of sale)
- Government silos/ economic growth priority
- Business interests of politicians (current and former)



Strategies to influence individual consumption and state regulations

- Marketing: promote desirability and acceptability
- CSI: present a caring image
- Lobbying: limit public health policy & promote narrative of consumer choice

Responding and not shaping consumer demand

https://www.thelancet.com/journals/langlo/article/PIIS2214-109X(16)30217-0/fulltext



SAAPA - Working with different communities

- ☐ Research and public health prof
- Access/ Make evidence more accessible
- Influence research?
- Political decision makers and technocrats
- Lobby for evidence based policy
- ☐ Media
- Influence discourse, expose, agenda setting
- ☐ Civil society (giving voice)
- Build in/ formal networks
- Mobilise support
- Develop capacity
- Identify alternatives
- Public health training
- Share lessons
- Influence future practisioners



BEERS FOR AFRICA



Marketing disguised as CSI

To help address hunger in Africa, the South African Breweries has partnered with Stop Hunger Now Southern Africa with the launch of 'Beers for Africa'



























2018 TARGET = PROVIDE ONE MILLION

Collectively we can BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER for a better world







* The partnership with Stop Hunger Now Southern Africa involves a contribution for each pack sold going to the non-profit organisation that coordinates the distribution of food to students living in poverty.



Stalling policy

- Evaluating the economic, health and social impacts of the proposed Liquor Amendment Bill, 2017
- REPORT PREPARED FOR NEDLAC BY GENESIS ANALYTICS













BAN ALL ADVERTISING OF ALCOHOL, INCLUDING ALCOHOL SPONSORSHIPS IN SPORT

RELEASE THE CONTROL OF MARKETING OF ALCOHOL BEVERAGES BILL, 2013 TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENT

ENACT THE LIQUOR AMENDMENT BILL, 2017

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9h00 Registration and tea

10h00 Welcome and chair (SA Board Mzwakhe Khumalo)

10h05 Introduction and purpose (SAAPA Region)

10h10 Opening Remarks (Prof. Landon Myer- UCT SOPH),

10h25 Presentation - alcohol consumption and harm (Neo Morojele - SAMRC)

10h45 Q&A

11h00 Presentation — alcohol advertising (Prof. Leslie London — UCT)

11h20 Q&A

11h45 Presentation - Local perspective

Community representative (Klipfontein health committee)

Local sports person (Achmat Albertus)

Public Health practitioners' opinion survey

Q&A

12h30 LUNCH

13h30 Alternative funding (Chair - Tawanda Chivese - PHASA)

13h30 Group discussions

14h30 Reports

15h20 Summary (Chair – Prof. Charles Parry - SAMRC)

15h30 Resolutions - SAAPA

15h45 Closure

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Southern African Alcohol Policy **Alliance** Submission to the United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights South Africa 2018 **Authored by Michelle du Toit**



Partner for addressing social ills & development





Masculinity

- #NOEXCUSE; #BraveBoldStrong
- "In redefining the brand's purpose, we have taken a conscious decision to leverage the power of Carling Black Label as South Africa's largest beer to promote positive change in the lives' of our consumers, and society as a whole. The 'Brave Bold Strong' content piece seeks to create positive dialogue in society," said Grant Pereira, Carling Black Label Brand Director.



Water stewardship





Partnerships with government

- JHB one of 10 smart goal cities
- National and provincial government departments



Public health & development community response

- Delayed
- Reactive
- Divided (cultivated)
- Silos (resource dependant)
- ? vs '24hr mean machine'
- Evidence collectors policy



Our challenge?

- What is our political process & will?
- 1 vs specific
- Transform leadership
- Pool resources
- Dedicated team
- Engaging outside of health sector
- Donor/ development partner community
- UN/WHO system accountability



Opportunities











