



Drug Recovery in the Philippines: Governance, Research and Practice



2. What is the Asian Center for Drug Policy: A Consortium?

The ACDP is (currently) a loose grouping of academic institutions, civil society, professional associations and private organizations that have been at the forefront of the efforts at providing solutions to the complex situation brought about by the unexpected surge in drug surrenderers since mid-2016, with the onset of the Philippine war on drugs. It is an attempt to defragment efforts undertaken by many, as well as local and national drug policies, and provide space for collaborative work in a highly volatile, uncertain, complex and ambiguous environment.

The ACDP envisions itself as a coalition of academic institutions, civil society, professional associations, government agencies, and private organizations that promote objective and open discourse on the effectiveness, direction and content of drug policies at the subnational, national and regional levels. It shall also collaboratively address issues, problems and opportunities through co-creation, deployment and dissemination of evidence-based, comprehensive, adaptive and integrated solutions to the complex and multi-factorial problem of substance abuse in the Philippines and Asia.

3. Parties to the MOU

The co-conveners have been implementing training, research and other programs even prior to 2016, especially on community-based drug recovery and support services:

- **Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP)**
 - Atty. Engelbert C. Caronan, Jr., MNSA (President and CEO)
- **Galing Pook Academy (Galing Pook);**
 - Edicio de la Torre, MA (Dean)
- **Civika Asian Development Academy (Civika);**
 - Elmer S. Soriano, MD, MPA (President)
- **University of the Philippines Manila Addiction Science TWG (UPASTWG);**
 - Armando Crisostomo, MD (Chair, UPASTWG)
- **Ateneo de Manila University (Department of Psychology and School of Government)**
 - Ma. Regina Hechanova-Alampay, PhD (Professor)
- **Psychological Association of the Philippines**
 - Ma. Regina Hechanova-Alampay, PhD (Head, PAP Special Interest Group on Substance Abuse Prevention and Recovery)



ACDP “Friends”

- UNODC
- WHO
- De la Salle University
- University of Sto. Tomas
- Polytechnic University of the Phil
- Mindanao State University – IIT
- ISSUP
- NoBox
- Rapid Consortium



➤ Objectives:

- Casting a wide net for evidence and good practice
 - Scientific community from different disciplines agree on a 5-year research agenda
 - to present their evidence-based recommendations to policymakers (policy briefs)
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- Part I -- Weekly webinars/forums (substantive)
 - tentative: April 7, 14, 21, 28, and May 5, 2021
 - Support from: UP Manila, DDB, UNODC, USAID/RH
 - Hosts: one host per forum, TBD
 - Part II -- policy conference
 - May 27, 2021; 9am to 2pm
 - Support from: NAST
 - Invite: policymakers

Conference Design and Methods

CONFERENCE TEAM TOPIC	TEAM MEMBERS
Magnitude of the Problem (April 7)	Lead – UNODC (Jo-Ann de Belen) Members – DDB (Usec Reyes); DAP (Atty. Caronan); NoBox (Inez Feria); UNODC (Olivier); WHO (Dr.Jasmine Vergara)
Public Health Consequences of Substance Abuse (Individual, family, community, society) (April 14)	Lead -- UP Manila (Dr. Jonathan Guevarra) Members – DOH (Dir. Bien Llabres); (MSU) tentative ; (Ateneo School of Med) Dr. Lourdes Tachangco; (PUP) Dr. John Mark Distor
The Science of Substance Use and Drug Use Disorders (biochemical, socio-cultural) (April 21)	Leads – PAP (Gayle Gomez) Members: DLSU (Dr. Homer Yabut); (UP Manila) Dr. Joselito Pascual; Dr. Jun Estacio; (Ateneo) ____; (ISSUP) Chit Castillo; (PAP) Dr. Miriam Cue; (UP Diliman) Dr. Violeta Bautista; (WHO) Dr. Jasmine Vergara; (Colombo Plan) Therese Castillo tentative; (UST Psych) Dr. Claudette Agnes; (PUP) Aimee Manda
Recovery Support Systems in the Philippines (April 28)	Lead – ISSUP (Chit Castillo); Members: (USAID/RenewHealth) Regina Hechanova; (DSWD) ____; (DILG) ____; DepED ____; (PDEA) ____; (PNP) ____; (PMAP) ____;
Public Health Interventions and Policies (prevention, diagnosis, treatment, rehabilitation, recovery, reintegration) (May 5)	Lead – UP Manila (Dr. Ben Vista) Members: DLSU (Dr. Ador Torneo); Galing Pook (Dr. Eddie Dorotan); Dr. Clarissa Dioquino; DOH (Dr. Bien Llabres); Dr. Lynn Panganiban; (ASOG) Renner Paul Refani; (UP CSW) Dr. Justin Nicolas; (PUP) Dr. John Mark Distor; (UST) Dr. Claudette Agnes + new PsychDept Chair
Summary of Recommendations and Resolutions (Scientific consensus on policy recommendations and development of the research agenda)	Lead — DLSU (Prof. Kiko Magno) Members : (DAP) – Dr. Lizan Calina; (UP Manila) Prof. Hilton Lam;
POLICY CONFERENCE (May 27) +signing of research agenda +presentation of policy briefs to policymakers	Lead – (UP Manila) Chancellor Padilla, Dr. Armand Crisostomo Members: (Civika) Dr. Elmer Soriano; (UNODC) Jo-Ann; (Ateneo) Renner; (DLSU) Dr. Homer; (PAP) Gayle; (ISSUP) ____; (NoBox) ____; (DDB) Usec Reyes;



TEAM TASKS

(teams are supported by research fellows or RA's)

Survey of literature on the topic area

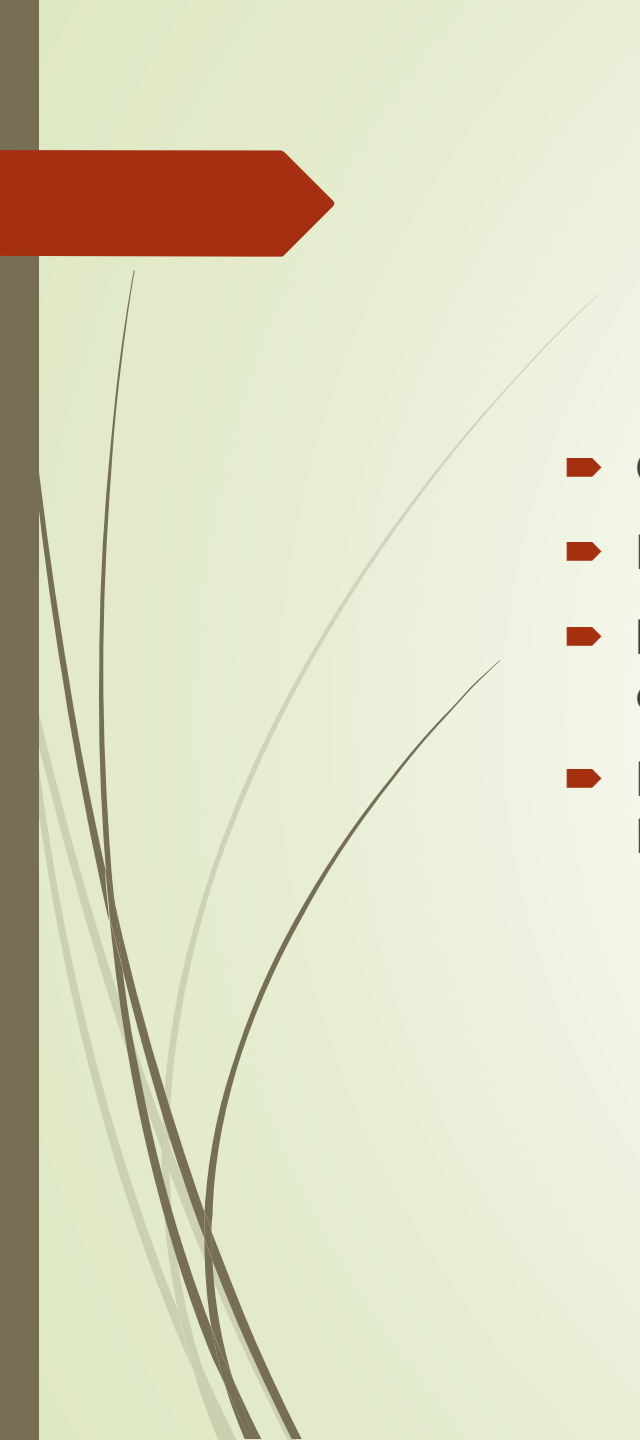
Receive and review local research paper submissions

Recommend speakers/panelists for webinar

Formulate Executive Summary based on lit survey and local papers, including research gaps

Organize the Webinar to present Executive Summary followed by pre-recorded video research presentations

Formulate the Paper on Policy Implication of the Evidence

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- Casting a wide net
 - Draft call for papers
 - Included logos to be determined
 - Deadline moved to Feb 15



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CALL FOR PAPERS

- Open to all concerned individuals and institutions
- Call for free or volunteer research papers, briefs, policy papers, posters and audio-visual presentations to help develop a broad base of evidence on the problem of substance abuse and recovery in the Philippines
- Selected papers will be presented during the weekly research forums in April 2021 and in the Research and Policy Conference in May 2021
- Research and policy papers that have been completed in the last five years, whether published or unpublished, are eligible.
- Email submissions to

TOPICS:

- The Magnitude of the Drug Problem: Global and National
- The Public Health Consequences of Substance Use Disorder
- The Science of Substance Abuse Disorder
- Recovery Support Systems in the Philippines
- The Management of Substance Abuse:
 - Prevention
 - Diagnosis
 - Treatment and Rehabilitation (to include pharmacologic, psychologic, rehabilitative)
 - Aftercare and Social Reintegration



**Deadline:
January 31, 2021**

<https://www1.acdp.asia>



Other UNODC Updates

- Training for Policymakers (March 2021)
 - Objective: strengthen capacity of policymakers to draft, negotiate, advocate and support drug policies which are in line with International Drug Conventions and Philippine national policies as they relate to the lives of people affected by SUD while ensuring safety and security of the population
 - Target audience: 30-35 local policymakers (Sangguniang Panglungsod/Panlalawigan, Vice Mayors, tech staff, ADAC reps) in RH sites
 - Content: knowledge on nature of drug use and DUD, & EB prevention, treatment, care and rehabilitation services, international drug conventions, Philippine drug policies