



Prescriptions for Prevention: Health Professional Strategies to Prevent and Reduce SALW Violence

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Program Summary:

Health professionals can make important contributions at the local, national and international level to prevent and reduce death and injuries from small arms violence. This session will include problem-solving discussions on:

- The special expertise health professionals can bring to SALW National Commissions;
- Recommendations for specific roles the health community can undertake, in alliance with other disciplines in government and civil society, to help reduce demand for SALW, support alternative conflict resolution and other forms of peace promotion, and thereby foster population health;
- Examples of country and regional solutions/successes in this area.

We hope to leave this session with concrete regional action plans for expanding the IANSA Public Health Network worldwide.

International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW) is a Nobel Peace Prize-winning global federation of national medical organizations in 58 countries dedicated to research, education, and advocacy relevant to the prevention of nuclear war, and to preventing injuries and death from firearms. IPPNW is a founding member of IANSA and is the coordinator of IANSA's **Public Health Network**.

The International Action Network on Small Arms (IANSA) Public Health Network was formed to increase the strength and effectiveness of work to reduce international gun violence, by providing the public health perspective. IANSA is the global network of more than 700 civil society organisations working to stop the proliferation and misuse of small arms and light weapons (SALW).