

## 28th Harm Reduction International Conference held in Bogotá, Colombia

MENAHRA participated in the 28th Harm Reduction International Conference held in Bogotá, Colombia. During the event, Mr. Elie Aaraj and Mr. Amjad Malaeb represented the organization and showcased our ongoing efforts and contributions to harm reduction on a global stage.

Mr. Elie Aaraj presented MENAHRA's study on chemsex in Lebanon, shedding light on emerging trends and their implications for harm reduction strategies in the region. Meanwhile, Mr. Amjad Malaeb presented a poster focusing on gender equity and harm reduction in the MENA region, emphasizing the importance of inclusive and equitable approaches to health and social services.



## Capacity Building Workshop On Advocacy For People Who Use Drugs

MENAHRA implemented a capacity-building workshop on advocacy for people who use drugs (PWUD) and people living with HIV (PLHIV) in Morocco.

The workshop aimed to strengthen community-led efforts, empower voices, and promote rights, health, and dignity for all.



## Key outcomes from the 53rd Global Fund Board Meeting

The 53rd Global Fund Board Meeting was unprecedented as discussions centred on grant reprioritization for the current grant cycle 7 (GC7), in addition to preparations for GC8 beginning in 2026.

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We the harm reduction family  
lost someone truly special  
an advocate for harm reduction who  
was more than just a partner in the work.  
She was a guiding light,  
a trusted friend, and a steady  
force for change.



During her visit to Lebanon,  
Ms. Cristina Albertin, Regional Representative,  
along with the UNODC team  
Ms. Mrina BouHabib, Deputy Regional Representative,  
and Ms. Shereen Baz, National Program officer for Lebanon  
visited MENAHRA to discuss the regional situation and explore  
potential collaboration between the two organizations.

The points discussed were as follows:

1- WHO EMRO flagship meeting

2- Drug policy reform

3- Health situation in prisons,  
including the ongoing study conducted by  
MENAHRA on harm reduction services in women's prisons.