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Webinar series: Innovative Harm Reduction: Lessons from Latin America (August 2026)

SESSION SCHEDULE

DATE/TIME	CONTENT OVERVIEW
12 August 2026 3pm-4.30pm (SAST)	Drug Checking: What Happens When People Know What's in Their Drugs? - What is drug checking? Clare Schmidt (Remedy Alliance, USA) - Drug Checking in Mexico's Zona Norte Clara Fleiz Bautista (Autonomous University of Mexico, Mexico) - Checa tu sustancia! Zara Snapp (Instituto RIA, Mexico) - Facilitator: Andrew Scheibe (TB HIV Care, South Africa)
19 August 2026 3pm-4.30pm (SAST)	Early Warning Systems: Responding to an increasingly toxic drug supply - Early warning systems Adams Sibley (University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, USA) - NORTEST MX: Community Drug Checking Network of Northern Mexico's Border Region Alejandro Ortiz Ramírez (Programa Compañeros, Mexico) - Facilitator: Nadine Harker (SAMRC, South Africa)
26 August 2026 3pm-4.30pm (SAST)	Overdose Prevention Sites: The Intervention Everyone Debates and Nobody Regrets - LA ZONA, a safe space in Tijuana Alfonso Chavez Rivera (PrevenCasa, Mexico) - An accompanied consumption room in Cali Alejandro Ángel López (Viviendo, Colombia) - Verter: safe consumption in Mexicali Jaime Arredondo Sanchez Lira (Verter, Mexico) - Facilitator: Shaun Shelly (Consultant, South Africa)

Speakers



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