HARM REDUCTION INTERNATIONAL

Harm Reduction International traces its origins to the first International Conference on the Reduction of Drug-Related Harm, held in Liverpool, England in 1990. The city was one of the first to open needle and syringe programmes, and attracted hundreds of visitors each year who wanted to learn about the Mersey Model of harm reduction.

We convene the Harm Reduction International Conference in a different city every two years. It attracts over 1,000 international delegates and has been held in almost every region of the world.

The Harm Reduction International Conference 2025 (HR25) will be held in Bogotá, Colombia on 27-30 April 2025.

In October 2023, Colombia's new government announced a bold new drug policy that broke away from the war on drugs. It focussed on opportunity and justice. Among other things the new policy looked to: prevent deforestation linked to drug trafficking; help transition small farmers for the legal economy; and tackle drug use with a focus on public health and human rights.

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WHAT DO WE Consider When Choosing A Host City?



Visa restrictions



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Visa restrictions Logistics and Practicalities Venue

Delegate safety

Local laws

Local Context

Harm reduction

services

Partner

Local appetite

Meaning for region

Opportunity for Legacy

Potential to learn



HR25 DATES TO REMEMBER

May Conference theme announced Conference website launched & registration opens June July Award nominations open August Abstract submission opens September Abstract submission closes Abstracts reviewed by Online Review Committee October November Abstracts reviewed by Programme Committee Award nominations close & abstract outcomes communicated December January Early bird registration ends February Conference programme released March Final invited speakers announced HR25 in Bogotá, Colombia and online worldwide April