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Anja Busse leads the World Health Organization's Drugs Alcohol and Addictive Behaviours Team (ADA) in the Mental Health and Substance Use Unit, which is part of the Department of Non Communicable Diseases and Mental Health. The ADA team works globally to improve health and well-being of populations by articulating, promoting, supporting and monitoring evidence-informed policies, strategies and interventions to reduce the burden associated with alcohol, drugs and addictive behaviours. Anja has a background in psychology and public health and prior to joining WHO has worked for around 20 years with the United Nations (UNODC), where she coordinated the agency's global programmes on treatment of drug use disorders, including the UNODC-WHO Programme on Drug Dependence Treatment and Care. Anja has overseen large scale implementation and technical assistance projects reaching more than 50 countries in all regions and contributed to key technical tools and initiatives, many in collaboration with WHO, such as for example the *UNODC-WHO International Standards for the Treatment of Drug Use Disorders (2020)*, the *UNODC-WHO SOS (Stop Overdose safely) Initiative and Study on opioid overdose management*. The current priorities of the ADA team include the update of WHO guidelines on opioid use disorder treatment and community management of opioid overdose, the implementation of the Global Alcohol Action Plan and the SAFER initiative to reduce alcohol related harm as well as the development of technical guidance on addictive behaviours, especially gaming and gambling.