

# The Eastern & Southern Africa Commission on Drugs

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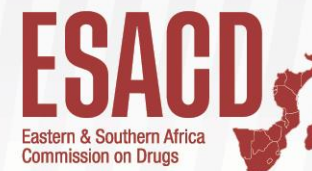
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# ESACD purpose and composition

The ESACD aims to be the leading advocacy group for drug policy reform in the region.

## The ESACD will:

- Develop evidence-based policy recommendations for the region,
- Mobilize public awareness and political commitment around drugs issues
- Develop local and regional civil society capacity to work on drug-related issues.



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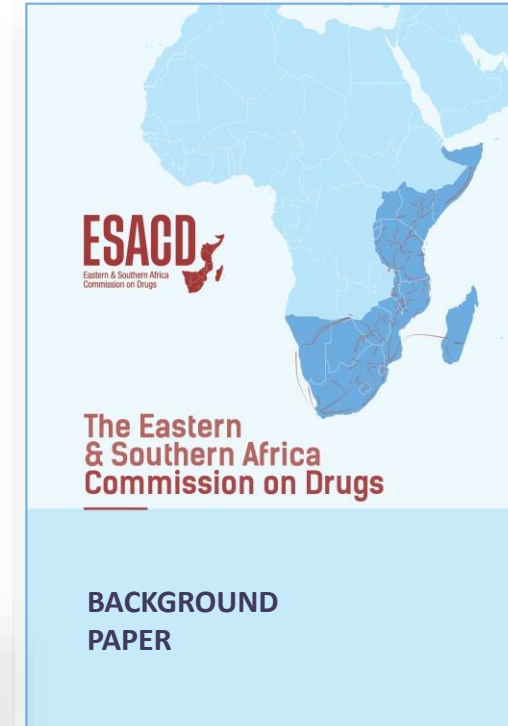
serves as SECRETARIAT to the ESACD

# ESACD meetings

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  - Convening an expert discussion on cannabis regulation models for regional states who have legalized it but don't know how to proceed
  - Bringing CSOs together with Kenyan Parliamentarians to discuss a pending Bill on Harm Reduction
- Knowing and saying is strengthened by doing.
- This is a new approach and one that commissioners are eager to pursue.

## ESACD Inaugural Meeting 10-11 February 2023

4 Papers  
discussed



## ESACD High-level Meeting 10-11 August 2023

3 Papers  
discussed

13 Papers overall

# THE EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AFRICA COMMISSION ON DRUGS GOING FORWARD



## COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS (CND)

ESACD high level event, 15 March 2024

## CANNABIS MEETING IN MAPUTO

Mozambique, August 2024

## ESACD HIGH-LEVEL MEETING IN ZANZIBAR

September 2024

## ESACD & EU EVENT (CFW)

Brussels, June 2024

## LAUNCH OF ESACD REPORT

2025



# WORKING COMMISSION

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