



# UNODC

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime



## LOOKING BEYOND

**Towards a stronger  
partnership with civil  
society organizations  
on drugs and crime**

**Bringing civil society's voice  
to the international debate!**

“Beyond 2008” has been a catalyst for  
generating a strong, vibrant and  
professional global civil society

Let us keep this momentum and look  
beyond!

## TOWARDS A STRONGER PARTNERSHIP WITH CSOs ON DRUGS AND CRIME

The project “Looking Beyond” is the second phase of project “Beyond 2008” which was undertaken in partnership with the Vienna NGO Committee on Drugs (VNGOC) and which has successfully highlighted the merits of engaging with civil society organizations (CSOs). The project concluded with an independent external evaluation\* which provided recommendations for future engagement with civil society.

*According to this evaluation, Beyond 2008 proved a very effective mechanism for engaging civil society, and given the resources available and the lack of NGO involvement in the past, represents a huge achievement for all partners involved. It is critical that the momentum of the last two years is not lost and the partnership between the VNGOC and the UNODC Civil Society Team is strengthened and scaled up.*

“Looking Beyond” consolidates the best practices on engaging with CSOs on drugs and further expands its outreach to CSOs working in crime prevention, criminal justice, anti-corruption and human trafficking.

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\*“Independent Evaluation of Beyond 2008 (GLO/J37)” UNODC, August 2009



Colombian civil society commemorating 26 June, International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

## PARTNERS FOR CHANGE



The Vienna NGO Committee on drugs (VNGOC)  
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The Alliance of NGOs on  
Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice  
[www.cpcjalliance.org/info@cpcjalliance.org](http://www.cpcjalliance.org/info@cpcjalliance.org)



The UNCAC Coalition—a Civil Society Network  
[www.uncaccoalition.org/info@uncaccoalition.org](http://www.uncaccoalition.org/info@uncaccoalition.org)

***Working with civil society is  
a “win-win” partnership.***

Building CSO capacity and strengthening ties with their government reinforces Member States capacity and improves the implementation of the United Nations conventions.

## PARTNERS FOR CHANGE

UNODC should:

- › Map out CSO stakeholders as relevant to their work and medium-term strategy
- › Develop and strengthen the networks of regional lead organizations (RLOs) and their relations with field offices
- › Further target Member States and decision makers
- › Support the role of UNODC regional offices and joint activities between governments and NGOs at national and regional level
- › Integrate NGOs into all thematic and regional areas and therefore ensure an institutional rather than a departmental approach

## THE CIVIL SOCIETY TEAM IN THE PROJECT “LOOKING BEYOND” WILL:

- › Organize open dialogues with the UNODC Executive Director and UNODC senior management
- › Secure “seed funding” for RLOs to organize regional consultations after intergovernmental meetings for follow up activities with field offices
- › Actively invite Member States to take part in meetings and consultations with CSOs
- › Liaise between CSOs, field offices and Member States and foster partnerships

## GOALS OF THE PROJECT:

1. Increase the participation of CSOs in the international policy debate
2. Increase the partnership of CSOs in UNODC regional and thematic areas of work in:
  - Fighting corruption and promoting justice and integrity
    - Anti-corruption
  - Improving health and human development
    - Drug prevention
    - Drug treatment and care
    - Rehabilitation, reintegration of drug addicts
    - HIV/AIDS prevention
  - Countering illicit trafficking, organized crime and terrorism
    - Sustainable livelihoods and alternative development
    - Crime prevention among youth
    - Anti-human trafficking
    - Victim and witness protection
    - Environmental crime
    - Small arms control

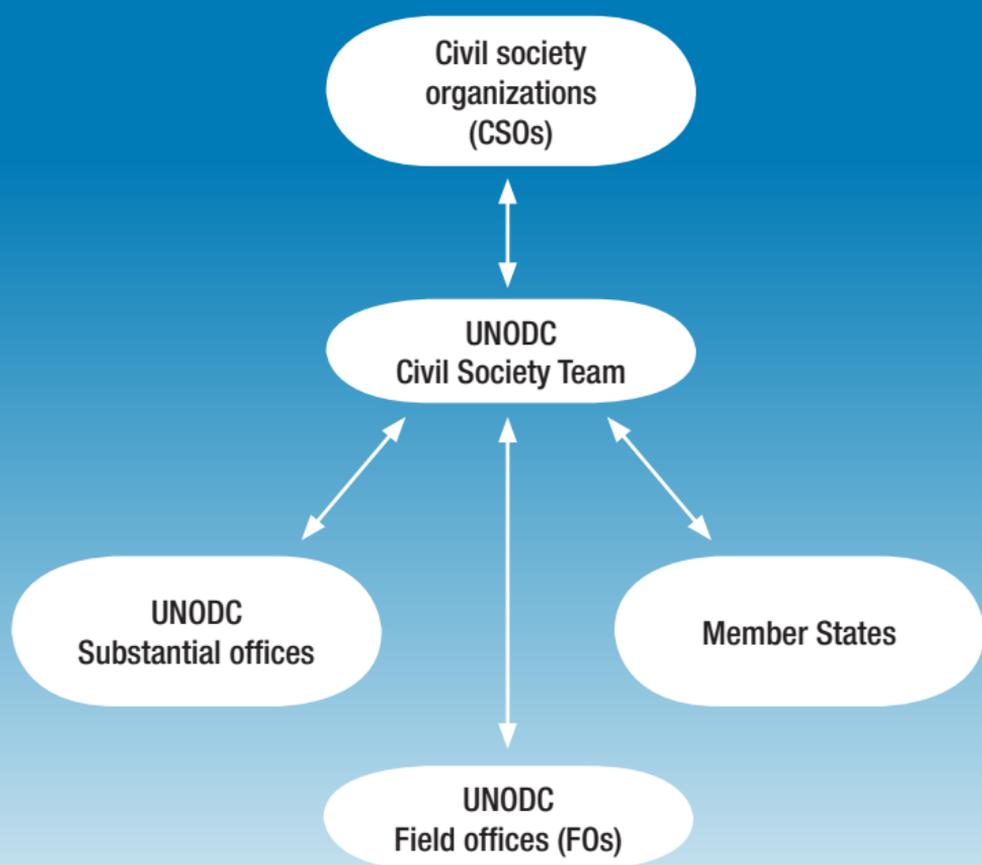


CSO participation at the UN COSP/CAC, Doha, Qatar Nov. 2009



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## “LOOKING BEYOND”

**A PROJECT LED BY UNODC IN PARTNERSHIP  
WITH CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS TO  
STRENGTHEN THE CAPACITY OF MEMBER STATES  
IN IMPLEMENTING THE CONVENTIONS**

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