The International Network of People who Use Drugs

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• The International Network of People who use Drugs
• A peer-based global network working to promote the health and defend the human rights of people who use drugs.
• Community-based.
• Global.
• 8 regions and 1 Women’s Network (INWUD).

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Outcome Document

• “comprehensive, far-reaching and people-centered set of universal and transformative goals and targets”
• 2030 Sustainable Development Goals
• Member states’ commitment to work towards drug policies that respect human rights
Sustainable Development Goals

- Prosperity, Peace and Partnership
- Meaningfully involved: nothing about us without us
- Existing policies fuel violence and unrest, threaten democracies, threaten welfare and wellbeing for all
- Policies should instead seek to reduce violence, strengthen governance, strengthen community systems, promote the well being of society at large
SDGs Undermined

• Sustainable development goal 3, to ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages;
• Goal 10, to reduce inequality within and among countries;
• Goal 16 to promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.
2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

• “We envision a world of universal respect for human rights and human dignity, the rule of law, justice, equality and non-discrimination; of respect for race, ethnicity and cultural diversity; and of equal opportunity permitting the full realization of human potential and contributing to shared prosperity. A world which invests in its children and in which every child grows up free from violence and exploitation. A world in which every woman and girl enjoys full gender equality and all legal, social and economic barriers to their empowerment have been removed. A just, equitable, tolerant, open and socially inclusive world in which the needs of the most vulnerable are met.”
SDGs continue to be undermined

- compulsory drug detention
- torture and/or forced and unpaid labor
- death penalty for drug related offences
- preventable drug overdose deaths
- extrajudicial killings of people who use drugs
Moving forward

• People who use drugs are in integral part of the world.
• We are citizens,
• We are human beings,
• We are community.
THE BEST WAY TO HONOUR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED IN THE DRUG WAR IS TO END IT.

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