



CND holds its 62nd session



The [62nd session](#) of the [Commission on Narcotic Drugs](#), held from 14 to 22 March 2019 in Vienna, with a [ministerial segment](#) on 14 and 15 March, was attended by a record number of nearly 2,500 participants representing over 140 Member States, 22 international organizations and over 90 non-governmental organizations. In addition to the formal proceedings, [100 special and side events](#) were organized on the margins of the Commission, co-sponsored by Member States, UN entities, international and regional organizations and civil society, and covering all aspects of the world drug problem. At its regular session, the Commission adopted

[eight resolutions](#), covering a wide range of topics, as well as [14 decisions](#).

2019 Ministerial Declaration

At the opening of the ministerial segment, on 14 March, Ministers and government representatives adopted by consensus the [2019 Ministerial Declaration](#) on strengthening actions at the national, regional and international levels to accelerate the implementation of joint commitments to address and counter the world drug problem. With the adoption of the Ministerial Declaration, Member States committed to focus in the period ahead on the practical implementation of existing policy documents. Member States also resolved to review in the Commission in 2029 the progress made in implementing the policy commitments, with a mid-term review in 2024.



62nd CND Resolutions

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Strengthening international cooperation and comprehensive regulatory and institutional frameworks for the control of precursors used in the illicit manufacture of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances

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Enhancing detection and identification capacity for synthetic drugs for non-medical use by increasing international collaboration

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Promoting alternative development as a development-oriented drug control strategy

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Advancing effective and innovative approaches, through national, regional and international action, to address the multifaceted challenges posed by the non-medical use of synthetic drugs, particularly synthetic opioids

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Enhancing the capacity of Member States to adequately estimate and assess the need for internationally controlled substances for medical and scientific purposes

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Promoting measures to prevent transmission of HIV attributable to drug use among women and for women who are exposed to risk factors associated with drug use, including by improving access to post-exposure prophylaxis

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Promoting measures to prevent and treat viral hepatitis C attributable to drug use

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Supporting the International Narcotics Control Board in fulfilling its treaty-mandated functions in cooperation with Member States and in collaboration with the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the World Health Organization

CND 4th Intersessional Meeting

On 24 June 2019, the Commission held its [fourth intersessional meeting](#) to discuss the [follow-up to the 2019 Ministerial Declaration](#) as well as the preparations for consideration by the Commission of the proposed scheduling recommendations by the World Health Organization on cannabis and cannabis-related substances. At the meeting, the Commission adopted a [multi-year workplan](#) for the period 2019-2023, that foresees organization of thematic discussions every autumn to foster a dialogue and exchange on good practices, challenges and lessons learned.



CND Special Event 26 June 2019

The Commission held a [Special Event](#) to commemorate the United Nations International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking and the launch of the [World Drug Report 2019](#) on 26 June in Vienna, Austria. Findings of the World Drug Report 2019 were presented by [Ms. Angela Me](#), Chief of UNODC Research and Trend Analysis Branch. Remarks were made by UNODC Executive Director [Mr. Yury Fedotov](#), the Permanent Representatives of Nigeria, Japan, [Chile](#), [Italy](#) and [Croatia](#) as well as the INCB President and the [Chair of the Vienna NGO Committee on Drugs](#).



Horizontal cooperation with ECOSOC functional commissions

The Commission continued to enhance horizontal cooperation with other functional commissions of the ECOSOC. In particular, the CND participated, in March 2019, in a high-level interactive dialogue of the Commission on the Status of Women on the implementation of Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action for achieving gender equality and empowering all women and girls. Furthermore, at the invitation of the CND, the Chair of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development addressed the 62nd session of the CND.

Bureau members of the 62nd CND

Chairperson: H.E. Ambassador Mirghani Abbaker Altayeb Bakhet (Sudan)
1st Vice-Chairperson: H.E. Ambassador Kazem Gharib Abadi (Islamic Republic of Iran)
2nd Vice-Chairperson: H.E. Ambassador Dubravka Plejic Markovic (Croatia)
3rd Vice-Chairperson: H.E. Ambassador Maria Assunta Accili Sabbatini (Italy)
Rapporteur: Mr. Alvaro Salcedo Teullet (Peru)



Upcoming events

- ◇ 2-5 July 2019: [13th Meeting HONLEA Europe](#), Portugal
- ◇ Autumn 2019: Thematic discussions on the follow-up to the 2019 Ministerial Declaration, Vienna, Austria
- ◇ 16-20 September 2019: [29th Meeting HONLEA Africa](#), Mauritius
- ◇ 23 September 2019: 5th Intersessional Meeting, Vienna, Austria
- ◇ 23-27 September 2019: [54th Meeting Subcommittee](#) on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East, venue TBC
- ◇ 7-11 October 2019: [29th Meeting HONLEA Latin America and the Caribbean](#), venue TBC
- ◇ 22-25 October 2019: [43rd Meeting HONLEA Asia and the Pacific](#), Thailand
- ◇ 12-13 December 2019: Reconvened 62nd session, Vienna, Austria