Background

- International Drug Control Conventions
- 2010 WHO, Ensuring balance in national policies on controlled substances: Guidance for availability and accessibility of controlled medicines
- 2011 UNODC, Ensuring Availability of Controlled Medications for the Relief of Pain and Preventing Diversion and Abuse
- 2013, UNODC-WHO-UICC Joint Global Program
- Outcome Document of the 2016 United Nations General Assembly Special Session on the World Drug Problem
- Expert Group Meeting – September 2017
Actions and Challenges

Actions

• INCB collects data on what is available
• WHO data can estimate population-based need for pain medication
• Joint Global Program focus on systems integration, education, and supply chain management and economic structures, advocacy, patient care, preventing diversion and data

Challenges

• Availability does not equal access
• Barriers have shifted
• Unique factors in each country contribute
• Directly or indirectly related to the provision of healthcare in general