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Detention centres for drug users

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Detention of drug users is not treatment!

It is still an increasing phenomenon in many countries of the world, particularly in South-East Asia. Interventions in these detention centres include, among other things, violence, forced labour and harsh military drills. Such practices do not comply with internationally recommended approaches to drug dependence treatment and represent violations of human rights.

Come and join us in this session to share and learn!

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Launch of the 2010 UNODC discussion paper, "From coercion to cohesion: Treating drug dependence through health care, not punishment" and relaunch of the Open Society Institute's 2010 report, "Detention as treatment: Detention of methamphetamine users in Cambodia, Laos and Thailand".

UNODC is the lead agency within UNAIDS for HIV prevention, treatment, care and support for injecting drug users and in prison settings.



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