The UNGASS 2016 on the World Drug Problem is the first General Assembly thematic session to be held after the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Member States, the UN system, civil society and all stakeholders are in the process of articulating the linkages between these processes.

The side-event will discuss how the sustainable development elements should be included in future responses to any issue. The principles of dignity, justice, people-centered policies and partnerships for global solidarities are enablers to shift the focus of the prohibition-led processes of drug control to the broader international agenda of safety, equality and respect for human rights. These elements should also build a frame to future work on drug policies.

*Refreshments will be served prior to the side event*