

# Report on the fourth round of thematic discussions

(25-27 September, 22-24 October, 7-8 November 2018)



From **September to November 2018**, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs held its fourth round of thematic discussions on the implementation of the operational recommendations contained in the UNGASS outcome document. These discussions focused on the practical implementation of joint commitments as well as on furthering preparations for the sixty-second session.

As decided by the Commission on 26 June 2018, each day of these meetings had a particular thematic focus:

- September 25: *Demand reduction and related measures;*
- September 26: *Ensuring the availability of and access to controlled substances exclusively for medical and scientific purposes, while preventing their diversion;*
- September 27: *Cross-cutting issues: drugs, and human rights, youth, children, women and communities;*
- October 22: *Supply reduction and related measures;*
- October 23: (i) *Cross-cutting issues in addressing and countering the world drug problem: evolving reality, trends and existing circumstances, emerging and persistent challenges and threats;* (ii) *Eliminating or reducing significantly and measurably the diversion of and illicit trafficking in precursors;*
- October 24: (i) *Alternative development;* (ii) *International cooperation on eradicating the illicit cultivation of crops used for the production of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances;* (iii) *Crop control strategies;*
- November 7: (i) *Strengthening international cooperation based on the principle of common and shared responsibility;* (ii) *Enhancing international cooperation, including technical assistance, to assist the States most affected by the illicit transit of drugs, especially developing countries;* (iii) *Strengthening cooperation efforts at the bilateral, regional and global levels to reduce demand for synthetic opioids for non-medical use and to counter illicit trafficking in synthetic opioids;* (iv) *Cooperation and collaboration between the CND and the UNODC, as well as WHO, INCB and with other relevant entities;*

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- November 8: *Taking stock of the implementation of the commitments made to jointly address and counter the world drug problem, in particular in light of the decision to establish 2019 as a target date for the goals set in paragraph 36 of the Political Declaration.*

**H.E. Ambassador Alicia Buenrostro Massieu**, Chair of the 61<sup>st</sup> session of the Commission, opened the meetings and moderated the thematic discussions.

They consisted of a **panel discussion** followed by a **thematic, interactive debate**. The panels included representatives from the five **Regional Groups**, **UN entities** and other **intergovernmental organizations**, as well as **civil society**. Following previous practice, civil society speakers were nominated by the Vienna NGO Committee. Participants who were not able to join the meeting in person could participate through a video-message or videoconference.

## 25 September 2018

### *Demand reduction and related measures*

For the first discussion, the panel included the following speakers:

<b>AFRICAN GROUP</b>	Dr. Cassian Nyandini, <i>Drug Control and Enforcement Authority of Tanzania</i>
<b>ASIA PACIFIC</b>	Mr. Sng Chern Hong, <i>Director, Communications Divisions, Central Narcotics Bureau of Singapore</i>
<b>EEG</b>	Ms. Elena Blokhina, <i>Deputy Director of the Institute of Pharmacology of the Saint Petersburg Pavlov Medical University of the Ministry of Health of the Russian Federation</i>
<b>WEOG</b>	Mr Alexis Goosdeel, <i>Director, European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction</i>
<b>CSTF</b>	Ms. Olga Szubert, <i>United Kingdom, Harm Reduction International</i>
<b>UNODC</b>	Mr. Gilberto Gerra, <i>Chief, Drug Prevention &amp; Health Branch</i>
<b>UNAIDS</b>	Mr. Vinay Saldanha, <i>Director, Regional Support Team Eastern Europe and Central Asia</i>
<b>WHO</b>	Videoconference with Geneva: Mr. Gilles Fortes ( <i>WHO</i> ) and Mr. Justice Tettey ( <i>UNODC</i> )





[Mr. Gilberto Gerra](#) of UNODC opened the panel discussion with a presentation on the health-oriented and balanced approach to the implementation of drug conventions and the UNGASS outcome document. The floor was then given to the representative of UNAIDS, [Mr. Vinay Saldanha](#). His presentation was followed by a video-conference with Mr. Gilles Fortes of WHO and Mr. Justice Tettey of UNODC, who delivered their remarks from Geneva. Ambassador Alicia Buenrostro Massieu then gave the floor to Mr. Alexis Goosdeel of EMCDDA, followed by Dr. Cassian Nyandini/Tanzania and [Mr. Sng Chern Hong](#)/Singapore. The last two interventions were made by [Ms. Elena Blokhina](#), representing the Russian Federation, and [Ms. Olga Szubert](#), representing civil society.

Each presentation was followed by a Q&A session, in which Member States actively engaged. During the thematic debate, the following Member States intervened:

- Pakistan
- Norway
- [Austria on behalf of the European Union](#)
- China
- United States
- El Salvador
- Netherlands
- Czech Republic
- [Belgium](#)
- [Canada](#)
- Italy
- Argentina
- Algeria
- Australia
- Morocco





After the intervention by NGO representative [Ms. Boi-Jeneh Jalloh](#) (Foundation for Rural and Urban Transformation/Sierra Leone), additional experts from the EEG (Ms. Yulia Shevtsova, Ministry of Health/Russian Federation) and WEOG ([Prof. Alfred Springer](#), Austrian Society for Medical Treatment of Drug addicts and Mr. Hugo Jorge Amaral Faria/Portugal) and a representative of OHCHR ([Mr. Zaved Mahmood](#)) delivered presentations.



The floor was then also given to [Ms. Monica Beg](#) (HIV/AIDS Section, UNODC), who spoke on prevention treatment and care of HIV, Hepatitis and Tuberculosis among drug users, and to [Ms. Giovanna Campello](#) (Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Section, UNODC), who made a presentation on prevention of drug use and treatment of drug use disorders.

Finally, video-messages from the following NGOs were displayed: [ALE "Kazakhs Union of People Living with HIV"](#) (Ms. Oxana Ibragimova/Kazakhstan), [Asian Network of People Who Use Drugs](#) (Mr. Bikas Gurung/Thailand) and [Dianova International](#) (Mr. Antonio Jesús Molina Fernández/Spain).

## 26 September 2018

*Ensuring the availability of and access to controlled substances exclusively for medical and scientific purposes, while preventing their diversion*



The panel was composed of the following experts:

<b>ASIA PACIFIC</b>	Prof. Saman Abeysinghe, <i>Chairman, National Dangerous Drugs Control Board, Sri Lanka</i>
<b>GRULAC</b>	Mr. Alberto Miguel Guzmán, <i>Director Ejecutivo de Regulación de Estupefacientes, Psicotrópicos y Sustancias Químicas, de la Protección contra Riesgos Sanitarios (COFEPRIS)</i>
<b>WEOG</b>	Dr. Tammam Aloudat, <i>Deputy Medical Director of Medecins Sans Frontieres, Switzerland</i>
<b>CSTF</b>	Dr. Lukas Radbruch, <i>Germany, IAHPC/Lancet Commission on Palliative Care and Pain Relief</i>
<b>UNODC</b>	Mr. Gilberto Gerra, <i>Chief, Drug Prevention &amp; Health Branch</i>
<b>INCB</b>	Mr. Stefano Berterame, <i>Narcotics Control and Estimates Section</i>
<b>UICC</b>	Mr. Jim Cleary, <i>Union for International Cancer Control (video message)</i>



[Mr. Gilberto Gerra](#) of UNODC presented measures to increase availability of controlled drugs for medical purposes, such as legislative reforms, capacity-building and addressing of prejudices against pain medication. The floor was then handed over to [Mr. Stefano Berterame](#) of INCB, who spoke about the provisions contained in the Conventions with regard to availability of and access to controlled drugs. He was followed

by a video message from Mr. Jim Cleary of the Union for International Cancer Control and then a presentation of [Mr. Alberto Guzman](#)/Mexico on the electronic prescription platform enabling easy access for healthcare practitioners to controlled substances.

[Mr. Tamman Aloudat](#)/Switzerland spoke on the problems with availability of and access to controlled medicines in humanitarian settings. The floor was then handed over to [Mr. Lukas Radbruch](#) of the Lancet Commission on Palliative Care and Pain Relief, who spoke on the report of the Lancet Commission that provides recommendations on how access to controlled substances can be improved. Following his statement, a video-message from [Mr. Saman Abeyasinghe](#)/Sri Lanka was displayed.



Each presentation was followed by a Q&A session. During the thematic debate, following the panel discussion, the following Member States took the floor:

- Norway
- [Austria on behalf of the European Union](#)
- Australia
- United States
- China
- Ecuador
- [Belgium](#)

The floor was also given to a UNODC representative: [Ms. Giovanna Campello](#) (Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Section); and to additional experts: [Ms. Lauren Deluca](#) (Chronic Illness Advocacy & Awareness Group dba CIAAG/USA) and [Ms. Rumana Dowla](#) (Bangladesh Palliative and Supportive Care Foundation).



At the end of the thematic discussion, the following video messages from civil society were displayed: [Mr. João Batista Garcia](#) (Federación Latinoamericana de Asociaciones para el Estudio del Dolor/Brazil) and [Mr. Mark Mwesiga](#) (Palliative Care Association of Uganda).



## 27 September

*Cross-cutting issues: drugs, and human rights, youth, children, women and communities*



The panel was composed of the following experts:

<b>AFRICAN GROUP</b>	Ms. Ana da Conceição dos Passos Mamede Graça, <i>Director General, National Institute to Fight Against Drugs, Ministry of Health of the Republic of Angola</i>
<b>ASIA PACIFIC</b>	Ms. Pabasara Weerasinghe, <i>Assistant Director (Scientific Research), National Dangerous Control Board, Sri Lanka</i>
<b>GRULAC</b>	Dr. Adele Benzaken, <i>Ministry of Health of Brazil</i>
<b>WEOG</b>	Ms. Carol Anne Chénard, <i>Health Canada</i>
<b>CSTF</b>	Ms. Dayana Vincent, <i>India, Foruth Wave Foundation</i>
<b>UNODC</b>	Ms. Valerie Lebaux, <i>Chief, Justice Section</i>
<b>OHCHR</b>	Mr. Zaved Mahmood, <i>Advisor on Human Rights and Drug Policy, Rule of Law and Democracy Section</i>

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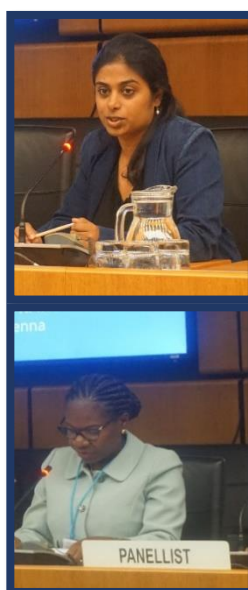
[Ms. Valerie Lebaux of UNODC](#), accompanied by her colleagues, opened the panel discussion, followed by the representative of OHCHR, [Mr. Zaved Mahmood](#), who spoke on the recommendations contained in the [2018 OHCHR report](#) on implementation of the joint commitment to effectively addressing and countering the world drug problem with regard to human rights .

The floor was then given to Ms. Ana da Conceição dos Passos Mamede Graça/Angola and to [Ms. Pabasara Weerasinghe](#)/Sri Lanka, who both presented national practices and lessons learned.

Ambassador Alicia Buenrostro Massieu then handed over to [Ms. Carol Anne Chénard](#)/Canada, who spoke on the Canadian strategy to tackle the drug problem, before giving the floor to the panellist representing civil society, Ms. Dayana Vincent. Finally, a video-message from [Dr. Adele Benzaken](#)/Brazil was displayed.

Each panel presentation was followed by a Q&A session. The following Member States spoke during the thematic debate:

- Russian Federation
- [Austria on behalf of the European Union](#)
- United States
- Norway
- [Belgium](#)
- Switzerland
- Australia
- Colombia
- Portugal
- Iran



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The floor was given to UNODC representatives: [Ms. Giovanna Campello](#), presenting on gender-responsive services to address mental health disorders, social marginalization and substance-use disorders, and Ms. Monica Clupagea, informing about the relevant activities of UNODC's HIV/AIDS Section; as well as to civil society: [Ms. Orsolya Feher](#) (Students for Sensible Drug Policy).

The third day of the thematic discussions ended with video messages from NGOs: [Ms. Corina Giacomello](#) (EQUIS Justicia para las Mujeres/Mexico), [Ms. Cara Lavan](#) (Transform Drug Policy Foundation/Anyone's Child/United Kingdom) and [Wongayi Nyahuye](#) (Youths against Alcoholism and Drug Dependency/Zimbabwe).



## 22 October 2018

### *Supply reduction and related measures*

The panel included the following speakers:

<b>AFRICAN GROUP</b>	Mr. Mohamed Abdou Benhalla, <i>General Director of the National Office for Combating Drugs and Addiction (ONLCDT) of Algeria</i>
<b>ASIA PACIFIC</b>	Police Major General Chayapoj Hasunaha, <i>Commander of Narcotics Intelligence Division, Narcotics Suppression Bureau, Thailand</i>
<b>GRULAC</b>	Mr. Juan Francisco Espinosa Palacios, <i>Viceminister on Policy for Crime and Restorative Justice of the Minister of Justice and Law, Colombia – video message</i>
<b>EEG</b>	Mr. Konstantin Gobrusenko, <i>Deputy Head of Directorate on Countering Money Laundering of the Federal Financial Monitoring Service of the Russian Federation (Rosfinmonitoring)</i>
<b>WEOG</b>	Mr. Brian Donald, <i>EUROPOL</i>
<b>CSTF</b>	Mr. Daniel Joloy, <i>Amnesty International</i>
<b>UNODC</b>	Ms. Loide Aryee, <i>Chief, Organized Crime &amp; Illicit Trafficking Branch</i>
<b>OHCHR</b>	Mr. Zaved Mahmood, <i>Human Rights and Drug Policy Advisor</i>
<b>INTERPOL</b>	Ms. Lisa Garin-Michaud, <i>Criminal Networks Policy Analyst</i>



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[Ms. Loide Aryee](#) of UNODC, accompanied by her colleague Mr. Alen Gagula, opened the panel discussion with a presentation on UNODC's work on transnational organized crime and on the Container Control Programme. The floor was then given to the representative of OHCHR, Mr. Zaved Mahmood, speaking on law enforcement measures and human rights. His presentation was followed by [Ms. Lisa Garin-Michaud](#) from INTERPOL, who provided an overview of her organization's

activities against illicit drug trafficking. Ambassador Alicia Buenrostro Massieu then gave the floor to [Mr. Mohamed Abdou Benhalla](#)/Algeria, who reported on the national efforts to reduce



supply of drugs. Next, [Mr. Brian Donald](#) of EUROPOL presented the work of EUROPOL's coordination centres and their services provided to Member States. The floor was then passed to Mr. [Konstantin Gobrusenko](#)/Russian Federation, speaking on the national experience in detecting the financial component of the drug business. The following two interventions were made by [Mr. Juan Francisco Espinosa](#)



[Palacios](#)/Colombia, who addressed the floor through a video message, and [Mr. Daniel Joloy](#) representing Amnesty International.

Each presentation was followed by a Q&A session, in which Member States actively engaged. During the thematic debate, the following Member States intervened:



- [Netherlands](#)
- [Austria on behalf of the European Union](#)
- Pakistan
- Norway
- Canada
- Colombia
- El Salvador
- Morocco
- United States
- Nigeria
- Italy



After the panel, interventions were made by representatives of UNODC: [Ms. Simonetta Grassi](#), speaking on firearms trafficking, [Mr. Luis De Jorge Mesas](#), who presented regional judicial cooperation initiatives, and [Ms. Anja Korenblik](#), speaking on eliminating or reducing significantly illicit cultivation.

Finally, video-messages from the following NGOs were displayed: [UNIDOS](#) (Mr. Belarmino Carlos Langa/Mozambique), [Centro de Estudios Legales y Sociales](#) (CELS) (Ms. Juliana Miranda/Argentina), [Penal Reform International](#) (Ms. Olivia Rope) and [Observatory of illicit crops and crops producers OCCDI global](#) (Mr. Carlos Humberto Romero Vergara/Colombia).

## 23 October 2018

- (i) *Cross-cutting issues in addressing and countering the world drug problem: evolving reality, trends and existing circumstances, emerging and persistent challenges and threats*
- (ii) *Eliminating or reducing significantly and measurably the diversion of and illicit trafficking in precursors*



The panel was composed of the following experts:

<b>GRULAC</b>	Ms. Cammilla Gomes, <i>Brazilian Health Regulatory Agency</i> and Mr. João Carlos Ambrosio, <i>Brazilian Federal Police</i> (video message)
<b>EEG</b>	Mr. Anton Khazaridi, <i>Head of Division on Countering Trafficking in Synthetic Cannabinoids and New Potentially Dangerous Psychoactive Substances, General Directorate on Drug Control of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation</i>
<b>WEOG</b>	Mr. Brian Harris, <i>Director, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, United States</i>
<b>CSTF</b>	Ms. Ola Byelyayeva, <i>Eurasian Harm Reduction Association CEECA</i>
<b>UNODC</b>	Ms. Angela Me, <i>Chief, Research and Trend Analysis Branch</i>
<b>INCB</b>	Ms. Barbara Remberg, <i>Senior Technical Advisor</i>
<i>Additional experts</i>	
<b>WEOG</b>	Mr. Olivier Onidi, <i>Deputy Director General of DG HOME of the Commission of the European Union</i>
<b>WEOG</b>	Mr. Anton Luf, <i>Medical University Vienna</i>

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[Mr. Barbara Remberg](#) of INCB made a presentation on international precursors control. Her intervention was followed by a series of presentations delivered by colleagues working in the UNODC Research and Trend Analysis Branch on: (i) recent trends in the opium and coca cultivation ([Ms. Angela Me](#)), (ii) latest updates on new psychoactive substances ([Mr. Martin Raitelhuber](#)) and (iii) the use of the internet and drug markets ([Ms. Chloé Carpentier](#)). Their presentations were followed by a [video message](#) jointly delivered by Ms. Camilla



Gomes/Brazilian Health Regulatory Agency and Mr. João Carlos Ambrosio/Brazilian Federal Police. The floor was then handed over to [Mr. Anton Khazaridi](#)/Russian Federation, who spoke, amongst others, about the problems relating to internet drugstores.

Mr. Brian Harris/United States then presented on new challenges in detecting and controlling illicit synthetic drugs, followed by Mr. Oliver Onidl/DG Home of the Commission of the European Union, speaking on the measures to address the growing threat of the darknet and the emergence of new substances. The floor was then given to [Ms. Olga Belyaeva](#) of Eurasian Harm Reduction

Association CEECA, and to [Mr. Anton Luf](#) of the Medical University Vienna, who presented Checkit! – a cooperation programme between the City of Vienna, the University of Vienna and the Ministry of Health of Austria that, *inter alia*, conducts drug screening.

Each presentation was followed by a Q&A session. During the thematic debate, the following Member States intervened:

- China
- Canada
- Colombia
- [Austria on behalf of the European Union](#)
- [Singapore](#)
- El Salvador



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The floor was also given to NGO representatives [Ms. Tania Ramírez](#) (México Unido Contra la Delincuencia [MUCD - Mexico United Against Crime]), who presented findings of the research on medical cannabis policies and practices around the world, and [Mr. Martin Horton-Eddison](#) (Global Drug Policy Observatory/United Kingdom), speaking on crypto-drug markets. They were followed by [Mr. Hernan Epstein](#) (UNODC), sharing an update on the development of statistical methodology and by two video messages from NGO representatives: [Mr. Lul Admasachew](#) (Higher Education Leadership) and [Ms. Gretchen Burns Bergman](#) (A New PATH [Parents for Addiction Treatment & Healing]).

## 24 October

- (i) *Alternative development*
- (ii) *International cooperation on eradicating the illicit cultivation of crops used for the production of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substance;*
- (iii) *Crop control strategies*



The panel was composed of the following experts:

<b>ASIA PACIFIC</b>	Ms. Ramrada Ninnad, <i>Chief Development Management Officer, Mae Fah Luang Foundation under Royal Patronage, Thailand</i>
<b>GRULAC</b>	Mr. Alvaro Salcedo, <i>First Secretary of the Permanent Mission of Peru to the United Nations</i>
<b>WEOG</b>	Ms. Sofia Krauss, <i>German International Cooperation Association (GIZ)</i>
<b>CSTF</b>	Mr. Martin Jelsma, <i>Transnational Institute nominated by the Vienna NGO Committee</i>
<b>UNODC</b>	Mr. Jorge Rios, <i>Chief, Sustainable Livelihoods Unit</i> , and Mr. Jean-Christophe Galland, <i>Malongo Coffee Company</i>
<b>UNDP Afganistán</b>	Mr. Jamshed Khoshbeen (video message)
<i>Additional experts</i>	
<b>ASIA PACIFIC</b>	Prof. Abeysinghe Saman, <i>Chairman of the National Dangerous Drugs Control Board of Sri Lanka</i>
<b>ASIA PACIFIC</b>	Associate Prof. Dr. Unaroj Boonprakob, <i>Royal Project Foundation, Thailand</i>

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[Mr. Jorge Rios](#) of UNODC provided an overview of the concept of alternative development, also in relation to the three policy documents: the 2009 Political Declaration, the 2014 Joint Ministerial Statement and the 2016 UNGASS outcome document, as well as the 2013 Guiding Principles on Alternative Development. He was accompanied by [Mr. Jean-Christophe Galland](#) representing Malongo Coffee Company, who introduced the joint programme which is supporting farmers in Myanmar in breaking their

dependency on opium poppy cultivation through commercialisation of their coffee harvests under fair-trade conditions. [Mr. Jamshed Khoshbeen](#) of UNDP Afghanistan then delivered a video message, followed by [Mr. Alvaro Salcedo](#) of the Permanent Mission of Peru to the UN in Vienna, sharing the outcome of the intergovernmental expert group meeting on alternative development that was held in July 2018.



The floor was then handed over to [Ms. Sofia Krauss](#) of the German International Cooperation Association (GIZ), who spoke on the evolution of alternative development vis-à-vis environmental protection, gender aspects and human rights. Ms. Ramrada Ninnad/Thailand spoke on the importance of integrating a people-centred approach to alternative development while respecting rule of law and reflecting socio-economic and cultural aspects. NGO representative [Mr. Martin Jelsma](#) of the Transnational Institute presented the key conclusions of his organization's new report on human rights, illicit cultivation and alternative development. Ambassador Alicia Buenrostro Massieu then gave the floor to [Prof. Saman Abeyasinghe](#)/Sri Lanka, who spoke on the national strategies to address the increasing number of cannabis users, and to Associate [Prof. Dr. Unaroj Boonprakob](#) of the Royal Project Foundation of Thailand, who presented the on-going programme on improving livelihoods of highland people.



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Each panel presentation was followed by a Q&A session. The following Member States intervened during the thematic debate:

- Colombia
- Russian Federation
- Ecuador
- China
- Islamic Republic of Iran
- Morocco
- [Austria on behalf of the European Union](#)

The floor was also given to UNODC representatives: [Ms. Anja Korenblik](#) (Research and Trend Analysis Branch), who presented findings of the latest research on alternative development, to [Ms. Anubha Sood](#) (UNODC Afghanistan) and to [Mr. Bo Mathiassen](#) (UNODC Colombia), delivering their remarks through video messages.



Finally, two video messages from NGOs were displayed: [Mr. Nang Yon](#) (Myanmar Opium Farmers Forum/Myanmar) and [Ms. Roxana Argandoña](#) (Andean Information Network/Bolivia).

## 7 November 2018

- (i) *Strengthening international cooperation based on the principle of common and shared responsibility*
- (ii) *Enhancing international cooperation, including technical assistance, to assist the States most affected by the illicit transit of drugs, especially developing countries*
- (iii) *Strengthening cooperation efforts at the bilateral, regional and global levels to reduce demand for synthetic opioids for non-medical use and to counter illicit trafficking in synthetic opioids*
- (iv) *Cooperation and collaboration between the CND and the UNODC, as well as WHO, INCB and with other relevant entities*

The panel included the following speakers:

<b>AFRICAN GROUP</b>	Col. Muhammad Mustapha Abdallah, <i>Chairman/Chief Executive, Nigeria Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA)</i>
<b>ASIA PACIFIC</b>	Mr. Khalil-ur-Rahman Hashmi, <i>Director General (United Nations), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Islamabad, Pakistan</i>
<b>WEOG</b>	Ms. Laura D'arrigo, <i>Diplomatic Advisor, Inter-Ministerial Mission for combatting drugs and addictions (MILDECA), Office of the Prime Minister, France</i>
<b>CSTF</b>	Mr. Paul Kogi Mburu, <i>Soberlife Mentorship Society, Kenya</i>
<b>UNODC</b>	Ms. Miwa Kato, <i>Director, Division for Operations</i>
<b>WHO</b>	Dr. Vladimir Poznyak, <i>Coordinator for the WHO Management of Substance Abuse Team</i>
<b>UNDP</b>	Mr. Tenu Avafia, <i>Team Leader, Human Rights, Law and Treatment Access</i>
<b>INTERPOL</b>	Ms. Floriane Bacconier, <i>Liaison officer to UNODC</i>
<i>Additional experts</i>	
<b>CICAD/OAS</b>	H.E. Amb. Adam Namm, <i>Executive Secretary</i>
<b>OSCE</b>	Mr. Eduard Lokotunin, <i>Police Affairs Officer on Combating Illicit Drugs, Transnational Threats Department</i>

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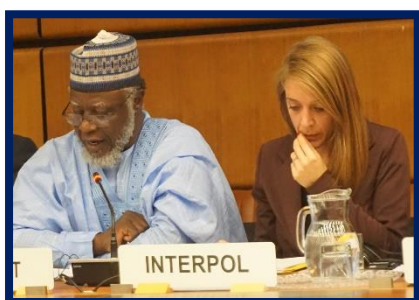
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Ms. Miwa Kato of UNODC opened the panel discussion, speaking on UNODC's field activities as well as on cooperation with regional entities and other UN agencies. She was accompanied by her colleague Mr. Alan Cole, who shared examples from UNODC's work in Southeast Asia. The floor was then given to the representative of WHO, [Dr. Vladimir Poznyak](#), presenting

WHO activities in addressing public health dimensions of the world drug problem. His presentation was followed by [Mr. Tenu Avafia](#) of UNDP, who informed the meeting about UNDP's work in drafting international guidelines on human rights and drug policy. Ambassador Alicia Buenrostro Massieu then gave the floor to [Ms. Floriane Baconnier](#) of INTERPOL, who encouraged delegations to use the tools and databases that had been developed by INTERPOL.



[Col. Muhammad Mustapha Abdallah](#)/Nigeria spoke on regional operations that had been recently held and facilitated by UNODC. The floor was then passed to Mr.

Khalil-ur-Rahman Hashmi/Pakistan, speaking on the importance of technical assistance and capacity-building in strengthening cooperation. His intervention was followed by Ms.

Laura D'arrigo/France, who

spoke on the importance of a balanced approach, encompassing measures to address both supply and demand of drugs, and by NGO representative [Mr. Paul Kogi Mburu](#) of Soberlife Mentorship Society, presenting the Prevention Practitioners Network of Kenya aiming to prevent drug abuse among young people and to support current drug abusers. Interventions were also made by [H.E. Amb. Adam Namm](#) of CICAD/OAS, who presented CICAD's contribution to the implementation of the operational recommendations of the UNGASS outcome document, and by Mr. Eduard Lokotunin of OSCE, who spoke on the outcome of the annual OSCE anti-drug conference.



After the panel, interventions were made by UNODC representative [Ms. Giovanna Campello](#), presenting the family based prevention programme in Central America. The floor was also given to NGO representative [Mr. John Walsh](#) of Washington Office on Latin America, who spoke on legal regulation of cannabis, and to [Prof. John Toumbourou](#) of Deakin University and Dalgarno Institute Australia, presenting

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the prevention science approach to limiting alcohol and drug related harm. Finally, a [video message](#) from NGO representative Mr. Rajesh Didiya/Nepal was displayed.



## 8 November 2018

*Taking stock of the implementation of the commitments made to jointly address and counter the world drug problem, in particular in light of the decision to establish 2019 as a target date for the goals set in paragraph 36 of the Political Declaration*



The panel was composed of the following experts:

<b>AFRICAN GROUP</b>	Col. Muhammad Mustapha Abdallah, <i>Chairman/Chief Executive, Nigeria Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA)</i>
<b>GRULAC</b>	Mr. Issac Morales, <i>Director General Adjunto para Seguridad Multidimensional de la Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores de México</i>
<b>WEOG</b>	Ms. Michelle Boudreau, <i>Health Canada, on Canada's health-centred approach to drug policy</i>
<b>CSTF</b>	Ms. Ann Fordham, <i>International Drug Policy Consortium, UK</i>
<b>UNODC</b>	Ms. Angela Me, <i>Chief, Research and Trend Analysis Branch</i>
<i>Additional experts</i>	
<b>Council of Europe</b>	Ms. Florence Mabileau, <i>Head of the Mediterranean Co-operation and Gender Unit, Secretariat of the Co-operation Group to Combat Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking in Drugs (Pompidou Group) (video message)</i>





[Mr. Angela Me](#) of UNODC provided an overview of the available data on the implementation of the targets contained in OP36 of the 2009 Political Declaration. Her intervention was followed by [Col. Muhammad Mustapha Abdallah](#)/Nigeria, presenting his country's national strategy on the implementation of the three drug control conventions. The floor was then handed over to Mr. Issac Morales/Mexico, who spoke on the national efforts to address the drug problem, including on the implementation of all seven chapters of the UNGASS outcome document. [Ms. Michelle Boudreau](#)/Canada then presented on the country's strategy to face the opioids crisis. The floor was then given to NGO representative [Ms. Ann Fordham](#) of IDPC, who reported on her

organization's shadow report on the implementation of the targets set by the Political Declaration. Her presentation was followed by a [video message](#) from Ms. Florence Mabileau of the Council of Europe.

Each presentation was followed by a Q&A session. During the thematic debate, the following Member States intervened:

- [Austria on behalf of the European Union](#)
- Colombia



The floor was also given to a number of UNODC representatives: [Mr. Enrico Bisogno](#), speaking on reasons behind the lack of good quality data on the targets set in OP36 of the 2009 Political Declaration; [Mr. Kamran Niaz](#), presenting trends in the demand for drugs, and [Mr. Justice Tettey](#), speaking on the phenomenon of synthetic drugs. They were followed by NGO representative [Mr. Hussein Abdalla Tayab](#) of Muslim Education and Welfare, who presented on mechanisms of protection of health and human rights for people who use drugs in Kenya. The floor was then handed over to NGO representatives [Mr. Peter Sarosi](#) of Rights Reporter Foundation/Hungary, and [Mr. Brun González Aguilar](#) of the International Network of People who use Drugs, who spoke on link

between drug policy and the Sustainable Development Agenda.





The fourth round of thematic discussions was closed with concluding remarks from Ambassador Alicia Buenrostro Massieu, who thanked the panellists for their presentations and the delegates for their valuable contributions.

The Chair reminded the meeting that presentations of the panellists and experts will be posted on the Commission's website dedicated to the preparations for 2019: <http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/commissions/CND/2019/2019-high-level-ministerial-segment-preparatory-process.html>.