



Российская Федерация  
Russian Federation



# COVID-19 pandemic and its influence on the world drug problem: New challenges and prospects

*Virtual side-event in the margins of the 64th session  
of the United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs*

**12 April, 2021, 14:10 – 15:00 (CET, Vienna time)**



[Join meeting](#)

The COVID-19 pandemic has dramatic impact on the world drug problem and its various aspects. This topical issue is in the focus of the 64<sup>th</sup> session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and requires priority attention and exchange of national experience.

As recognized in the resolution 75/198 of the UN General Assembly, challenges posed by the coronavirus disease pandemic have the potential to generate new trends and dynamics with regard to the world drug problem and require enhanced international cooperation to comprehensively address and counter these challenges based on common and shared responsibility.

The influence of the COVID-19 pandemic on the world drug problem has already been discussed in different multilateral fora, including extraordinary sessions of the subsidiary bodies of the CND in October 2020. The Commission will adopt a special statement on this issue at the opening of its 64<sup>th</sup> session.

The goal of the side event is to consider different thematic and geographical perspectives of this global challenge, to identify common trends and specific regional and national developments and to examine ways, how the international community may increase its resilience and overcome drug-related consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic.

List of speakers:

Welcoming remarks by Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation **Mr. Oleg Syromolotov**

Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime **Ms. Ghada Waly**

Chair of the CND 64<sup>th</sup> session, Permanent Representative of Poland to the United Nations in Vienna **H.E. Ms. Dominika Krois**

President of the International Narcotics Control Board **Cornelis P. de Joncheere**

Secretary-General of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) **Mr. Vladimir Norov**

Director of the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA) **Mr. Alexis Goosdeel**

Executive Director of the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD) **Mr. Adam Namm**

**Join from the meeting link** <https://permanentmissionofrussiatotheio.my.webex.com/permanentmissionofrussiatotheio.my/j.php?MTID=m072748c979ad37e6d64fa9bc7aebf3f2>