


COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS 64TH SESSION
Side Event

Procurement, Pricing, and Access to Controlled Medicines During COVID-19

Monday, April 12, 2:10 pm (CET)

Modality: Zoom link for registration
https://us02web.zoom.us/join/registration/12wvd00q4tkvtVtOzo7ipUTf1BZv_BL_Tzt



MODERATOR
 Ghislain D'Hoop, Ambassador of Belgium to the UN organisations Vienna

PANELISTS
 Dr. Cornelis de Joncheere, President, INCB
 Dr. Tlaleng Mofokeng, UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Health
 Lic. José Luis Reyes, Representative of El Salvador Competent Authority
 Dr. Eddie Mwebesa, CEO, Hospice Africa Uganda
 Naomi Burke-Shyne, Executive Director, Harm Reduction International
 Christophe Rerat, WHO

64th Session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs

Procurement, Pricing, and Access to Controlled Medicines During COVID-19

Monday 12 April 2021, 14:10-15:00 CET, 9:10 EST

To register use this [link](#)

Panelists



Dr. Cornelis de Joncheere
 President,
 International Narcotics
 Control Board



Dr. Tlaleng
 Mofokeng,
 UN Special
 Rapporteur on the
 Right to Health



Lic. José Luis Reyes
 El Salvador
 Competent
 Authority



Dr. Eddie Mwebesa
 CEO, Hospice Africa
 Uganda



Ms. Naomi Burke-
 Shyne
 Executive Director,
 Harm Reduction
 International



Dr. Christophe Rerat
 Programme Manager
 Essential Medicines and
 Health Products,
 WHO

Moderator:

His Excellency Ghislain D'Hoop,
 Ambassador of Belgium to the UN
 organisations Vienna



The COVID-19 pandemic has revealed catastrophic weaknesses in global supply chains for pharmaceutical products and inefficient procurement and administration mechanisms for essential medications regulated under the three international drug control conventions. As the [Joint Statement on Access to Medicines](#) issued by the INCB, the WHO and UNODC in August 2020 addressed this problem, the side event will take up the request of the President of INCB to use this challenging time “as an opportunity to strengthen our cooperation with a view to ensuring availability of controlled substances for medical and scientific purposes while preventing diversion.” Panelists will showcase leadership in ensuring balance in access to controlled medicines during the pandemic; specifically sharing lessons learned in treatment for pain and drug dependence.

Hosted by the International Association for Hospice and Palliative Care



Sponsors

