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The systematic policing and criminalisation of people involved in drug offences has had devastating impacts on the human rights of people in situations of vulnerability (especially for people who use drugs, subsistence farmers involved in illicit crop cultivation, women, young people, ethnic minorities, people facing economic hardship), health outcomes and prison overcrowding.

These harms have been exacerbated in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, and as a result of the policies established to curb infection rates.

This side event will highlight some of the most pressing harms associated with policing and criminalisation, and propose a number of options for criminal justice and drug policy reform grounded in social justice, racial justice and human rights.

Panellists:
- Lee Edson P. Yarcia, NoBox Philippines
- Theshia Naidoo, Drug Policy Alliance (United States)
- Adrià Cots Fernández, International Drug Policy Consortium
- Arild Knutsen, Norwegian Association for Humane Drug Policies

Moderator: H.E. Ambassador Kjersti E. Andersen, Permanent Representative of Norway to the UN in Vienna

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