



# **Commission on Narcotic Drugs**

## **Briefing for all stakeholders on the High-Level Segment of the 2024 Mid-term Review**

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**Chair of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its 66<sup>th</sup> session**

***25 October 2023***



# MANDATE OF THE MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

## Ministerial Declaration (2019)



Member States resolved to review in the CND in 2029 progress in implementing all international drug policy commitments, with a midterm review in the Commission in 2024

At its 66<sup>th</sup> session, the CND decided on the modalities of the 2024 CND Midterm Review (CND Resolution 66/1):

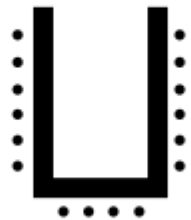
- To convene a **2-day high-level segment** in addition to the 5-day regular session of the CND in 2024, consisting of:
- General Debate; conducted in parallel with
  - Two multi-stakeholder roundtables on the topics of “*Taking stock: work undertaken since 2019*” and “*The way forward: the road to 2029*” (outcome of roundtables: Co-Chair’s summary)

# Organization of the high-level segment

Meetings will be open to all States  
Members of the United Nations



Rules of procedure  
of the functional  
commissions of  
ECOSOC will apply



Seating  
arrangements will  
follow the protocol  
used by the General  
Assembly

## Provisional agenda of the high-level segment



Opening of the high-level segment



General debate of the  
high-level segment



Multi-stakeholder round tables of  
the high-level segment:  
(i) Taking stock: work undertaken  
since 2019  
(ii) The way forward: the road to 2029



Closure of the high-level segment

# Programme of Work

Time	Plenary	Round-table discussions
<b>Thursday, 14 March 2024</b>		
9.30am	Opening of the 67 <sup>th</sup> session of the CND	
	Item 2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters	
10 a.m.	Item 3(a): Opening of the high-level segment (including adoption of the outcome document)  Item 3(b): General debate of the high-level segment	
3 p.m.	Item 3(b): General debate of the high-level segment	Item 3(c). Interactive, multi-stakeholder round tables of the high-level segment: (i) Taking stock: work undertaken since 2019
7 p.m.	Item 3(b) continued	
<b>Friday, 15 March 2024</b>		
10 a.m.	Item 3(b) continued	Item 3(c). Interactive, multi-stakeholder round tables of the high-level segment: (ii) The way forward: the road to 2029
3 p.m.	Item 3(b) continued	
6.30 p.m.	Item 3(d) Closure of the high-level segment (incl. presentation of the Co-Chairs' summary of the salient points raised during the round tables)	

# General Debate

## Opening - Invited to deliver introductory statements:

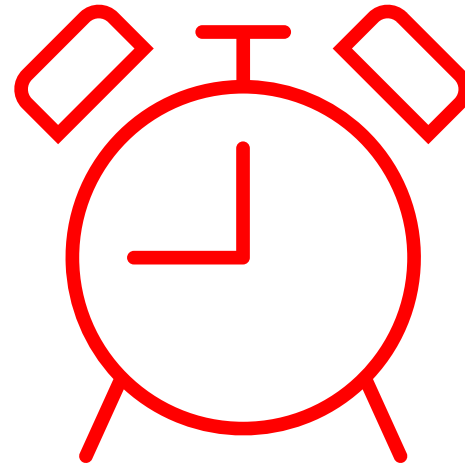
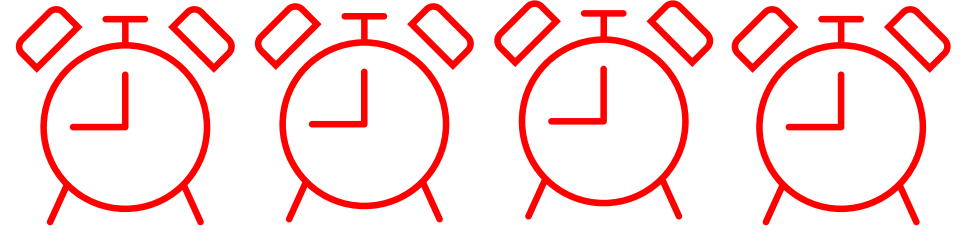


- Secretary-General
- Executive Director of UNODC
- President of INCB
- Director-General of WHO
- Representatives of the scientific community, youth and civil society

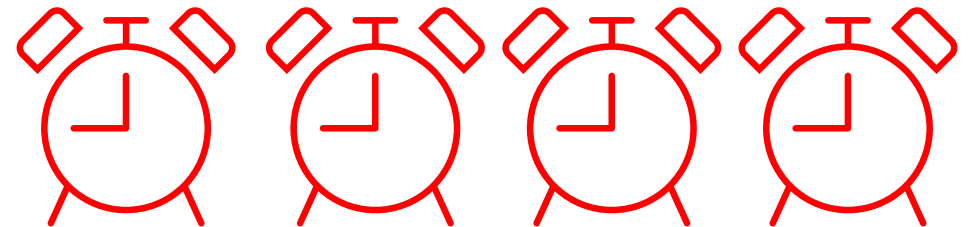
Floor opens

## List of speakers:

- High-level representatives of Member States chairing the regional groups
- High-level representatives of Member States speaking in national capacity
- Heads of entities of the United Nations
- Representatives of IGOs and NGOs in consultative Status with ECOSOC, in accordance with rules 74 to 76 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the ECOSOC



- Maximum **7** minutes for Chairs of Regional Groups
- Maximum **5** minutes for all other speakers (approximately 500 words)
- Longer statements can be published online



# Drawing of lots for list of speakers in General Debate

To be conducted during an intersessional meeting on 29 February 2024

Number of slots: 140

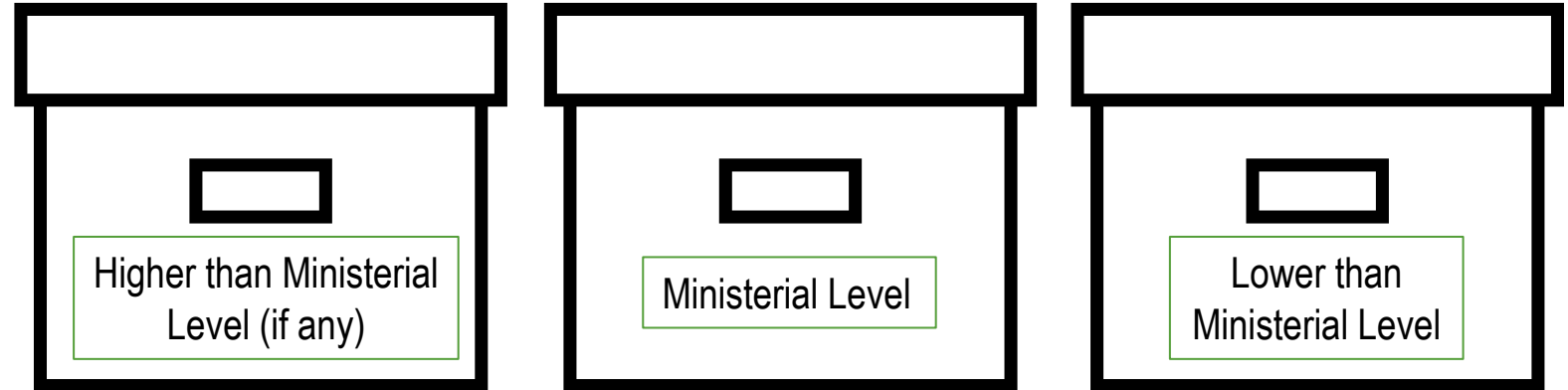
- Thurs, 10 a.m. - 25
- Thurs, 3 p.m. - 30
- Thurs, 7 p.m. - 30
- Fri, 10 a.m. - 30
- Fri, 3 p.m. - 25

Start

i. Secretariat sends out note verbale to all Member States on the drawing of lots

ii. Member States reply to Secretariat with nominations for participants at the ministerial segment by [22 Feb]

iii. Starting from the highest level, Secretariat draws one name of State from the box



iv. State chooses meeting & slot within that meeting\*. If State is not present during drawing of lots, the next available slot will be assigned.

v. Steps iii. and iv. repeat until all names are drawn from box. Secretariat moves on to next box until all names are drawn from all boxes.

End

\*Last speaking slots of Thursday, 3p.m. and Friday, 10 a.m. may be reserved for the Holy See and the State of Palestine in their capacities as observer States

# Drawing of Lots: Frequently Asked Questions



Q: What if there is a change in the level of the speaker?

A: The speaker will be moved to the next available speaking slot **in the appropriate category** at that same meeting or the next meeting.

Q: Can I exchange my speaking slot with another participant?

A: Yes. The concerned parties can fill out a form prepared by the Secretariat and provide this written notification to the Secretariat.

Q: What if I miss my speaking slot?

A: Speakers who are not present during their speaking turn will be moved to the next available speaking slot within their category at the same or the next meeting.

Q: Do IGOs and NGOs draw lots too?

A: No, IGOs and NGOs in consultative status with the ECOSOC will be given a slot on a first-come-first-served basis.

Q: Can I request not to post my statement online?

A: Yes, please inform the Secretariat.

# Round Tables

Conducted in parallel with the plenary meetings

## Topics



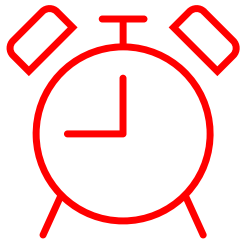
Taking stock: work undertaken since 2019



The way forward: the road to 2029

## Participants

All members and observers who are participating in the high-level segment are invited to attend the round tables



- Maximum 5 minutes for panellists
- Maximum 3 minutes for interventions from the floor
- Interaction encouraged (no list of speakers)
- Longer statements can be published online

## Format\*

- Co-chaired by two representatives nominated by two different regional groups\*\*
- Introductory remarks by UNODC
- Panel:
  - 5 panellists nominated by regional groups
  - 1 panellist nominated by CSOs through VNGOC
  - up to 2 speakers representing UN entities

**Inform the Secretariat of nominations for panellists by 15 February 2024**

- Co-Chairs to prepare summary of salient points raised during each of the round tables, to be presented to the plenary (non-negotiated)

\*Final chairing arrangements and list of panellists to be drawn up by the Chair in consultation with the Extended Bureau.

\*\*Assignment of co-chairs will be done by drawing lots during a meeting of the Extended Bureau.



# Outcome of High-level Segment



To work in good faith towards adopting a **concise, action-oriented document** at the opening of the high-level segment, focused exclusively on:

- taking stock of the implementation of all existing international drug policy commitments between 2019 and 2023,
- indicating the work to be done to accelerate the implementation from 2024 until 2029 of all those existing commitments.



Negotiated during the intersessional period preceding the regular 67<sup>th</sup> session (starting after reconvened 66<sup>th</sup> session in December 2023)

# High-level Side Events

Application period: **4 to 11 January 2024**

## **Eligibility:**

- Participation at ministerial level
- Only Member States – all other stakeholders may organize a side event during the regular segment
- 1 per Member State, throughout entire 67<sup>th</sup> session (both the high-level and regular segments)
- Organizers encouraged to have events supported by more than one Member State, and organized with UNODC, other UN entities, IGOs and/or CSO.

## **Thematic Focus:**

- Must be one of the 11 challenges identified in the 2019 Ministerial Declaration
- Limit of 11 high-level side events - one side event per challenge
- First come, first served basis. Organizers covering the same challenge will be invited to consider merging their events.
- Applications not accommodated will be invited to hold their event during the regular segment.

## **Logistical arrangements:**

- Up to 1.5 hours, in-person or hybrid format.
- Organizers expected to run events independently.
- Maximum 2 side events per time slot:

14 Mar 2024	15 Mar 2024
13:00 – 14:30	09:00 – 10:30
15:00 – 16:30	11:30 – 12:00
17:00 – 18:30	13:00 – 14:30

Only complete applications received within the deadline will be considered.



# Thank you!

**Further information is available at:**

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