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POLICYMAKING BODY OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM WITH PRIME RESPONSIBILITY FOR DRUG-RELATED MATTERS



BRIEFING ON ORGANIZATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT

H.E. Mr. Philbert Abaka Johnson
Chair of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its 67th session

2 February 2024

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



In March 2023, 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)

GENERAL DEBATE

Opening - Invited to deliver introductory statements:

Formal opening (res. 66/1)

- Secretary-General
- Executive Director of UNODC
- President of INCB
- Director-General of WHO

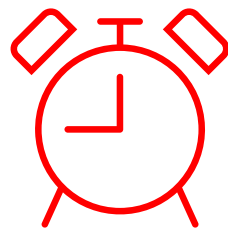


Ceremonial opening (past practice):

Representatives of the scientific community, youth and civil society

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

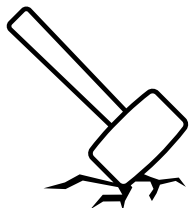


- Maximum **5** minutes for speakers (approximately 500 words)
- Longer statements can be published online

ROUND TABLES

Conducted in parallel with the plenary meetings

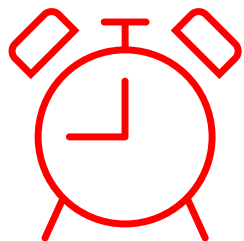
Topics



Taking stock: work undertaken since 2019
(Co-chaired by APG and GRULAC)



The way forward: the road to 2029
(Co-chaired by WEOG and EEG)



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

Format

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

OUTCOME OF THE 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 67th session

OUTCOME OF THE HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT

PROPOSED
TEXT
CHAIR'S
DRAFT

Our shared commitments

Stock-taking

Call to action

- **Cooperation at all levels**
- **Data collection and analysis**
- **Innovation and new technologies**
- **Capacity building and resource mobilization**
- **CND Workplan thematic discussions 2024-2028**

Review in 2029

HIGH-LEVEL SIDE EVENTS

- Applications closed on **11 January 2024**
- **Eligibility:**
Participation at the Ministerial Level
(Member States-led)
- **12 side events** (11 challenges + 1 cross-cutting challenge on data collection & analysis)
- **Timeslots (1,5 hours each):** from 14 March, 1PM to 15 March, 2.30 pm
- **Programme** will be published closer to the date



PLEDGE4ACTION INITIATIVE

OBJECTIVE: Transforming shared policy commitments into tangible actions

CALL FOR COMMITMENT: High-level Representatives encouraged to champion implementation of commitments and pledge during the General Debate of the High-Level Segment specific actions to address the challenges identified in the 2019 Ministerial Declaration

SCOPE OF PLEDGES:

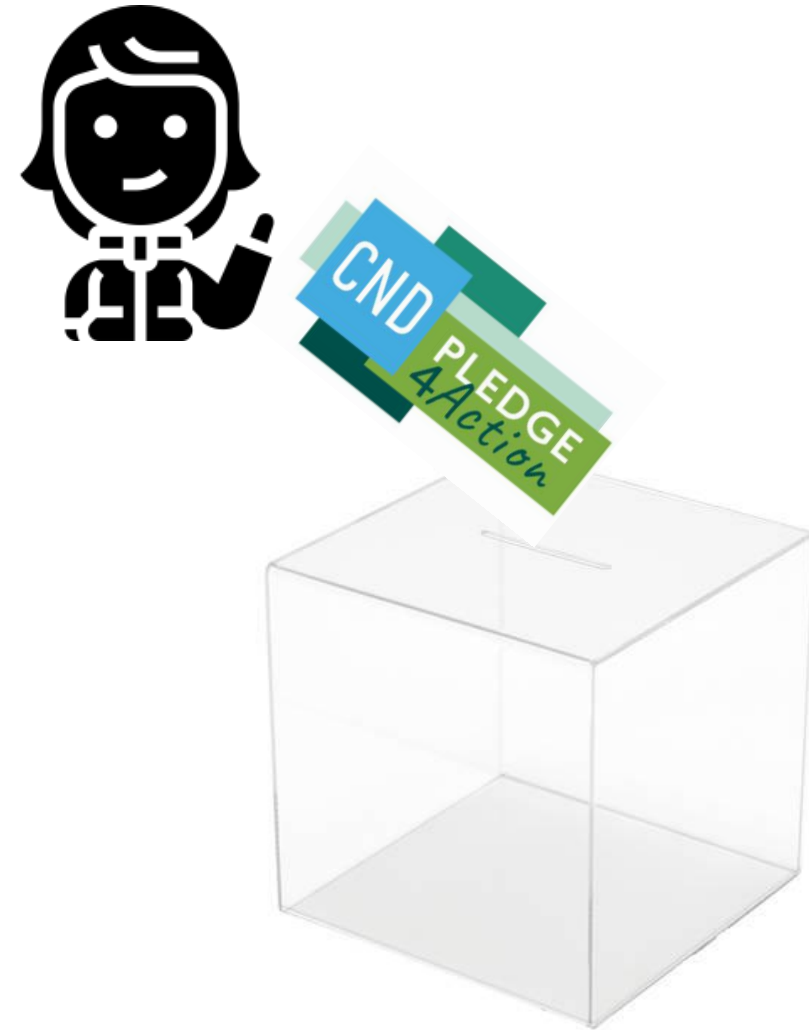
- Operational Projects
- Cooperation
- Financial Support



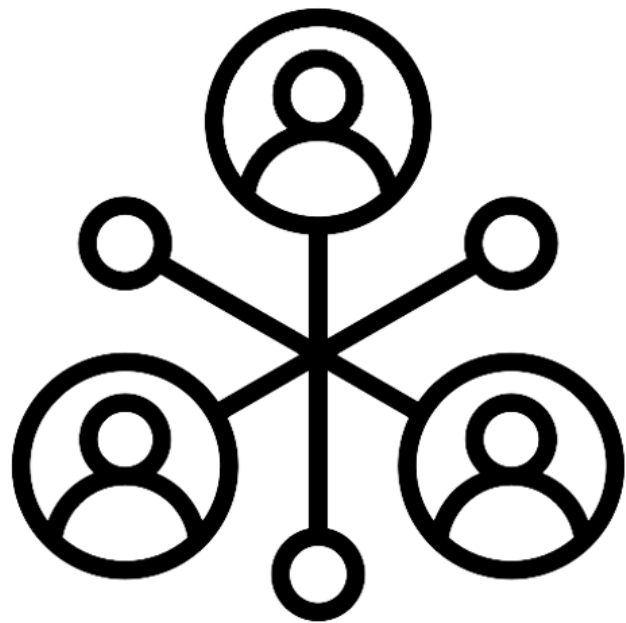
REGULAR UPDATES: Opportunities to update on pledged actions within CND thematic sessions leading up to the 2029 review

PLEDGE4ACTION INITIATIVE

- Permanent Missions to share text of pledge with Secretariat via email by 1 March 2024
- Pledge to be stated at the end of the intervention during the general debate
- Representative then drops a “block” with their country’s flag into a box on a small stage



ENGAGING STAKEHOLDERS



- Submission of written contributions by all interested stakeholders
- “Engaging minds” - Fireside chats with NGOs, academia and youth at margins reconvened 66th session
- Briefing for UN entities and international organizations at margins reconvened 66th session
- Round table for Subsidiary Bodies of ECOSOC at margins ECOSOC coordination segment

SECRETARIAT SUPPORT TO 2024 MIDTERM REVIEW

SUPPORT CHAIRS, BUREAUX & COMMISSION

- Documentation & meeting preparations
- Support negotiations outcome document
- Mapping of drug policy commitments & challenges

FACILITATE STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

- Written inputs by all interested stakeholders
- “Engaging minds” fire-side chats with NGOs, academia and youth
- Breakfast with UN entities & IGOs on 2024 Midterm Review
- ECOSOC roundtable on 2024 Midterm Review at margins ECOSOC coordination segment

COMMUNICATIONS

- 2024 Midterm Review Website
- Social media campaign
- Thematic expert videos
- Raise awareness on Pledge4Action initiative

2024 MIDTERM REVIEW WEBSITE

2024 Midterm Review

Stakeholder Contributions

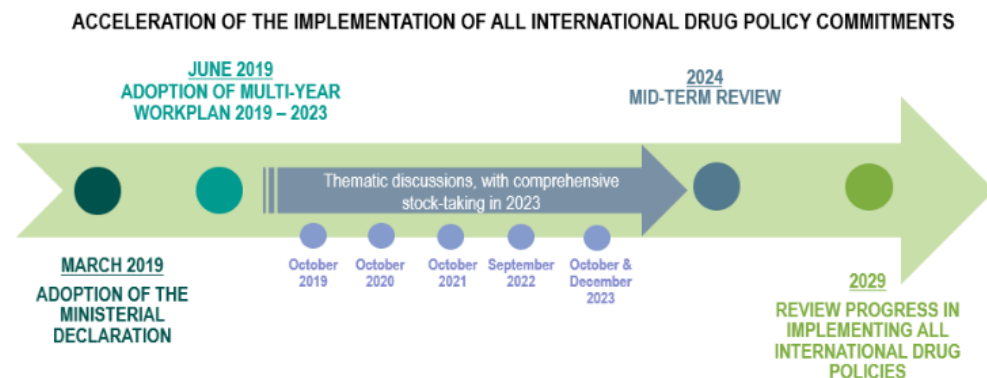


Engaging Minds – Fireside chats on drug policy



What is the 2024 Midterm Review?

The 2024 Midterm Review, to be held 14-15 March 2024, will serve to assess progress made in the implementation of all international drug policy commitments as set forth in the [2019 Ministerial Declaration](#). Preceding the 2024 midterm review was a comprehensive stock-taking of all 11 challenges related to the world drug problem identified in the Ministerial Declaration, which took place during the thematic discussions held on 23-25 October and 4-6 December 2023. This comprehensive stock-taking complements the [thematic discussions](#) held by the Commission since 2019. An end-of-cycle review of the implementation of all international drug policy commitments is planned for 2029.



Useful Resources

- [2019 Ministerial Declaration](#)
- [2019 Ministerial Declaration Follow-up Portal](#)
- [Modalities Resolution on the 2024 Midterm Review \(CND 66/1\)](#)
- [Chair's Briefing on the High-Level Segment](#)
- [CRP - Draft organization of the high-level segment](#)
- [Guidelines for Side Events during the High-Level Segment](#)
- ["ENGAGING MINDS – FIRESIDE CHATS ON DRUG POLICY" Stakeholder Engagement](#)
- [Stakeholder contributions](#)
- [Pledge4Action initiative](#)



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