

Extraordinary Sessions of the HONLEAs 2021 (20 to 24 September 2021) – Side Events

Tuesday, 21 September - HONLAF	
11:00 – 12.00 p.m.	<p>Cannabis Cultivation Survey in Nigeria Organized by UNODC Nigeria</p> <p>The side-event will present the methodology and findings of the cannabis Cultivation survey in Nigeria, jointly implemented by the UNODC Office in Nigeria, the UNODC Illicit Crop Monitoring Programme, and the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA). The survey is an essential deliverable of the European Union funded UNODC project “Response to Drugs and Related Organized Crime in Nigeria”, and contributes to UNODC’s efforts to support Nigeria in countering drug production, trafficking and use, and in curbing related organised crime through evidence-based policy and programming.</p> <p>The survey covered six south-western states of Nigeria (Ekiti, Ogun, Ondo, Osun, Edo and Oyo) where the cannabis is primarily cultivated. For the survey, in 55 flight hours, 30,044 georeferenced aerial images were collected and analysed, covering about 3,399 km. In addition, information to facilitate the identification of cannabis crops were collected from low altitude flights.</p> <p>The side event will present the detailed methodology and the key findings from the cannabis area survey and present information on cannabis cultivation, processing and trafficking through its various stages in Nigeria, collected from and facilitated by NDLEA.</p>
17:00 – 18.00 p.m.	<p>Evidence- and human-rights based policing in Africa during and after a pandemic: police reform and oversight, use of force, public health responses to policing and decriminalisation of petty offences Organized by UNODC Justice Section in cooperation with African Policing Civilian Oversight Forum</p> <p>The side-event co-organised by UNODC JS and the African Policing Civilian Oversight Forum (APCOF) aims at addressing policing in Africa during and after the pandemic with a focus on core issues around police reform and oversight, use of force, public health responses to policing and decriminalisation of petty offences. The event will bring together experts presenting recent research and policy guidance as well as UNODC technical tools, services and programmes and provide an opportunity for HONLEA Africa delegates to exchange experience on challenges and solutions.</p>

Wednesday, 22 September - Subcommission	
11:00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.	<p>Building back better: countering the linkages between organized crime, drug trafficking and other criminal activities in the COVID-19 context and beyond Organized by UNODC Conference Support Section</p> <p>The COVID-19 pandemic has had a profound effect upon the landscape of organized crime, with many of the existing criminal schemes moving online, and new threats surfacing. This event will explore the linkages between transnational organized crime and other criminal activities (including cybercrime and drug trafficking) in the context of the pandemic, as well as attempt to draw upon best practices and lessons from these experiences to devise a more robust response to organized crime and related criminal activities in the future.</p>

Thursday, 23 September - HONLAP

<p>15:00– 16.00 p.m.</p>	<p>Research findings from interviews with Drug traffickers and Hawaladars Organized by UNODC Afghan Opiate Trade Project The Side Event will present initial findings from a range of research studies based on interviews with Male and Female drug traffickers in Afghanistan as well as with hawaladars in Afghanistan and other countries. The Side Event will examine traffickers' motivations, financial activities, and trafficking practices as well as examining the extent to which the hawaladar money service provider system can be exploited by opiate traffickers.</p>
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Friday, 24 September - HONLAC

<p>17:00– 18.00 p.m.</p>	<p>Evidence- and human-rights based police reform: building public trust and equal access to justice: UNODC tools, services and programmes in Latin America and the Caribbean Organized by UNODC Liaison and Partnership Office in Mexico The side-event aims at presenting UNODC tools, services and programmes in the area of evidence and human-rights based police reform with a focus on Latin America and the Caribbean and to provide the opportunity to HONLEA delegates to exchange on the challenges and opportunities faced in the region, including as regards policing of drug-related offences, human rights implications and addressing structural discrimination.</p>
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