

CND holds its 65th session

The [sixty-fifth session](#) of the [Commission on Narcotic Drugs \(CND\)](#), held from 15 to 18 March 2022, brought together 1,350 participants representing 129 Member States, 16 intergovernmental organizations, 80 non-governmental organizations and several UN entities, in person in Vienna and online. In addition to the formal proceedings, [over 120 side events](#) were held online on the margins of the Commission.

Through the six decisions adopted at [the sixty-fifth session](#), the [Commission](#) placed additional substances under the control of the 1961, 1971, and 1988 Conventions. The session also adopted four resolutions on alternative development; links between illicit drug trafficking and illicit firearms trafficking; scientific evidence-based early prevention; and diversion of non-scheduled chemicals frequently used in the illicit manufacture of drugs and proliferation of designer precursors.



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Promoting alternative development as a development-oriented drug control strategy, taking into account measures to protect the environment

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Strengthening international cooperation to address the links between illicit drug trafficking and illicit firearms trafficking

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Intensifying efforts to address the diversion of non-scheduled chemicals frequently used in the illicit manufacture of drugs and the proliferation of designer precursors

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Promoting comprehensive and scientific evidence-based early prevention

Contributions to the ECOSOC work

During the [ECOSOC Coordination Segment](#), held on 4 February 2022, Ambassador Ghislain D'Hoop of Belgium, Chair of the [sixty-fifth session](#) of the [Commission on Narcotic Drugs](#), highlighted the work of the Commission and the importance of cooperation between [ECOSOC subsidiary bodies](#).

On 8 June, the Chair of the [CND](#) introduced the report of the [65th session](#) of the [CND](#) (document [E/2022/28](#)) during the [ECOSOC Management Segment Meeting](#). All submitted resolutions and decisions were acted on by the ECOSOC.

Availability & Access Initiative

#NoPatientLeftBehind



During its [65th session](#) in 2022 – which also marks the 45th anniversary of the [WHO Model List of Essential Medicines](#) – the [CND](#) is devoting attention to scaling up the implementation of international drug policy commitments on improving availability of and access to controlled substances for medical and scientific purposes. A series of awareness-raising events and discussions, as well as an [information media campaign](#) on Twitter using the bespoke hashtag #NoPatientLeftBehind, is taking place throughout the year.

To kick-off the initiative, a [Joint Call to Action](#) was held by the Chair of the [CND](#), together with [UNODC](#), [WHO](#) and [INCB](#), on the opening day of

the [65th session](#) of the [CND](#). This was followed by an event held in the United Nations Headquarters in New York on 8 June 2022, together with the Permanent Missions of Austria and Belgium to the United Nations (New York) and UNODC New York Office, which featured participation of an array of United Nations entities and international partners.

The efforts will culminate in a One-Day Special Forum in October 2022, which envisions bringing experts in the field together to raise awareness for the subject of availability and access, and the critical need for sustainable funding in this area.

Special Event on the UN Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit trafficking in Drugs

In commemoration of the [International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking](#), the Commission held a Special event on 28 June 2022 and launched the [2022 World Drug Report](#). The annual World Drug Report presents an overview of the current trends on global drug markets and the latest information on drug use, production, and trafficking. It also considers, inter alia, the impact of cannabis legalization, the relationship between drugs and conflict and the impact of drugs on the environment.



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Upcoming events

- 21–22 September 2022:** CND Intersessional Thematic Discussions
October 2022: One-Day Special Forum on Availability and Access
8-9 December 2022: Reconvened 65th session