

## CND Newsletter *July- December 2019*

### 62<sup>nd</sup> reconvened session



From 12 to 13 December, the [Commission on Narcotic Drugs](#) held its [reconvened 62nd session](#), which was attended by representatives from Governments, UN entities and other intergovernmental organizations and civil society. On 12 December, the Commission held a joint meeting with the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice to discuss strategic managements, budgetary and administrative matters of UNODC. Under this item, the Commissions, among others, considered the consolidated budget of UNODC for the biennium 2020-2021. The CND separate meeting on 13 December was addressed by UNODC Executive Director Mr. Yury Fedotov and INCB President Mr. Cornelis de Joncheere. The Commission adopted a resolution entitled “Implementation of the budget for the biennium 2020-2021 for the Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme”.

### Autumn Thematic Discussions



Pursuant to the [2019-2023 workplan](#) it had adopted in June 2019, the Commission held, from 16 to 18 October, the first round of [thematic discussions](#) following the adoption of the [2019 Ministerial Declaration](#), with a view to fostering multi-stakeholder, interactive and inclusive discussions on the implementation of all joint commitments contained in the [2009 Political Declaration and Plan of Action](#), the [2014 Ministerial Statement](#) and the [2016 UNGASS outcome document](#). The discussion focused on the [three of the challenges](#) identified in the 2019 Ministerial Declaration. Each thematic discussion consisted of an introductory presentation and a panel discussion, which included representatives from the five Regional Groups and civil society, followed by presentations by international organizations and UN entities and an interactive debate.



### Visits to UNODC Laboratory

In the margins of the CND autumn thematic discussions, Member States had the opportunity to visit the newly refurbished [UNODC laboratory](#). The UNODC laboratory provides state-of-the-art scientific and forensic services to almost 300 laboratories in 80 countries, supporting Member States in advancing health and justice responses to drug challenges and emerging threats, such as new psychoactive substances.

## Meetings of the HONLEAs and the Subcommission

The Meetings of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies (HONLEAs) and the Subcommission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East, which are the [subsidiary bodies](#) of the Commission, take place every year (every two years in Europe) to identify salient policy issues, analyze these issues in working groups, and bring their reports and recommendations to the attention of the Commission.

[13th Meeting HONLEA Europe](#): Lisbon, Portugal; 2-5 July 2019;

[29th Meeting HONLEA Africa](#): Balaclava, Mauritius; 16-20 September 2019;

[54th Meeting Subcommission](#): Tashkent, Uzbekistan; 23-27 September 2019;

[29th Meeting HONLEA Latin America and the Caribbean](#): Lima, Peru; 7-11 October;

[43rd Meeting HONLEA Asia and the Pacific](#): Bangkok, Thailand; 22-25 October 2019.



## 2019 Ministerial Declaration implementation workshops

The Secretariat to the Governing Bodies organized national workshops on the implementation of all international drug policy commitments, following up to the [2019 Ministerial Declaration](#), in Bangladesh, Antigua and Barbuda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Mauritius, Tanzania, [Nigeria](#) and Uganda. Each workshop provided a forum for exchange of views among relevant national authorities involved in developing, implementing or monitoring national drug policy, enabling them to jointly assess action taken, identify gaps and challenges and prepare a roadmap for further implementation of the joint commitments at the national level.



## Briefing at the General Assembly Third Committee

In the margins of the General Assembly's Third Committee's deliberations on "Drug control, crime prevention and combatting international terrorism in all its forms and manifestations" on 2 October, UNODC organized, in cooperation with the Permanent Mission of Austria to the United Nations in New York and the Permanent Mission of Nigeria to the United Nations in New York, a briefing on the implementation of all international drug policy commitments, following up to the 2019 Ministerial Declaration. The event included a presentation by H.E. Ambassador Vivian Okeke, Facilitator of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs for the 2019 Ministerial Declaration, and presentations by UNODC.



## Bureau members of the 63<sup>rd</sup> CND

**Chairperson:** H.E. Ambassador Mansoor Ahmad Khan (*Pakistan*)

**1st Vice-Chairperson (designate):** H.E. Ambassador Dominika Krois (*Poland*)

**2nd Vice-Chairperson:** H.E. Ambassador Ghislain D'hoop (*Belgium*)

**3rd Vice-Chairperson:** H.E. Ambassador Gloria Navarette (*Chile*)

**Rapporteur:** vacant (*Group of African States*)

**Upcoming:** 2-6 March 2020: 63rd session of the CND