

The role of national monitoring and evaluation systems in policy and programming for drug prevention and HIV/AIDS



6 March 2020 - The Independent Evaluation Section (IES), UNODC, organized a side-event on "The role on national monitoring and evaluation (M&E) systems in policy and programming for drug prevention and HIV/AIDS" in the context of the 63rd session of CND. The event was co-sponsored by the Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Section and the HIV/AIDS Section, Drug Prevention & Health Branch, UNODC.

Dr. Katharina Kayser, Chief, IES, opened the event by positioning evaluation in the larger context, in particular national evaluation capacities (NEC). Dr. Gambo Aliyu, Director General, National Agency for the Control of AIDS (NACA) in Nigeria, shared lessons learned in developing national M&E systems, highlighting the need to better collect, interpret and use data. Dr. Patrick Herminie, Secretary of State, Agency for the Prevention of Drug Abuse and Rehabilitation (APDAR), elaborated on challenges in establishing an M&E Department in the Seychelles, including NEC.

UNODC's services in supporting M&E systems in drug prevention were presented by Ms. Giovanna Campello, Officer-in-Charge, PTRS.

Finally, Mr. Riku Lehtovuori, Adviser M&E, HAS, shared experience of M &E trainings related to HIV/AIDS, before the audience engaged in an open dialogue with the panellists on challenges in monitoring and evaluation.

