



The Royal Thai Government



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The Royal Thai Government and UNODC cordially invite you to
a High-level Panel Discussion on

“Contribution of Alternative Development to Implementing Sustainable Development Goals”

**A side event co-hosted by the Royal Thai Government and UNODC in conjunction
of the UNGA Special Session on the World Drug Problem**

WEDNESDAY 20 APRIL 2016, 13.00-14.00 hrs.

CONFERENCE ROOM 11, UNHQ, NEW YORK

Alternative development has been recognised by the international community as one of the fundamental pillars of the comprehensive drug control strategy. Over the past decades, the concept of alternative development has evolved from its initial purpose of illicit drug crop substitution to an integral part of broader development strategies. This has been reaffirmed by the UNGA68 adoption of the UN Guiding Principles on Alternative Development.

As world leaders adopted ambitious sets of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and are reviewing the progress in the implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem, the Royal Thai Government and UNODC would like to contribute to this momentum of the inter-linkage of drug and development policies by co-organising a side event on alternative development. The High-level Panel Discussion will exchange views and experiences on the implementation of alternative development programmes and its role in addressing the world drug problem as well as in achieving the SDGs in a larger picture.

Representatives of Member States, Observers, UN agencies and NGOs are cordially invited.

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*Please note that requests for day passes must be made by **15 April 2016** for participants without UN grounds passes.

