The Commission held its 2022 thematic discussions from 21-22 September 2022, focusing on the cross-cutting issues of drug policy and human rights, to facilitate exchange of good practices, challenges and lessons learned in the implementation of all international drug policy commitments.

Comprehensive drug policies that leave no one affected by the world drug problem behind

The Chair of the CND at its 65th session undertook an initiative, aiming at scaling up the implementation of the international drug policy commitments on improving availability of and access to controlled substances for medical and scientific purposes. The Chair’s initiative encompassed a global awareness-raising campaign, with events held at the United Nations offices in Vienna, New York and Geneva – culminating in a One-Day Special Forum on 10 October 2022.

No patients left behind - "Availability & Access" initiative

At its 65th session, the Commission committed, inter alia, to:

- Promoting alternative development as a development-oriented drug control strategy, taking into account measures to protect the environment
- Promoting comprehensive and scientific evidence-based early prevention

Enhancing multi-stakeholder partnerships

In implementing the 2030 Agenda, the Commission actively cooperates with other functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council and works closely with the relevant UN entities.

Enhanced inclusiveness through digital transformation

With the increased use of digital tools, the Commission has further expanded the possibilities for inclusive and meaningful participation of civil society in its deliberations.