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Executive Director's HIV/AIDS Report

Report of the Executive Director Yury Fedotov on 59th session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs: *"Responding to the prevalence of HIV/AIDS and other blood-borne diseases among drug users"*

The report provides an overview of the response of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) to the spread of HIV/AIDS and other blood-borne diseases among people who use drugs, including people in prisons and summarizes the activities implemented by UNODC in 2014 and 2015.

It contains recommendations and indicates gaps and remaining challenges in responding to HIV/AIDS and other blood-borne diseases among people who use drugs.

[Read the report here](#)



OUR TOP 6 COMMITMENTS

Did your New Year resolutions make the UNODC HIV/AIDS top six list?



Ending the AIDS epidemic by 2030, for people who use drugs and people in prisons



Gender responsive HIV services for people who use drugs and people in prisons



Equal access to HIV services for people who use drugs and people in prisons



Zero discrimination against people who use drugs and people in prisons



Building bridges between health, justice and law enforcement to end AIDS by 2030



Teaming up with communities to end AIDS by 2030

HAPPY NEW YEAR
FROM THE
UNODC GLOBAL PROGRAMME
ON HIV/AIDS



FEBRUARY 2016



1— 4 February | SA Drug Policy Week

The UNODC Regional Office in South Africa participated in the first SA Drug Policy Week. The event aimed to review and discuss South African Drug Policy and increase awareness about the UNGASS 2016 process among national policy makers and civil society. More than 80 members of national, provincial and local government, academia and civil society as well as participants from West and Southern Africa and the Indian Ocean Islands attended the event over the three days of presentations and deliberations.

Photo : SA Drug Policy Week



18 February | Ukraine UNGASS Preparations

To discuss preparation of Ukraine's delegation to #UNGASS2016, [UNODC Programme Office in Ukraine](#) took part in a working meeting with State Service of Ukraine for Drug Control, representatives of the ministries of health, internal affairs, foreign affairs and other partner organizations to discuss preparation of Ukraine's delegation.

[Mirzahid Sultanov](#), UNODC HIV/AIDS Advisor in Ukraine at the working meeting. Photo: UNODC Ukraine

Photo : UNODC/Ukraine

15 —18 February | Harm Reduction Meeting

Participated in the Expert Group Meeting, *New Approaches on Harm Reduction with a look at UNGASS 2016 in Berlin*.

The meeting was organized by the International Drug Policy Consortium (IDPC), Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH on behalf of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) of Germany, the Drug Commissioner of the Federal Government of Germany, jointly with the

{R} [Aldo Lale-Demoz](#), Deputy Executive Director, Director Division for Operations and Global Coordinator for HIV and AIDS, UNODC

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MARCH 2016

1 March—Zero Discrimination Day



8 March—International Women's Day

Top Tweet earned 1,764 impressions

Commemorating March 8th #IWD2016 while promoting #GenderEquality and #womensrights #SDG5 #StepItUpForGenderEquality pic.twitter.com/HmPsx91cyd



GENDER RESPONSIVE
HIV SERVICES FOR
PEOPLE WHO USE
DRUGS & PEOPLE
IN PRISONS
#EndAIDSby2030



5 GENDER
EQUALITY



@UNODC_HIV

10 March | Kazakhstan Journalist Awards



To increase awareness about the benefits of methadone maintenance therapy for people who use drugs and for the community, the Ministry of Health and Social Development and UNODC Kazakhstan announced the winners of the first Methadone Maintenance Therapy Reporting Journalist Awards, on 10 March.

In its inaugural edition five journalists were recognised for their exemplary reporting of the Methadone Maintenance Therapy.

The Grand Prize - a study tour to a European country - was awarded to Mrs. Meyramgul Nygmetova (*photo left*) from Astana for the radio programme "About Methadone Assisted Treatment" on "Shalkar", "Kazakh" radio channels.

The other winners were: Mrs. Dinara Kinderbayeva and Mrs. Vera Lyahovskaya for best publication in the regional printed media and national media respectively; Mrs. Aziza Yeshmetova and Mrs. Meyramgul Nygmetova for best broadcast on radio and TV channels (national and regional) and Mrs. Aynagul Bakimbayeva for best publication in online media. Read the full story [here](#)

Photo : UNODC/Kazakhstan

MARCH 2016

14 March | CND Science Addressing Drugs and HIV



On the side-lines of the 59th Session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, the Scientific Statement - Science addressing Drugs and HIV: State of the Art was launched. The paper was drafted following a two-day scientific consultation, held by UNODC in Vienna on 10–11 March.

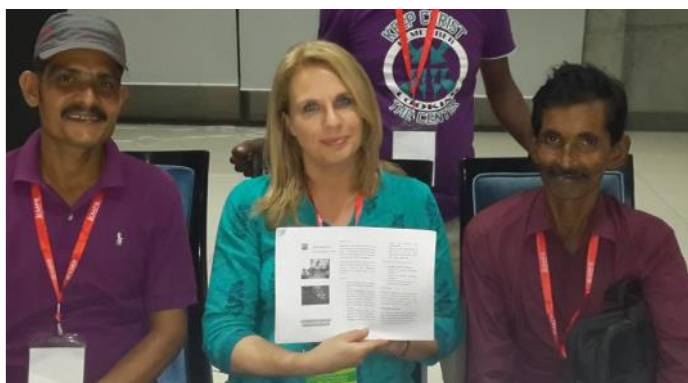
The side event was co-chaired by Kristian Ødegaard from the Permanent Mission of Norway to the United Nations in Vienna and Aldo Lale-Demoz, Deputy Executive Director, Director of Division for Operations and Global Coordinator for HIV/AIDS, UNODC. Read the full news item [here](#).

14 March | New Year, New Website

The new look UNODC website went live.

Visit the website [here](#) and send your thoughts and comments to AIDS@unodc.org.

12–14 March | ICAAP 12 in Bangladesh



The 12 International Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific (ICAAP) was held in Dhaka Bangladesh. ICAAP is the largest forum on AIDS held in the Asia and the Pacific region. Dr Anne Bergenstrom, Regional HIV Adviser South Asia, represented UNODC at the conference in a symposium on risks and challenges for people who inject drugs in Asia.

The screenshot shows the UNODC website layout. On the left is a navigation menu with categories like 'Alternative development', 'Corruption', 'Crime prevention and criminal justice', 'Drug prevention, treatment and care', 'Drug trafficking', 'Firearms', 'Fraudulent medicines', 'HIV and AIDS', 'Resources', and 'Information For...'. The main content area features a video player with the title 'Biological waste management: Innovation in Moldovan prisons' and a sub-headline 'UNODC HIV Launches Scientific Statement: Science addressing drugs and HIV: State of the Art'. Below the video are sections for 'ABOUT US', 'OUR HIV WORK', 'PUBLICATIONS', and 'NEWS AND EVENTS'. On the right, there is a 'Tweets by @UNODC_HIV' section showing several tweets from users like @OlivierLamet and @JanetEligh.

PUBLICATION ALERT

LIVING WITH THE DOUBLE STIGMA OF DRUG USE AND HIV IN PAKISTAN

In the final post of the [miniseries focusing on harm reduction in Asia and the Pacific](#), authors Dr Anne Bergenstrom and Dr Manzoor ul Haq from UNODC Pakistan, paint a picture of drug use and HIV and the issues being faced, in Pakistan.

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19 March | CSO Consultation

UNODC hosted the Civil Society Informal Consultation on Drug Use and HIV.

The annual meeting was an opportunity for CSO representatives and UNODC HIV team to analyse progress made and reflect on cooperation in 2015 and draft the 2016/2017 work plan.

15 March | Study Tour in Vienna

A group of 15 including governmental representatives, harm reduction services providers and CSOs from Belarus, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and Ukraine participated in a study tour to Jedmayer-Suchthilfe Wien GmbH in March 2016.

The study tour helped participants to learn more about Vienna City best practices in providing health and social services to vulnerable populations, including people who use drugs, and in ensuring services funding from municipal budget.

17 March

UNODC, WHO and UNAIDS held the annual meeting of the Strategic Advisory Group to the UN on HIV and Injecting Drug Use

UPCOMING EVENTS APRIL - JUNE 2016

