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Side event at the 64th UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs

THE FUTURE OF CANNABIS IN THE CARIBBEAN

14.10- 15.00 CET Friday April 16, 2021

LINK for registration

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84461212693>

Two years after the presentation of the 2018 CARICOM report *“Waiting to Exhale- Safeguarding our future through responsible socio-legal policy on Marijuana”* at the CND, this year's side event the organizers would like to share insights on progress made, regarding the public policies on cannabis and the development of a medical cannabis industry in the Caribbean region.

In this meeting we will learn about the implementation of legal medical cannabis models, and appreciate the challenges to develop inclusive policies and design business models in which also traditional cannabis cultivators can be part. As the CARICOM report stated in its' preface, are there signs we are *‘moving away from the narrow constraints of medical marijuana, to embrace notions of social justice, human rights, economics, regional hegemony and their right to health?’*

Speakers:

Jerrol Thompson- Executive Director Medicinal Cannabis Authority- St. Vincent and the Grenadines

Vicki Hanson- Interdisciplinary Centre for Cannabis Research- University of the West Indies- Jamaica

Faith Graham- CEO Cannabis Licensing Authority- Jamaica

Pien Metaal -Transnational Institute- The Netherlands

Moderator **Dave Bewley Taylor** -Global Drug Policy Observatory- University of Swansea- UK