

Side Event at the 65th Commission on Narcotic Drugs

# PROMOTING SUSTAINABILITY IN ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT

DATE & LOCATION:

TUESDAY, 15TH MARCH 2022 | 12:15-13:05 PM (CET)

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This side event will reflect the current dialogue and evolution of development-oriented drug policy, and particularly Alternative Development (AD). Panellists will discuss the issues stemming from the virtual »Expert Group Meeting on Alternative Development, Promoting Sustainability in AD« (January 2022). The key topics to be discussed will be AD and the environment, and the market access and commercialization of AD products and value chain development, as two essential elements for enhancing the AD approach sustainability.

**CHAIR:**

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**WELCOME REMARKS:**

Mr. Burkhard Blienert,  
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Mr. Thanakorn Kaiyanunta,  
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**PANELLISTS:**

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**CLOSING REMARKS:**

H.E. Amb. Dr. Götz Schmidt-Bremme,  
Permanent Representative of the Federal Republic  
of Germany to the Office of the United Nations  
and to other International Organizations in Vienna