



“Drug trafficking and illicit trafficking of firearms: A criminal markets approach”

Side event during 65° Commission on Narcotic Drugs

March 15, 1:10 pm - 2:00 pm (Vienna time) / 6:10 am - 7:00 am (Mexico City time)

Background and Objective

The links between illicit drug trafficking and trafficking in firearms have been previously addressed by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs through the political commitments on the world drug problem since 2009, 2014, 2016 and 2019, recognizing the need to respond to these challenges.

Recent dynamics and trends in the illicit availability of drugs and arms worldwide offer new evidences of the complexity of these interlinked criminal markets and the harms and challenges they posed to the society, the security and the rule of law. In this context, firearms plays a central role as enablers of violent crimes and a key enhancer of the

power of criminal organizations related to and profit from the illicit drug market.

Calling to a renovated paradigm and international cooperation this side event seeks to deepen the discussion on the complex links between illicit arms trafficking and drug trafficking and other related crimes. Through an approach of “criminal markets”, this side-event looks to foster a collective deliberation on experiences at national, regional and multilateral level to better address these links with comprehensive and crosscutting strategies to counter these crimes.

Speakers

Kristian Hölge, Representative of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in Mexico

Alejandro Celorio, Legal Adviser to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Mexico

Jenni Irish-Qhobosheane, Senior Analyst, Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime (GITOC)

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