World Drug Report 2015
Press kit
Heroin use in prisons is much higher than among general population.
Gender

Even though one out of three drug users is a woman, only one out of five drug users in treatment is a woman.
Mode of transportation reported in individual drug seizure cases, 2006-2008 and 2009-2014

Maritime trafficking is the least common mode of transportation used by drug traffickers, but it represents a larger share of quantities seized, interdiction of maritime shipments has potentially the greatest impact.
Opiates

Main global trafficking flows of opiates

Sources: UNODC, responses to annual report questionnaire and individual drug seizure database.

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Cocaine

Main global trafficking flows of cocaine

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Methamphetamine flows as perceived by recipient countries, 2011-2013


Note: The origins of the flow arrows do not necessarily indicate the source/manufacture of methamphetamine. These arrows represent the flows as perceived by recipient countries. Flow arrows represent the direction of methamphetamine trafficking and are not an indication of the quantity trafficked.

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Cannabis is becoming a more potent and harmful drug.
Impact of Alternative Development

Vicious circle:
- Weakening of the rule of law
- Rising illicit drug production
- Reduction in overall growth of the licit economy
- Reduction of investment into licit sectors

Alternative development:
- Strengthening of organized crime and increasing violence
- Falling poverty and strengthening of the rule of law
- Increase in overall growth of the licit economy

Virtuous circle:
- Falling illicit drug production
- Weakening of organized crime and falling violence
- Increase in investment into licit sectors

Source: UNODC.