

Side Event at the 65<sup>th</sup> Commission on Narcotic Drugs

## JOINING EFFORTS TO MAKE BETTER DATA

## ON DRUGS IN AFRICA A REALITY

Organized by the African Union, the UNODC Research and Analysis Branch, and the UNODC Regional Office for West and Central Africa, this side event will discuss solutions for improving drug data collection in Africa through stronger partnerships – national and international - that can strengthen coordination and alleviate reporting burden.

### DATE & LOCATION:

**Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

**13:10-14:00 CET**

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