

## IDPC Side Events

### 56<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs

IDPC is delighted to invite you to its series of side events at the 56<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, which will be held from 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> March 2013 in Vienna, Austria.

#### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March

**17:00-18:00 – CND orientation briefing, NH Hotel City (Address: Wagramer Straße 21, 1220 Vienna; near the Vienna International Centre)**

IDPC will provide useful information about topics and events which will be organised at the CND.

18:00 – IDPC welcome reception, *NH Hotel City*

#### Tuesday 12th March

**13:15-14:45 – Cannabis policy reform and the 1961 Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs [INVITATION ONLY]**

IDPC/TNI side event, *Mozart Room, VIC Restaurant*. Speakers will discuss the potential for cannabis policy reform and explore tensions between national reforms and the 1961 Convention.

#### Wednesday 13th March

**9:00-9:50 – Modernising drug law enforcement (breakfast served at 8.30)**

IDPC, Missions of Switzerland and the Czech Republic, *Conference Room M7*. The event will examine new strategies and tactics directed at reducing drug market related harm and focusing resources towards the most damaging aspects of the illicit market.

**9:00-9:50 – Drug policy in the African Union (breakfast served at 8.30)**

IDPC, Permanent Mission of Tanzania, African Union Commission and Africa Group, *Conference Room M3*. The event will introduce the new AU Plan of Action on Drug Control, and discuss recent developments in Africa, including the West African Drug Policy Commission and national-level drug policy reform in Tanzania.

**13:15-14:45 – The Latin American agenda for drug policy reform (lunch provided)**

IDPC/TNI/WOLA side event, *Mozart Room, VIC Restaurant*. Latin American experts will present efforts underway to reform drug laws and drug policies in the region.

#### Thursday 14th March

**13:15-14:45 – Decriminalisation and models of delivery (lunch provided)**

IDPC/Release side event, *Mozart Room, VIC Restaurant*. Drug policy experts will discuss the different models of decriminalisation that have been developed across the world, and highlight the effects of these policies in practice.

## Other events of interest

### Monday 11th March

9:00 – NGO briefing, *NGO Lounge, MOE27*

13:10-14:00 – Presentation of the EU Drugs Strategy. *Conference Room M3*

13:10-14:00 – Law enforcement and public health: The value of collaboration. *Conference Room M7*

13:10-15:10 – New psychoactive substances: Regional approaches and challenges. *Conference Room M2*

14:30-18:00 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Informal Civil Society Hearing. *Conference Room M3*

### Tuesday 12th March

13:10-14:00 – Drug crimes and the death penalty. *Conference Room M7*

14:00-15:00 – NGO dialogue with Mr. Raymond Yans (President of the INCB). *UNIS Multimedia Room G0545*

14:50-15:40 – By women for women: New approaches to harm reduction. *Conference Room M3*

### Wednesday 13th March

10:15-11:15 – NGO dialogue with Mr. Yuri Fedotov (Executive Director of UNODC). *Conference Room M3*

13:10-14:00 – Access to internationally controlled drugs for medical purposes: Meeting a global challenge. *Conference Room M3*

### Thursday 14th March

9:00-9:50 – Bolivia and the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961. *Conference Room M7*

13:10-14:00 – Presentation of the EU illicit drugs market Study. *Conference Room M3*

13:10-14:00 – Law enforcement assisted diversion. *Conference room M7*

14:00-17:00 – VNGOC annual general meeting, *Room G0541*