# HUMAN RIGHTS AND DRUG POLICY ACROSS THE UNITED NATIONS: **COMMEMORATING INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY**

REGISTRATION: http://bit.do/ihrd-drugpolicy-2021 VIRTUAL EVENT - #HumanRightsDay

## Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021, 11:30 - 13:00 (ET - New York)

Event organised by the New York NGO Committee on Drugs, in collaboration with the Permanent Mission of Canada to the UN, the Permanent Mission of Luxembourg to the UN, the Permanent Mission of Mexico to the UN, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), the Centre on Drug Policy Evaluation, the International Drug Policy Consortium, and the International Drug Law Advocacy & Resource Center.

Drugs and drug policy do not exist in a vacuum, and communities are impacted in diverse ways that stretch across the silos of the UN system. The annual drugs omnibus resolution – titled, "International cooperation to address and counter the world drug problem" reflects the UN system-wide relevance of drug-related matters. In commemoration of International Human Rights Day, this event will showcase key developments that took place during 2021 from diverse UN entities that can support system-wide coherence between drug control and the UN pillars of peace and security, development, and human rights, as well as the Sustainable Development Agenda.

#### **Opening remarks:**

- H.E. Alicia Guadalupe Buenrostro Massieu, Ambassador, Deputy Permanent Representative of Mexico to the UN
- Anne Dostert, Deputy Permanent Representative of Luxembourg to the UN

### Panellists:

- Zaved Mahmood, Human Rights and Drug Policy Advisor, OHCHR
- Ninan Varughese, Senior Advisor, UNAIDS
- Delphine Schantz, Head, UNODC New York Liaison Office
- David Bewley-Taylor, Director, Global Drug Policy Observatory Swansea University
- Marie Nougier, Head of Research and Communications, International Drug Policy Consortium

## **Closing remarks:**

- Beatrice Maille, Legal Advisor and Minister Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Canada to the UN Moderator:
- Nazlee Maghsoudi, Chair, New York NGO Committee on Drugs





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