



**VNGOC Civil Society Hearing during the 68<sup>th</sup> meeting of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Committee  
10 October 2014, Conference Room 1,  
UN HQ- New York, USA  
1:15-2:45 pm**

**Addressing Drug Use together through a Health Based Approach as part of the International  
Drug Control Conventions**

**Civil Society Voices from the Americas**

**Welcoming remarks: 1:15-1:45**

- Esbjörn Hörnberg, VNGOC Chair
- Jan Eliasson, DSG
- Yury Fedotov, Executive Director, UNODC
- Amb. Kaled Shamaa, Chair, CND

**Panel discussion featuring civil society grass root organizations from the Americas: 1:45-2:45**

**Part 1: Voices from USA and NY local NGOs 1:45-2:15**

- Robert Suarez- Northern Manhattan Community Organizer, Vocal - USA- *Saving lives through Harm reduction in New York City*
- Kevin Sabet- Global Center for Drug Treatment Courts – USA: *Balancing Health and Safety in International Drug Control*
- Hiawatha Collins- Community Access- USA- *Harm reduction: the views from a former consumer*

*Moderated by Esbjörn Hörnberg, VNGOC*

**Part 2: Voices from Americas 2:15-2:45**

- Carmen Fernandez- Centros de Integración Juvenil- Mexico: *Drug Policy From a Public Health Perspective*
- Dr. Marcus Day - Caribbean Drug and Alcohol Research Institute – St. Lucia: *The contribution of cannabis to the lost generation of males in the Caribbean*
- Elena Goti- Dianova- Chile: *Women with children, Added value of residential treatment*

*Moderated by Heather Haase, NYNGOC*

*Closing remarks Esbjörn Hörnberg, VNGOC*