

Side events co-sponsored by IDPC members

68th Session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND)
10 – 14 March 2025 | Vienna, Austria (CET)

Monday, 10th March

A Rights-Based Approach to Health and HIV: Protecting Rights and Ensuring Continuity of Care for People in Prisons and after Release

15:00 - 16:00 / M6 ([Link](#))

Organised by European Union with the support of the European Union Member States, the UNODC HIV/AIDS Section, the UNAIDS, the OHCHR, Penal Reform International and the Group of Friends of HIV Prevention for People Who Use Drugs and People Living in Prison Settings

Tuesday, 11th March

Beyond the Shadows of Prohibition: from Supply Reduction to Supply Regulation

10:00 - 11:00 / M3 ([Link](#))

Organised by Czechia with the support of Colombia, Malta, Switzerland, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Harm Reduction International, the International Drug Policy Consortium, Mainline and the Transform Drug Policy Foundation

Addressing the Human Rights Impact of Synthetic Drugs: Challenges for Vulnerable Groups in the Americas

11:30 - 12:30 / M0E79 ([Link](#))

Organised by México Contra la Delincuencia, A.C. with the support of the Drug Policy Alliance, Elementa DDHH and the Washington Office on Latin America

Drug Policies, Strategies, and Programs: Latin American Civil Society Recommendations

11:30 - 12:30 / Virtual Room 1 ([Link](#))

Organised by Red Iberoamericana de Organizaciones No Gubernamentales que Trabajan en Drogodependencias with the support of the Plan Nacional Sobre Drogas España and the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission of the Organization of American States

Drug Policy, Extractivist Industries and Human Rights in Latin America and Caribbean

11:30 - 12:30 / M0E07 ([Link](#))

Organised by Rede Brasileira de Redução de Danos e Direitos Humanos with the support of the Drug Policy Reform and Environmental Justice International Coalition, Fundao Oswaldo Cruz, Conectas Direitos Humanos, Centro de Convivência É de Lei, Law Enforcement Action Partnership, Plataforma Brasileira de Política de Drogas, Iniciativa Negra por Uma Nova Política sobre Drogas, Knowmad Institut, the Washington Office on Latin America and Intercambios AC

Harnessing Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships to Advance Joint Drug Policy Commitments

11:30 - 12:30 / M0E100

Organised by Vienna NGO Committee on Drugs with the support of Canada, Czechia, Kenya, Nigeria, Portugal, Slovenia, UNODC Civil Society Unit, African Civil Society Platform on Drugs, Intercambios AC, American Coalition of Drug Policies and the New York NGO Committee on Drugs

Coca Leaf in the UN Treaty System: A Pending Issue to Be Resolved

13:00 - 14:00 / M0E05

Organised by Institute for Policy Studies with the support of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the International Drug Policy Consortium and the Ethnobotanical Education, Research and Service

#ScaleUp, National and International Initiatives to Enhance Effective Services for People with Stimulant Use Disorders

15:00 - 16:00 / M2

Organised by Norway with the support of Australia, France, Thailand, the UNODC Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Section, the World Health Organisation and the International Network of People who Use Drugs

Breaking Barriers: Integrating Gender Perspective through a Human Rights Lens in Substance Use Care

15:00 - 16:00 / M0E79 ([Link](#))

Organised by Dianova International with the support of the Pompidou Group of the Council of Europe, the Civil Society Forum on Drugs, Association Proyecto Hombre, Instituto RIA, Unión Española de Asociaciones y Entidades de Atención al Drogodependiente and the World Federation of Therapeutic Communities

Shared Mistakes: Societies Address Mass Incarceration, the Death Penalty and Extrajudicial Killings

16:30 - 17:30 / M0E05 ([Link](#))

Organised by DRCNet Foundation Inc with the support of Associazione Luca Coscioni, the Drug Policy Alliance, the European Coalition for Just and Effective Drug Policies, the Arabic word for 'life', Forum Droghe and the No Peace Without Justice

Wednesday, 12th March

Advocacy in Action: Advancing Comprehensive Health and Harm Reduction Services

10:00 - 11:00 / M0E07

Organised by Drug Policy Network South East Europe with the support of Czechia, the Pompidou Group of the Council of Europe, the International Cooperation Group on Drugs and Addictions, the UNITE Parliamentarians Network for Global Health, the European Harm Reduction Network, the Eurasian Harm Reduction Association, the European Network Of People Who Use Drugs, the Re Generation, Villa Maraini, the Barcelona Institute for Global Health, the Fondazione LILA Milano, the Asociación Bienestar y Desarrollo, the Free Clinic vzw, Spolecnost Podane ruce and Knowmad Institute

Drug Decriminalization: Separating Fact from Fiction

10:00 - 11:00 / M0E05

Organised by Release Legal Emergency and Drugs Service Limited with the support of Amnesty International, the Canadian Drug Policy Coalition, Dejusticia, Disentir, the Drug Policy Alliance, the International Centre on Human Rights and Drug Policy, the International Drug Policy Consortium, INPUD and LANPUD

Drug Policy, Territorial Violence and Environmental Land Defenders

11:30 - 12:30 / M0E05

Organised by Health in Action Limited with the support of Global Witness, Amnesty International, ORAU - AIDSESP Ucayali Regional Organization, the Federación Nativa de Comunidades Kakataibo, the Drug Policy Reform and Environmental Justice International Coalition, the Black Initiative, the Transnational Institute, the Transform Drug Policy Foundation, Law Enforcement Action Partnership and the Washington Office on Latin America

Emerging Challenges in Drug Use and Policy: Community Health Approaches

11:30 - 12:30 / M0E79

Organised by Equis: Justicia para las Mujeres with the support of the Alliance for Collaborative Drug Checking, Corporación Acción Técnica Social, Instituto RIA and Kykeon Analytics

A Humanitarian Approach to Addressing Synthetic Drugs Threats

13:00 - 14:00 / M0E07 ([Link](#))

Organised by Elternkreis Wien with the support of the Colombo Plan, the Pompidou Group of the Council of Europe, Knowmad Institut, the Villa Maraini Foundation, the C4 Recovery Foundation, the Observatorio Humanitario de Cruz Roja Argentina, the Universidad del Rosario, Proyecto Hombre, the Federación brasileña de comunidades terapéuticas, the Federación latinoamericana de comunidades terapéuticas, the World Federation of Therapeutic communities, the Police, Treatment and Community Collective, the Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities, the Drug Policy Network South East Europe, CRANSTOUN, Misión Sacerdotal, sva, the Association of Rehabilitation of Drug Abusers of Macau and the REDUC

Cocaine Trends, Regulation, and Innovation: Current and Future Scenarios

13:00 - 14:00 / M0E05

Organised by Instituto RIA with the support of Corporación Acción Técnica Social, the Drug User Liberation Front and Kykeon Analytics

Strategies to Eliminate the Acquisition of Viral Hepatitis C Among People Who Use Drugs

13:00 - 14:00 / M0E79 ([Link](#))

Organised by UNODC HIV/AIDS Section with the support of Australia, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Czechia, Finland, France, Germany, Luxembourg, Mexico, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Romania, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, the European Union, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV and AIDS (UNAIDS), the World Health Organisation and the International AIDS Society

Cannabis in Africa on the Centenary of Its Prohibition: Between Illegality and Opportunity

15:00 - 16:00 / M0E05 ([Link](#))

Organised by Fields of Green for ALL NPC with the support of the Cannabis Embassy, the University of Bristol, the South African Human Rights Commission, the Her Many Voices Foundation, the Forum Drugs Mediterranean, SSDP, ENCOD, the Umzimvubu Farmers Support Network, the South African Cannabis and Hemp Industry Association, the International Drug Policy Consortium, the Transform Drug Policy Foundation, the Veterans Action Council and ICEERS

Cocaine Markets: Global Innovations in Policy and Practice

15:00 - 16:00 / M7

Organised by Transform Drug Policy Foundation with the support of the Health Poverty Action, Instituto RIA, the Acción Técnica Social, the Groupement Romand D'Etudes des Addictions and the International Drug Policy Consortium

Strengthening Partnerships for Public Health Policing and Human Rights Protection in the CEECA region

16:30 - 17:30 / M0E79 ([Link](#))

Organised by Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights with the support of the Eurasian Harm Reduction Association, the Law Enforcement Action Partnership, and the Alliance for Public Health

Who's Afraid of Human Rights? Key Opportunities for Change and Progress in Drug Policy

16:30 - 17:30 / M0E100

Organised by INPUD Limited with the support of Czechia, Norway, Switzerland, the World Health Organization, the United Nations Development Programme, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the African Network of People who Use Drugs, the Network of Asian People who Use Drugs, the Latin American Network of People who Use Drugs, the European Network of People who Use Drugs, the Eurasian Network of People who Use Drugs, the Pasifika Network of People who Use Drugs, the Middle East & North African Network for People who Use Drugs, the Open Society Foundations, the Aidsfonds, Harm Reduction International, the International Drug Policy Consortium, the Release UK, the International Centre on Human Rights and Drug Policy, the National Collaborative, and Youth RISE

Thursday, 13th March

Alternatives to Incarceration for Women: Shifting the Focus from Punishment

10:00 - 11:00 / M7

Organised by Dejusticia - Corporación Centro de Estudios de Derecho Justicia y Sociedad with the support of Colombia, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Justice Project Pakistan, the Corporación Mujeres Libres Colombia, the Elementa DDHH, the International Centre on Human Rights and Drug Policy, the University of Essex, the International Drug Policy Consortium, the Instituto Latinoamericano de las Naciones Unidas para la Prevención del Delito y el Tratamiento del Delincuente-ILANUD, Penal Reform International, the CEA Justicia Social and the Thailand Justice Institute

Decriminalisation of Drug Use: The Plight of the African Woman

10:00 - 11:00 / M3

Organised by POS FOUNDATION

Breaking the Cycle: Drug Use, Health Challenges, and Social Consequences in Vulnerable Contexts

11:30 - 12:30 / Virtual Room 1

Organised by Dünya Doktorları Derneği with the support of Türkiye, the UNODC Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Section and the Eurasian Harm Reduction Association

Drug Policy at a Turning Point: Exploring the Evidence for Drug Law Reform

11:30 - 12:30 / M2

Organised by Foreningen for Human Narkotikapolitikk with the support of Switzerland, Amnesty International, the International Drug Policy Consortium and the International Network of People who Use Drugs

National Implementation of International Guidelines on Human Rights and Drug Policy: Insights from Diverse Contexts

11:30 - 12:30 / M7 ([Link](#))

Organised by Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights with the support of Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Czechia, Germany, Ghana, Switzerland, the European Union, the Pompidou Group of the Council of Europe, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV and AIDS (UNAIDS), the United Nations Development Programme, the World Health Organisation, the Justice Project Pakistan, Amnesty International, Dejusticia - Corporación Centro de Estudios de Derecho Justicia y Sociedad, Harm Reduction International, the Eurasian Harm Reduction Association, the Students for Sensible Drug Policy International, the International Centre on Human Rights and Drug Policy, the University of Essex, the International Drug Policy Consortium, the International Network of People Who Use Drugs, Justice Project Pakistan, NoBox Philippines, the National Collaborative Network of Scotland, Release, the Open Society Foundations and Youth RISE (Resource, Information, Support, Education)

Traditional Voices, Transformative Action: Alternatives to Incarceration for Young People and Adolescents Who Use Drugs Through Local Leadership

11:30 - 12:30 / M0E05 ([Link](#))

Organised by Students for Sensible Drug Policy with the support of South Africa, the Africa Union Commission, the SSDP Australia, Youth RISE, the Fields of Green For All, Proyecto Soma and Skoun

Breaking the Impunity Cycle: Improving Efforts to Ensure Human Rights Compliance in Drug Policies

13:00 - 14:00 / M0E07

Organised by Amnesty International with the support of Brazil, Colombia, Czechia, Switzerland, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Di-Sentir AC, the International Center for Ethnobotanical Education, Research and Service, the International Drug Policy Consortium, the International Harm Reduction Association and the NoBox Transitions Foundation

Clarifying Harm Reduction: A Return to Public Health and Global Well-Being

13:00 - 14:00 / M0E79 ([Link](#))

Organised by International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies with the support of Kenya, Mexico, the UNODC Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Section, the Pempidou Group of the Council of Europe, the Cruz Roja Argentina, C4 Recovery Foundation, Knowmad Institut, the Villa Maraini Foundation, the Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities, the Drug Policy Network South East Europe, the Police, treatment and community, Rede Brasileira de Redução de Danos, the Middle East HR Association, Universidad del Rosario, the International Association for Hospice and Palliative Care, CRANSTOUN, ARTM and Ares do Pinhal

Drug Consumption Rooms in Europe: Time for Expansion

13:00 - 14:00 / M0E100

Organised by De Regenboog Groep with the support of Czechia, Portugal, the European Union Drugs Agency, the Pempidou Group of the Council of Europe, Ares do Pinhal, the European Network of Drug Consumption Rooms and Forum Droghe

Addressing Gender Inequalities and Compounding Vulnerabilities in Drug Policy

15:00 - 16:00 / M3 ([Link](#))

Organised by Skoun, MENAHRA and Frontline AIDS with the support of Portugal, Switzerland, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the World Health Organization, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV and AIDS (UNAIDS), the International Drug Policy Consortium, Youth RISE (Resource, Information, Support, Education), Harm Reduction International, the Open Society Foundation, the International Network of People Who Use Drugs, the Women Harm reduction International Network, Justice Project Pakistan, the Students for Sensible Drug Policy International and Dejusticia - Corporación Centro de Estudios de Derecho Justicia y Sociedad

Advocating for Gender Equality in Drug Policy: Amplifying the Voices of Women and Gender-Diverse People Who Use Drugs

15:00 - 16:00 / M0E07 ([Link](#))

Organised by Grupo Português de Ativistas sobre Tratamentos de VIH/SIDA – Pedro Santos with the support of the European Network of People who Use Drugs, the Women Harm Reduction International Network, the Eurasian Harm Reduction Association, the Correlation-European Harm Reduction Network, Forum Droghe and the International Drug Policy Consortium

Giving Voice to Silent Suffering: Revitalizing the Global Call to Action for Access and Availability of Controlled Substances for Medical and Scientific Purposes

15:00 - 16:00 / M6 ([Link](#))

Organised by Union for International Cancer Control with the support of Australia, Belgium, Canada, the Netherlands, the UNODC Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Section, the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission of the Organization of American States, the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States Commission, the African Palliative Care Association, the Asia Pacific Hospice Palliative Care Network, the International Association for Hospice and Palliative Care, the International Children's Palliative Care Network, Oriella Films, the Palliative Care in Humanitarian Aid Situations and Emergencies, Team Humanity International, the Vienna NGO Committee on Drugs and the Worldwide Hospice Palliative Care Alliance

Harm Reduction, Drug Use, and the Right to Health

15:00 - 16:00 / M0E79 ([Link](#))

Organised by the International Drug Policy Consortium, with the support of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, UNAIDS, the World Health Organization, Brazil, Colombia, Czechia, Ghana, Switzerland, Uruguay, the European Union, the Africa Network of People Who Use Drugs, Elementa DD.HH., Fiocruz, Harm Reduction International, the International Network of People Who Use Drugs, the Rede Brasileira de Redução de Danos e Direitos Humanos and Youth RISE

I Wish They Had Told Us How to Be Safe: Youth-Centred and Human Rights-Compliant Drug Harm Reduction Education

16:30 - 17:30 / M0E79 ([Link](#))

Organised by Youth RISE (Resource, Information, Support, Education) Limited with the support of Brazil, Czechia, Switzerland, the European Union, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV and AIDS (UNAIDS), the United Nations Development Programme, UNICEF, the World Health Organization, Amnesty International, Canadian Students for Sensible Drug Policy, the Centro de Convivência É de Lei, the Correlation European Harm Reduction Network, Dejusticia - Corporación Centro de Estudios de Derecho Justicia y Sociedad, the Drug Policy Alliance, the Eurasian Harm Reduction Association, Forum Droghe, Harm Reduction International, HAYAT, Instituto RIA, Intercambios Asociación Civil, the International Drug Policy Consortium, the International Network of People who Use Drugs, the Network of Asian People who Use Drugs, the Open Society Foundations, Release, the Skoun Lebanese Addictions Centre, the Students for Sensible Drug Policy International, the Transform Drug Policy Foundation and the Women Harm Reduction International Network

Drug Monitoring and the Role of Organized Civil Society

16:30 - 17:30 / M0E05 ([Link](#))

Organised by Unión Española de Asociaciones y Entidades de Atención al Drogodependiente UNAD with the support of the European Union Drugs Agency, Stadt Zürich Soziale Einrichtungen und Betriebe, the Asociación Bienestar y Desarrollo and Dianova

Protecting Civil Society Space in Drug Policymaking: The European Experience

16:30 - 17:30 / M0E100

Organised by Eurazijos žalos mažinimo asociacija with the support of Czechia, Ireland, Poland, Spain, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the European Union, the European Union Drugs Agency, the EU Civil Society Forum on Drugs and the Vienna NGO Committee on Drugs

Friday, 14th March

How Organized Crime Uses Prohibition to Corrupt Public Institutions

10:00 - 11:00 / M7

Organised by Law Enforcement Action Partnership, Inc

The 'Souths of the North': Deploying Intersectional Approaches to Drug Policy

10:00 - 11:00 / M0E05 ([Link](#))

Organised by Stichting International Center for Ethnobotanical Education, Research & Service (ICEERS) with the support of Metzineres and the Rede Brasileira de Redução de Danos e Direitos Humanos

Incorporating Holistic Approaches That Align Harm Reduction with Indigenous Well-Being and Knowledge

11:30 - 12:30 / M0E05

Organised by New Zealand Drug Foundation

Surveillance and Control in Open Scenes of Drug Use: The Impact of Monitoring Technologies on Vulnerable Population

13:00 - 14:00 / M0E79 ([Link](#))

Organised by Conectas Direitos Humanos with the support of the Centro de Convivência É de Lei, Conectas Direitos Humanos, Iniciativa Negra por uma Nova Política de Drogas, Programa Institucional sobre Política de Drogas, Direitos Humanos e Saúde Mental da Fiocruz, Rede Brasileira de Redução de Danos e Direitos Humanos – REDUC, Plataforma Brasileira de Política de Drogas, Desvelar - Justiça Racial, IA e tecnologias digitais, Electronic Frontier Foundation and Lucia Sestokas – Researcher

Health, Drug Use, and Imprisonment in Eastern Europe and Central Asia

15:00 - 16:00 / M0E79 ([Link](#))

Organised by International Charitable Foundation 'Alliance for Public Health' with the support of Moldova, Switzerland, Ukraine, the Global Commission on Drug Policy, the Eastern and Central European and Central Asian Commission on Drug Policy, the Pompidou Group of the Council of Europe, the Eurasian Harm Reduction Association and the Eastern Movement for the Right to Health in Prisons

Driving and Substances: A New Approach to Regulation

16:30 - 17:30 / M0E79 ([Link](#))

Organised by Forum Droghe with the support of Meglio Legale, la Società della Ragione, Euronpud, Associazione Luca Coscioni, NORML, Releaf Malta, Deutsche Hanfverband

Rethinking Drug Policies and Harm Reduction in Latin America

16:30 - 17:30 / M0E79 ([Link](#))

Organised by Intercambios Asociación Civil with the support of Brazil, Colombia, Uruguay, Fiocruz, Rede Brasileira de Redução de Danos e Direitos Humanos, Red Latinoamericana de Personas que Usan Drogas, the International Drug Policy Consortium, Harm Reduction International, Visomutop, Dejusticia, CONFEDROGAS and the American Coalition on Drug Policies