

Side events co-sponsored by IDPC

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

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

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

Wednesday, 12th March

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

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

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

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)

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

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

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

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

Friday, 14th March

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