

HUMAN RIGHTS CHALLENGES IN ADDRESSING AND COUNTERING ALL ASPECTS OF THE WORLD DRUG PROBLEM

SIDE EVENT SERIES

67th Session of the UN
Commission on Narcotic Drugs

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Shifting from punitive drug policy models towards policies that promote health and human rights is crucial to addressing the world drug problem.

This series of side events explores the seven key topics identified in the report on human rights challenges in addressing and countering the world drug problem released by the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights in August 2023.



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09:10 CET // Room M6. Online access: bit.ly/humanrights-cnd67-skoun

ADDRESSING HUMAN RIGHTS CHALLENGES RELATED TO DRUG USE IN HUMANITARIAN AND OTHER CRISIS SETTINGS

Organised by: OHCHR & Skoun Addictions Centre (Lebanon)

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08:00 CET // Room M2. Online access: bit.ly/humanrights-cnd67-hri

THE DEATH PENALTY FOR DRUG-RELATED OFFENCES: CHALLENGES TO RESTRICT ITS USE AND PATHWAYS TOWARDS ABOLITION

Organised by: Harm Reduction International

08:00 CET // Room M3. In person only

THE RIGHT TO A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT AND DRUG POLICY

Organised by: Dejusticia (Colombia)

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NAVIGATING TENSIONS AND CONTRADICTIONS: ADDRESSING HUMAN RIGHTS CHALLENGES RELATED TO THE LACK OF, AND THE UNEQUAL ACCESS TO, TREATMENT AND HARM REDUCTION

Organised by: International Network of People who Use Drugs

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SILENCED NO MORE: AMPLIFYING THE VOICES OF POPULATIONS DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED BY PUNITIVE DRUG POLICIES

Organised by: Students for Sensible Drug Policy International

09:10 CET // Room M3. Online access: bit.ly/humanrights-cnd67-cels

THE 'WAR ON DRUGS' AND THE MILITARISATION OF DRUG CONTROL: MEASURES TO ADDRESS THESE CRITICAL HUMAN RIGHTS CHALLENGES

Organised by: Centro de Estudios Legales y Sociales (CELS) (Argentina)

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ENDING OVERRELIANCE ON PUNISHMENT: DECRIMINALISATION AND PRISON DECONGESTION AS KEY GOALS OF DRUG POLICY REFORM

Organised by: POS Foundation (Ghana)

ADDRESSING HUMAN RIGHTS CHALLENGES RELATED TO DRUG USE IN HUMANITARIAN AND OTHER CRISIS SETTINGS

ORGANISED BY - OHCHR & Skoun Addictions Centre (Lebanon)

SIDE EVENT - 67th Session of the UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs

WHEN? Monday 18 March 2024, 09:10 - 10:00 (CET)

WHERE? Room M6 **ONLINE ACCESS:** bit.ly/humanrights-cnd67-skoun

This side event will focus on the impact of humanitarian crises on people who use drugs, as well as the gaps and challenges in humanitarian responses. It will explore the compounding vulnerabilities of people who use drugs in humanitarian settings due to criminalization and repressive policies, and the importance of integrating harm reduction into crisis response plans and programming.

SPEAKERS

Opening remarks: Zaved Mahmood, OHCHR

- **Ganna Dovbakh, EHRA, Ukraine**
- **Elie Aaraj, MENAHR, MENA Regional**
- **Annette Verster, WHO**
- **Nele Van Tomme, Belgium**

Closing remarks: Dr Lasha Gogvadze, IFRC

MODERATOR: Tatyana Sleiman, Skoun, Lebanon

This event is part of a programme of CND side events supported by OHCHR concerning the 2023 report on human rights in drug policy. The programme and a booklet summarising the report are available at bit.ly/humanrights-cnd67

Organised by Skoun, Lebanese Addictions Center in collaboration with OHCHR and IDPC with the support of Belgium, Czechia, Mexico, Paraguay, Switzerland, Uruguay, World Health Organisation, Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, Agence Française de Développement, Alliance for Public Health, Centro de Estudios de Derecho, Justicia y Sociedad, Centro de Estudios Legales y Sociales, Eurasian Harm Reduction Association, Harm Reduction International, Open Society Foundations, Students for Sensible Drug Policy International



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THE DEATH PENALTY FOR DRUG-RELATED OFFENCES: CHALLENGES TO RESTRICT ITS USE AND PATHWAYS TOWARDS ABOLITION

ORGANISED BY - Harm Reduction International

SIDE EVENT - 67th Session of the UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs

WHEN Wednesday 20 March 2024, 08:00 - 08:50 (CET)

WHERE Room M2

ONLINE ACCESS: bit.ly/humanrights-cnd67-hri

This side event will present the latest data and trends on the death penalty for drug offences, and will launch Harm Reduction International's 2023 edition of 'The Death Penalty for Drug Offences: Global Overview'. Particular attention will be paid to persisting challenges to overcome support for the use of the death penalty for drug-related offences, and lessons that can be learned from countries that have recently taken steps towards restricting or moving away from its application.

SPEAKERS

Opening remarks: Ambassador Philbert I.K.A Johnson, Ghana

- Ajeng Larasati, Harm Reduction International, Indonesia
- Edmund Bon, AmerBON, Malaysia
- Hélène Tigroudja, Member, UN Human Rights Committee

MODERATOR: Zaved Mahmood, OHCHR

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THE RIGHT TO A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT AND DRUG POLICY

ORGANISED BY - Dejusticia (Colombia)

SIDE EVENT - 67th Session of the UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs

WHEN? Wednesday 20 March 2024, 08:00 - 08:50 (CET)

WHERE? Room M3 **In-person only**

This side event aims to draw attention to the urgent need for the international community to align environmental protection efforts with human rights-based drug policies, so that the harmful mistakes of the war on drugs are not repeated in conservation strategies. The side event will also invite states to design strategies for mitigating climate change and preserving the environment, with a focus on the human rights of the populations living in these crucial ecosystems.

SPEAKERS

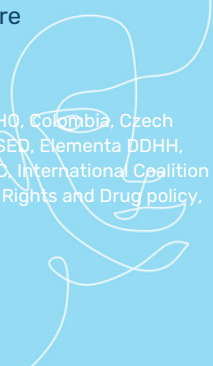
- **Marcos Orellana**, UN Special Rapporteur on toxics and human rights (video)
- **Chloé Carpentier**, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
- **Nandi Mayathula-Khoza**, Central Drug Authority, South Africa
- **Maria Alejandra Vélez**, CESED, Colombia
- **Luis Felipe Cruz**, Dejusticia, Colombia

MODERATED BY: Representative from the Colombian Government (TBC)

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NAVIGATING TENSIONS AND CONTRADICTIONS: ADDRESSING HUMAN RIGHTS CHALLENGES RELATED TO THE LACK OF, AND THE UNEQUAL ACCESS TO, TREATMENT AND HARM REDUCTION

ORGANISED BY - International Network of People who Use Drugs

SIDE EVENT - 67th Session of the UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs

WHEN? Wednesday 20 March 2024, 13:00 - 13:50 (CET)

WHERE? Room M6, Ground Floor, M Building **In-person only**

In line with the OHCHR report on human rights challenges in addressing and countering all aspects of the world drug problem, this side event organised by INPUD and the UN Strategic Coordination Group on Drug Use, HIV, Health and Human Rights will highlight the latest developments regarding normative frameworks on human rights and people who use drugs. We will chart how they can be taken forward by different actors to inform and shape drug policies and enable equitable access to treatment and harm reduction.

SPEAKERS

Opening Remarks: **Judy Chang**, INPUD, & **H.E. Ambassador Raphael Nägeli**, Switzerland

Presenter: **Fariba Soltani**, UNODC, HIV/AIDS Section

Panel Discussion:

- **Angela McBride**, South African Network of People who Use Drugs
- **Jindrich Voboril**, National Drug Coordinator, Czechia
- **Palani Narayanan**, Malaysia AIDS Foundation/Health Equity Matters,
- **Prof. Alan Miller**, National Mission on Drugs: National Collaborative, Scotland
- **Boyan Konstantinov**, UNDP

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SILENCED NO MORE: AMPLIFYING THE VOICES OF POPULATIONS DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED BY PUNITIVE DRUG POLICIES

ORGANISED BY - Students for Sensible Drug Policy International

SIDE EVENT - 67th Session of the UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs

WHEN? Thursday 21 March 2024, 09:10 - 10:00 (CET)

WHERE? Room M0E05 **ONLINE ACCESS:** bit.ly/humanrights-cnd67-ssdp

Drug policies have been found to have disproportionate impact on certain populations, including youth, children, women, indigenous people, and people of African descent. These disparities can be observed in arrests, incarceration rates, and the overall social and economic consequences of drug control. Furthermore, these communities have historically been excluded from drug policy debates. This event will offer a global perspective from these affected populations as they share their stories and shed light on the need for reform.

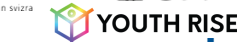
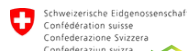
SPEAKERS

- **Emily Christie**, UNAIDS
- **Prof Pelmos Mashabela**, Department Justice & Correctional Services, South Africa
- **Katrina Ffrench**, Unjust UK, United Kingdom
- **Sam Rivera**, International Indigenous Drug Policy Alliance, New Zealand
- **Rosma Karlina**, Suar Perempuan Lingkar Napza Nusantara, Indonesia

MODERATOR: **Charity Monareng**, SSDP International, South Africa

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THE 'WAR ON DRUGS' AND THE MILITARIZATION OF DRUG CONTROL: MEASURES TO ADDRESS THESE CRITICAL HUMAN RIGHTS CHALLENGES

ORGANISED BY - Centro de Estudios Legales y Sociales (Argentina)

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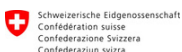
In the Global South we observe various scenarios in which governments use militarized strategies to combat organized crime and violence derived from drug trafficking, through state of exception measures, and sometimes under the excuse of the fight against terrorism to finally prosecute substance users. At the same time, there are also approaches that seek to demilitarize the state response. International cooperation can play an important role in promoting responses that respect human rights and Foster access to health and the reduction of social harms. The panel aims to present critical analyses from a human rights perspective of militarized interventions in Latin American and Asian countries.

SPEAKERS

- **H.E. Ambassador Laura Gil**, Colombia
- **Hélène Tigroudja**, Member, UN Human Rights Committee
- **Ingrid Lizeth García Minda**, INREDH, Ecuador
- **Ambika Satkunanathan**, Human rights activist, Sri Lanka
- **John Walsh**, WOLA, United States of America

MODERATOR: Victoria Darraidou, CELS, Argentina

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ENDING OVERRELIANCE ON PUNISHMENT: DECRIMINALISATION AND PRISON DECONGESTION AS KEY GOALS OF DRUG POLICY REFORM

ORGANISED BY - POS Foundation (Ghana)

SIDE EVENT - 67th Session of the UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs

WHEN? Friday 22 March 2024, 09:10 - 10:00 (CET)

WHERE? Room MOE05

ONLINE ACCESS: bit.ly/humanrights-cnd67-pos

Drug laws are a major driver of prison overcrowding at a global level. This situation has led the UN system and many Member States to place criminal justice reform at the centre of drug policy debates, to propose concrete reforms that move away from the existing punitive paradigm, and adopt a supportive approach.

SPEAKERS

- **Hon. Seth Kwame Acheampong**, Minister of the Eastern Region, Ghana
- **Olivia Rope**, Executive Director, Penal Reform International
- **Prof. Pelmos Mashabela**, Ministry of Justice and Correctional Services, South Africa
- **Gloria Lai**, Regional Director Asia, International Drug Policy Consortium
- **Jonathan Osei Owusu**, Executive Director, POS Foundation, Ghana

MODERATOR: **Hélène Tigroudja**, Member, UN Human Rights Committee

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