



Side Event at the Reconvened 59th Session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs

Putting the UNGASS Outcome Document into Practice: Results of the Brandenburg Forum on Drugs and Development Policies

**Wednesday 30th November, 13:00 – 13:50, CR4 (C-Building), Vienna International
Centre**

The GIZ Global Partnership on Drug Policies and Development (GPDPD) on behalf of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development and under the political auspices of the Federal Drug Commissioner, hosted jointly with the Netherlands, IDPC and TNI an informal dialogue to assess the outcomes of the UNGASS on the world drug problem, reflecting on its positive outcomes and the remaining challenges and possible next steps. This “1st Brandenburg Forum on Drugs and Development Policies: Taking Stock of UNGASS 2016 and the Challenges Ahead” took place in July 2016.

The UNGASS outcome document has been a great step forward, but there are still controversial discussions on several issues. In the Brandenburg Forum, representatives from Member States, UN agencies and civil society came together to assess the progress made, the challenges that still remain, and the options for the way forward with a view towards 2019/2020.

In this official side event, participants from the Forum will summarise and feedback from the discussions at the Brandenburg Forum, disseminate the official meeting report, and explore the implications moving forward.

Chair:

**Roland Seeger, Alternate Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the
Federal Republic of Germany to the Office of the United Nations and the other
International Organisations in Vienna**

Speakers:

Ann Fordham, Executive Director, International Drug Policy Consortium (IDPC)

Martin Jelsma, Director, TNI Drugs & Democracy Programme

**Sofia Krauss, Advisor, GIZ Global Partnership on Drug Policies and
Development (GPDPD)**

**Aldo Lale-Demoz, Deputy Executive Director and Director Division for
Operations, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)**