At this ancillary meeting the panel of expert speakers will discuss some of the key global trends in the use and practice of imprisonment and some of the pressing challenges facing states that wish to organise their penitentiary system in accordance with international norms and standards.

Delegates will be informed of current trends on crime and prisons, drug policies, the use of alternatives to imprisonment and corrections in peace-keeping. Recommendations and resources to address some of the current challenges in penal policies will be presented.

Penal Reform International’s new annual publication ‘Global Prison Trends 2015’ will be launched at the meeting.

Setting the scene on crime and prisons
Enrico Bisogno, Team Leader Crime Statistics, UNODC

Presentation of PRI’s Global Prison Trends 2015
Alison Hannah, Executive Director, Penal Reform International

Drug policies: Where to now?
Asma Jahangir, Global Commission on Drugs

Alternatives to imprisonment in Europe
Dr. Markku Heiskanen, Senior Researcher, the European Institute for Crime Prevention and Control (HEUNI)

Corrections in peace-keeping
Christer Isaksson, Director, Office for International Affairs, Swedish Prison and Probation Service

Q & A Session

Moderated by: Andrea Huber, Penal Reform International

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