

26th Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice - Side Event

Promoting alternatives to imprisonment through health & justice collaboration:

Regional perspectives

Monday, 22 May 2017, 1:10-2:00pm | Conference Room M7

Introduction and global perspective

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Alternatives to imprisonment for drug-related offences of a minor nature: the African Experience

Jane Marie Ong'olo, Programme Manager, Drug Control and Crime Prevention, Department of Social Affairs, AUC

Alternatives to imprisonment: the view from Brussels

Bärbel Heinkelmann, European Commission, DG Justice, Unit B2 'Procedural Criminal Law'

Alternatives to imprisonment for drug-related offences of a minor nature: the Latin American and the Caribbean Experience

Adriana Henao, Manager for the Alternatives to Incarceration for Drug-Related Offenders Program, Institutional Strengthening Unit, CICAD/OAS

Gender-sensitive practices in community sanctions: the Kenyan Experience

Clement Okech, Assistant Director, Kenya Probation and Aftercare Service, Kenya

The growing size of the prison population throughout the world places an enormous burden on not only the individuals and families but also on communities, societies and governments. As excessive use of imprisonment, particularly for drug-related offences, has greatly contributed the global prison overcrowding problem, use of alternatives to imprisonment, wherever appropriate, is one of the key measures in responding to the global prison crisis.

This event will discuss the crucial role that alternatives to imprisonment play, particularly for people who are disproportionately affected and/or have specific needs when in contact with the criminal justice system, such as people with drug use disorders and women.

The event will further highlight the importance of coordination and cooperation between health and justice sectors and share information on recent initiatives at the regional and international levels, including the UNODC/WHO initiative on treatment and care as alternatives to conviction or punishment. Panellists will share experiences on promising practices and continued challenges on use of alternatives to imprisonment.

