

A briefing on human rights and drug policies

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After the crucial contribution of the Human Rights Council to the UNGASS, the impact of drug policies – including on human rights – remains a global concern.

This Intersessional Briefing will provide information to delegates and serves as a platform for discussion on how the human rights system can contribute to the ongoing process, supplementing work by other agencies in the UN system and delivering on its mandate. The expert panel will delve specifically into how a new approach to measuring drug policies can incorporate human rights.

Opening remarks

Ambassador Valentin Zellweger, Permanent Representative of Switzerland

Opportunities for a stronger human rights-based approach to drug policies post-UNGASS

Olivia Rope, Policy & Programme Manager, Penal Reform International

The Human Rights Indicators

Zaved Mahmood, Rule of Law and Democracy Section, OHCHR

Targets and indicators of the Sustainable Development Goals in relation to drug policies

Maria Luisa Silva, Director of the UNDP Office in Geneva

Review of UN metrics on drugs and crime: international road map to improve drug statistics

Professor David Bewley-Taylor, Director of the Global Drug Policy Observatory, Swansea University

Case example: Gender equality (SDG5) and drug policy indicators

Luciana Pol, Senior Fellow Security Policy and Human Rights, Centro de Estudios Legales y Sociales (CELS)

Concluding remarks

Ambassador Anna Korka, Permanent Representative of Greece

Ambassador Beatriz Londoño Soto, Permanent Representative of Colombia

Moderated by: Khalid Tinasti The Global Commission on Drug Policy

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