



# IMPLEMENTING THE UN BANGKOK RULES: WOMEN AND DRUG POLICIES

Tuesday, 3 March 2020, 8.00-8.50 a.m.  
Room M 6

Opening Remarks – Canada

Women and drug policies: trends 10 years after the UN Bangkok Rules

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

Sentencing of women for drug-related offences, a study of law and practice in 18 states

Olivia Rope, Director of Policy and International Advocacy, Penal Reform International

Practical measures to prohibit arbitrary detention in drug control efforts and the implementation of the Bangkok Rules

Leigh Toomey, Vice Chair of the UN Working Group of Arbitrary Detention

Implementing the Bangkok Rules to promote alternatives to imprisonment for drug-related offences

Valérie Lebaux, Chief, Justice Section, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

Voice of women with lived experience – accounts read by moderator

Q&A



*2020 marks ten years since the UN Bangkok Rules on women prisoners and non-custodial measures for women were adopted by the UN General Assembly. Yet, drug policies continue to disproportionately impact women and female prison populations continue to rise in many countries. This expert panel will discuss key questions on women and drug policies and share new research and good practice.*

*Moderated by Marie Nougier, International Drug Policy Consortium*



Side Event for the Commission on Narcotic Drugs in its 63<sup>rd</sup> session organised by Penal Reform International