

Gender, Drugs, and Criminal Justice

Navigating Human Rights Challenges

Event at the margins of the 30th CCPCJ intersessional meeting

Friday 12th November

2:00 - 3:00 pm (CET) | Online

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Worldwide, over a third of incarcerated women are in prison for a drug offence. This proportion rises to 50% and even 80% in certain countries. In an overwhelming majority of cases, women are incarcerated for non-violent and low-level offences, and drug laws mostly target women in situations of vulnerability.

Addressing the over-incarceration of women worldwide therefore requires urgent reforms of drug policies, in line with the UN System Common Positions on incarceration and on drug-related, and state commitments laid down in the 2016 UNGASS Outcome Document, the Bangkok Rules on the treatment of women deprived of liberty, and the 2021 Kyoto Declaration.

This side event will explore the gendered impacts of drug control and the carceral system on women's human rights, and offer some key recommendations for the way forward.

- **H.E. Luis Javier Campuzano Piña, Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Mexico to the Intn'l Organizations in Vienna:** Introductory remarks
- **Miriam Estrada-Castillo, UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention:** Presenting the WGAD Deliberation on women and deprivation of liberty
- **Gloria Lai, International Drug Policy Consortium:** Setting the scene on gender and drug policy, with data from the Global Drug Policy Index
- **Parina Subba Limbu, Dristi Nepal:** Reflecting on drug control, poverty, and their impact on women who use drugs
- **Triona Lenihan, Penal Reform International:** Key recommendations from the PRI/IDPC '10-point plan: Gender-sensitive drug policies for women'
- **Q&A**

Coletta Youngers, WOLA: Moderation