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Translating policy commitments into action

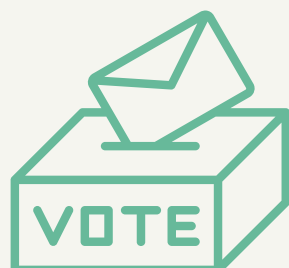
The Commission held its 2022 thematic discussions from 21-22 September 2022, focusing on the cross-cutting issues of drug policy and human rights, to facilitate exchange of good practices, challenges and lessons learned in the implementation of all international drug policy commitments.



Scheduling

The Commission exercises its normative function entitled “scheduling”, under which it decides on the scope of control of substances under the international drug control conventions of 1961, 1971 and 1988.

At its 65th session, the Commission placed 6 new substances under international control on the basis of the recommendations of the World Health Organization and the International Narcotics Control Board.



Comprehensive drug policies that leave no one affected by the world drug problem behind

At its 65th session, the Commission committed, inter alia, to:

- Promoting alternative development as a development-oriented drug control strategy, taking into account measures to protect the environment
- Promoting comprehensive and scientific evidence-based early prevention



No patients left behind - "Availability & Access" initiative

The Chair of the CND at its 65th session undertook an initiative, aiming at scaling up the implementation of the international drug policy commitments on improving availability of and access to controlled substances for medical and scientific purposes. The Chair's initiative encompassed a global awareness-raising campaign, with events held at the United Nations offices in Vienna, New York and Geneva – culminating in a One-Day Special Forum on 10 October 2022.



Enhancing multi-stakeholder partnerships

In implementing the 2030 Agenda, the Commission actively cooperates with other functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council and works closely with the relevant UN entities.

Enhanced inclusiveness through digital transformation

With the increased use of digital tools, the Commission has further expanded the possibilities for inclusive and meaningful participation of civil society in its deliberations.

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