

CND holds its 61st session

Nearly 1,700 representatives from Member States, UN entities, international organizations and civil society attended the [61st CND session](#), held from 12-16 March 2018 in Vienna. Participants discussed *operational matters* – strategic management, budgetary and administrative questions pertaining to the work of the UNODC and the Commission, and *drug-related matters* - the implementation of the international drug control treaties, the 2009 Political Declaration and Plan of Action, the follow-up to the 2016 UNGASS on the world drug problem, the scheduling of substances, the recommendations of CND subsidiary bodies, and, finally, ECOSOC matters. Discussions further focused on the preparations for the ministerial segment to be held during the 62nd session of the Commission. Nearly [120 side events](#) and exhibitions were held during the 61st session. The Commission adopted 11 resolutions.



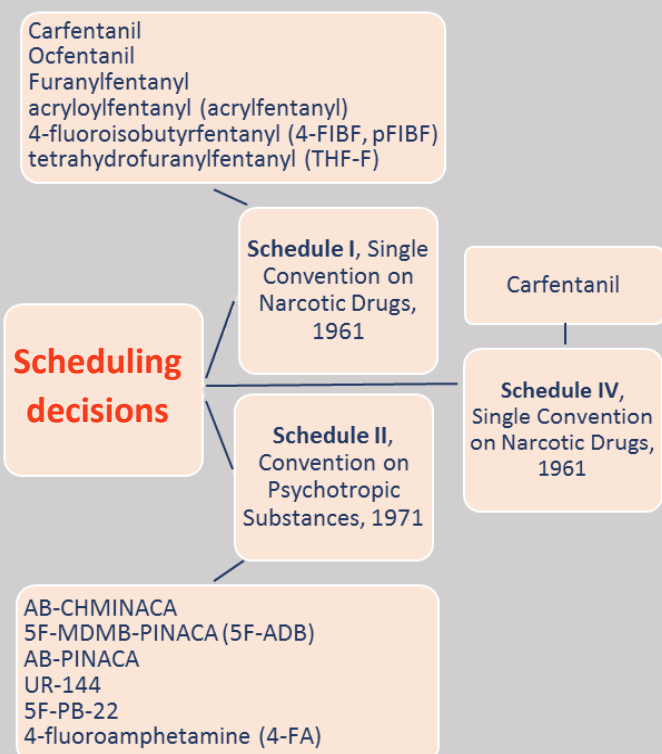
61st CND Resolutions

ECOSOC

- ◇ Draft Dec. on the 61st CND report and 62nd CND provisional agenda
- ◇ Draft Dec. on the INCB report

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- ◇ Res. 61/1 on the budget for the biennium 2018 –2019 for the UNIDCP Fund
- ◇ Res. 61/2 on the prevention of drug abuse in educational settings
- ◇ Res. 61/3 on the implementation of the CND scheduling decisions
- ◇ Res. 61/4 on the prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV, hepatitis B and C and syphilis among women who use drugs
- ◇ Res. 61/5 on the implementation of the I2ES
- ◇ Res. 61/6 on the implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Alternative Development
- ◇ Res. 61/7 on addressing the specific needs of vulnerable members of society in response to the world drug problem
- ◇ Res. 61/8 on addressing the international threats posed by the non-medical use of synthetic opioids
- ◇ Res. 61/9 on protecting children from the illicit drug challenge
- ◇ Res. 61/10 on the ministerial segment to be held during the 62nd CND
- ◇ Res. 61/11 on the availability and delivery of health, care and social services for drug users



Post-UNGASS 2016: Best Practice from Pakistan



A three-day UNGASS implementation workshop was organized by the Secretariat from 31 January to 2 February 2018 in Islamabad, Pakistan. Workshop participants included all relevant national authorities and entities dealing with drug-related matters. Discussions focused on the UNGASS follow-up process, including all seven chapters of the [UNGASS outcome document](#). Notably, one session was dedicated to Sustainable Development Goals and their interlinkage with the UNGASS chapters. The workshop facilitated exchange of best practices among the participants on how UNGASS provisions were implemented in their respective areas of work. The outcome of the workshop was an increased awareness of the UNGASS recommendations and the follow-up process, as well as an assessment of action taken and a focus on future implementation of the UNGASS outcome document.

Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women for UNODC

During one of the 61st CND side events, the Director-General/Executive Director of UNOV/UNODC officially presented the new [Strategy for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women for UNOV and UNODC \(2018–2021\)](#) to Member States and other stakeholders. UNODC Executive Director highlighted that the Strategy would advance UNODC's support to Member States to mainstream gender in drug control, crime prevention and criminal justice activities, and work towards the Sustainable Development



Goals. In a video message, the Executive Director of UN Women Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka commended the Executive Director of UNODC, UNOV/UNODC senior management and staff for developing a strategy that is fully aligned with the Secretary-General's Strategy on Gender Parity and the System-wide Action Plan on Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women.



Bureau members of the 61st CND

Chairperson: H.E. Ambassador Alicia Buenrostro Massieu (Mexico)

1st Vice-Chairperson: H.E. Ambassador Michael A.O. Oyugi (Kenya)

2nd Vice-Chairperson: H.E. Ambassador Ayesha Riaz (Pakistan)

3rd Vice-Chairperson: H.E. Ambassador Alena Kupchyna (Belarus)

Rapporteur: Mr. Wietze Sijtsma (Netherlands)



Upcoming events

- ◇ 25 June 2018: CND 2nd Intersessional meeting; Special Event "Launch of UNODC Strategic Response to the Opioids Crisis", Vienna, Austria
- ◇ 26 June 2018: Special event "Launch of UNODC 2018 World Drug Report", Vienna, Austria
- ◇ 17-21 September 2018: HONLEA Africa, 28th session, Tanzania
- ◇ 1-5 October 2018: HONLEA Asia and the Pacific, 42nd session, Thailand
- ◇ 22-26 October 2018: HONLEA Latin America, 28th session, TBC
- ◇ 19-23 November 2018: Subcommission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East, 53rd session, Azerbaijan
- ◇ 6-7 December 2018: Joint 61st/27th reconvened CND/CCPCJ session; reconvened 61st CND session, Vienna, Austria

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