

CND Newsletter June—December 2018

CND holds its 61st reconvened session

From 5 to 7 December, the Commission held its [reconvened 61st session](#) with the participation of representatives from Governments, UN entities and other intergovernmental organizations and civil society. The Commission adopted a resolution entitled “Implementation of the budget for the biennium 2018–2019 for the Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme”. At the same session, the Commission considered the [report](#) of the Executive Director on the consolidated budget for the biennium 2018–2019 for UNODC and the proposed draft [annual programme implementation plan](#) for 2020 for UNODC. The reconvened session included a special segment, held on 5 December, on the preparations for the [ministerial segment](#) to be held during the [sixty-second session](#) of the Commission, in 2019.



Intergovernmental Expert Group Meeting on Synthetic Opioids



From 3 to 4 December, UNODC organized, together with the INCB and the WHO, an intergovernmental expert group meeting on the international challenge posed by the non-medical use of synthetic opioids. The meeting was held with a view to learning more about the challenges and to propose core elements for an international response. The thematic sessions of the meeting focused on key topics

related to reducing the supply of synthetic opioids for non-medical use and the public health aspect of the non-medical use of synthetic opioids.

CND Autumn Intersessional Meetings

From 25 to 28 September, from 22 to 25 October and from 7 to 9 November 2018, the Commission held its fourth round of thematic discussions on the implementation of the operational recommendations contained in the [UNGASS outcome document](#). Each day of these meetings had a particular thematic focus and consisted of a panel discussion, followed by an interactive debate. The panels included representatives from the five Regional Groups, UN entities and other intergovernmental organizations, as well as civil society. The intersessional meetings also had organizational segments addressing outstanding issues and arrangements of the ministerial segment to be held during the 62nd session. The November meeting also included a normative segment on the implementation of the international [drug control treaties](#). More information is available on the dedicated [website](#).



Meetings of the HONLEAs and the Subcommission

The Meetings of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies (HONLEAs) and the Subcommission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East are subsidiary bodies of the Commission. Regional meetings take place every year (every two years for Europe) to identify salient policy issues, analyze these issues in working groups, and bring their reports and recommendations to the attention of the Commission. In the last quarter of 2018, the following meetings were held:

[28th Meeting HONLEA Africa](#): Dar es Salaam, Tanzania; 17-21 September 2018;

[42nd Meeting HONLEA Asia and the Pacific](#): Bangkok, Thailand; 2-5 October 2018;

[28th Meeting HONLEA Latin America and the Caribbean](#): Santiago, Chile; 22-26 October 2018;

[53rd Meeting Subcommission](#): Baku, Azerbaijan; 19-23 November 2018.



UNGASS Implementation workshop



The Secretariat to the Governing Bodies organized a workshop in Suva, Fiji, from 12 to 14 December to support the implementation of the recommendations contained in the [UNGASS 2016 outcome document](#). During the three-day workshop, representatives from the Government of Fiji analyzed the recommendations in light of their relevance to the region, conducted an assessment of actions already taken by their Government, and prepared a roadmap for further implementation of the UNGASS outcome document.

Social media campaign

A social media campaign on the joint actions undertaken by UN entities in support of UNGASS implementation was launched in October 2018. The campaign comprised 74 [Twitter messages](#), which had been formulated based on the language contained in 2018 report of the Secretary General on International Cooperation Against the World Drug Problem ([A/RES/73/135](#)).

Bureau members of the 62nd CND

Chairperson: H.E. Ambassador Mirghani Abbaker Altayeb Bakhet (Sudan)

1st Vice-Chairperson: H.E. Ambassador Kazem Gharib Abadi (Islamic Republic of Iran)

2nd Vice-Chairperson: To be elected (Eastern European Group)

3rd Vice-Chairperson: H.E. Ambassador Maria Assunta Accili Sabbatini (Italy)

Rapporteur: Mr. Alvaro Salcedo Teullet (Peru)



Upcoming events

- ◇ 16 January 2019: 1st Intersessional Meeting
- ◇ 25 February 2019: 2nd Intersessional Meeting
- ◇ 7 March 2019: 3rd Intersessional Meeting
- ◇ 14-15 March 2019: Ministerial segment of the 62nd session
- ◇ 18-22 March 2019: Regular segment of the 62nd session

2019 Ministerial Segment Webpage

In preparation for the high-level ministerial segment to be held in 2019, a dedicated [webpage](#) was developed. The website provides information about the preparatory process for the ministerial segment as well as serves as a platform for sharing contributions from different stakeholders.

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