

## The CND holds its reconvened 60<sup>th</sup> session



On 7 and 8 December, the Commission held its [reconvened 60<sup>th</sup> session](#) with the participation of representatives from Governments, UN entities and civil society. The Commission adopted a resolution on the budget for the biennium 2018–2019 for the Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, and discussed, among others, policy directives to the drug programme of UNODC and the implementation of the international drug control treaties. A [special side event](#) on drug statistics was organized jointly by the CND and the UN Statistical Commission in the margins of the session.

## Thematic discussions on UNGASS 2016



In order to support the implementation of the outcome document of the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem held in 2016 (UNGASS 2016) and the sharing of best practices, a third round of [thematic discussions](#) was held from September to November 2017, with one day dedicated to each of the seven chapters of the outcome document. Panel discussions were organized by the CND on each chapter. The panels consisted of five panellists nominated by the regional groups, up to three panellists from UN entities and other intergovernmental organizations, and one panellist from civil society. Concluding remarks by the Facilitator for the UNGASS 2016 follow-up process will be available at the 61st CND session, to be held 12 - 16 March 2018.

## The way forward after 2019 – Chair of 60<sup>th</sup> CND presents background paper



In October and November of 2017, the Chair of the 60th CND held brainstorming discussions with the regional groups of the Commission on the way forward after the 2019 target date of the [Political Declaration and Plan of Action](#), and on the preparations for the 62<sup>nd</sup> Commission session. During its 62<sup>nd</sup> session, to take place in 2019, the Commission will take stock of the implementation of the commitments made to jointly address and counter the world drug problem and decide how to proceed after the 2019 target date. Preparations for the 62<sup>nd</sup> session were also discussed at the intersessional meeting of the Commission held on 17 November 2017. The Chair submitted a [background paper](#) to the reconvened 60<sup>th</sup> session of the Commission outlining the main elements derived from these discussions.

## Trinidad and Tobago - workshop on the implementation of the recommendations of the UNGASS 2016

The Secretariat to the Commission organized a workshop in Port of Spain from 24 to 25 October to support the implementation of the recommendations contained in the UNGASS 2016 outcome document. During the two-day workshop, representatives from the Government of



Trinidad and Tobago 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. During the intersessional meeting of the CND held on 16 November, a [special event](#) was organized to present the UNGASS implementation workshops held so far in Bolivia and in Trinidad and Tobago.

## Meetings of the HONLEA Asia and the Pacific, and the Subcommittee

The Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies (HONLEAS) and the Subcommittee 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 and enforcement issues, analyze these issues in working groups, and bring their reports and recommendations to the attention of the Commission. In the last quarter of 2017, the following two meetings were held:



[Subcommittee](#) on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East, 52<sup>nd</sup> session, 13-17 November, Beirut



[HONLEA Asia and the Pacific](#), 41<sup>st</sup> session, 27-30 November, Bangkok

## Election of the 61st CND Bureau members

As per established practice, at the end of its reconvened 60<sup>th</sup> session, the Commission officially opened its 61<sup>st</sup> session and elected its new Bureau members. A warm welcome to all!

**Chairperson designate:** 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 designate:** H.E. Ambassador Alena Kupchyna (Belarus)

**Rapporteur:** Mr. Wietze Sijtsma (Netherlands)



Nomination of Ms. Alicia Buenrostro Massieu as Chair of the 61st CND

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