

The Impact of COVID-19 on Drugs and Crime - Sustainable and resilient recovery through the lenses of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

Side Event at the HLPF 2021



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Description

COVID-19 has suddenly changed the life of individuals and the dynamics governing social, economic, and environmental development. Drug markets and criminal activities have not been immune to these transformations. Being Vienna-based functional Commissions of the Economic and Social Council and the governing bodies of the UNODC, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND) and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ) are the main policymaking bodies within the United Nations system to address drugs and crime, respectively, and guide international action in that regard.

This side event aims to outline and promote the work of the CND at its 64th session and the CCPCJ at its 30th session, in particular, the follow up to, respectively, the 2019 Ministerial Declaration and the follow up to the 14th UN Crime Congress, and the two Commissions' contribution to the main theme of the High-Level Political Forum and the SDGs. The event further aims to highlight the views and guidance provided by the CND and the CCPCJ with regard to responses to the COVID-19 pandemic from the angles of the world drug problem and crime prevention and criminal justice, aiming to put the international community back “on track” to achieve the SDGs, within the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development; as well as to raise awareness about the interlinkages between the SDGs and the world drug problem, and the rule of law and crime prevention and criminal justice, respectively.

Agenda

Speakers

H.E. Ambassador Dominika KROIS

Permanent Representative of Poland to the United Nations (Vienna) and Chair of the CND

H.E. Ambassador Alessandro CORTESE

Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations (Vienna) and Chair of the CCPCJ

H.E. Ambassador Takeshi HIKIHARA

Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations (Vienna)

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