

VIENNA NGO COMMITTEE ON DRUGS (VNGOC) REPORT 2020

The VNGOC is a coordinating body for non-governmental organisations (NGOs) around the world concerned with problems related to substances controlled under the three international drug control treaties. The purpose of the Committee includes, inter alia:

- a) Supporting the activities of NGOs and promoting contacts and collaboration with United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the International Narcotic control board (INCB), the UN commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND) and other relevant UN agencies and fora.
- b) Promoting activities that lead to enhanced communication, cooperation and scientific, cultural, and social exchange between NGOs, UN agencies and member states.
- c) Promoting increased awareness about issues related to controlled substances through dissemination of news and information.
- d) Facilitating the representation of NGOs reflecting the broadest possible range of perspectives and groups involved, including affected populations.

VNGOC-Activities 2020:

- 63rd Session of the UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs
- VNGO`s Annual General Assembly in March 2020 with a record number of 115 member organisations attending.
- CND Intersessional meetings and special events online in a hybrid format from April onward
- June 26th special event commemorating the UN International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit trafficking.
- July 2020 the VNGOC held a series of webinars about the World Drug Report 2020
- In August, the VNGOC launched an improved version of the NGO Marketplace (a global platform for NGOs working on drug related issues)
- The VNGOC Asia-Pacific Ad-hoc working group was formed aiming to strengthen participation and engagement between VNGOC members from Asia.
- As of December 2020, the VNGOC has **278 member organisations from 76 countries across the world.**