

## 68<sup>th</sup> reconvened session of the CND



From 4 to 5 December 2025, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND) held the reconvened 68<sup>th</sup> session at the Vienna International Centre. The reconvened session focused on procedural, administrative and budgetary matters, as well as on issues related to the implementation of the international drug control treaties.

### A. CCPCJ and CND joint meeting

On 4 December, the Commission held a joint meeting with the CCPCJ. The joint meeting addressed strategic management, budgetary and administrative issues of the UNODC, as well as the contributions of the two Commissions to the work of the ECOSOC, in line with their respective mandates.

### B. CND separate meeting

Separate meetings of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs were held on 4 and 5 December 2025, during which the Commission continued its consideration of agenda items related to the international drug control conventions and other matters before the Commission.

## CND Thematic Discussions

In May 2024, at its 67<sup>th</sup> session, the Commission adopted by silence procedure a work plan for the thematic discussions leading up to the 2029 review, following the 2019 Ministerial Declaration and the 2024 High-level Declaration. The second round of thematic discussions under this work plan was held from 29 September to 1 October 2025.

The 2025 thematic discussions focused on health-related challenges associated with the world drug problem, bringing together close to 500 participants from all over the world to exchange good practices and lessons learnt. Over three days, Member States and stakeholders exchanged experiences and good practices on strengthening public health responses to drug use; addressing infectious diseases and the health impacts of new psychoactive substances; and ensuring access to internationally controlled substances for medical and scientific purposes. Space was also provided for additional substantive issues raised by Member States.

All non-negotiated interventions and discussions are made available through the [follow-up portal on the CND website](#), and a Chair's summary of the discussions will be presented in the form of a conference room paper at the 69<sup>th</sup> session. These thematic discussions contribute to preparations for the 2029 review by supporting concrete progress in the implementation of international drug policy commitments and by strengthening capacity through the sharing of expertise and experience.



## DOCUMENTATION

### RECORDING

### WEBSITE

### ALBUM



## Pledge4Action

The Pledge4Action initiative was launched by the Chair of the Commission during the 2024 mid-term review, held at the 67<sup>th</sup> session, as a voluntary and non-binding mechanism to encourage Member States and relevant stakeholders to articulate concrete, time-bound actions aimed at accelerating the implementation of the commitments contained in the 2019 Ministerial Declaration. As of December 2025, a total of 75 pledges had been submitted by Member States, intergovernmental organizations, UNODC and civil society.



3 new member states have joined the Pledge4Action initiative, and updates on pledge implementation have been provided during the 2025 CND thematic discussions, contributing to greater visibility of implementation efforts and supporting preparations for the final review of international drug policy commitments in 2029.

## Access and Availability of Controlled Substances for Medical and Scientific Purposes



On 3 October 2025, immediately following the 2025 CND thematic discussions, a Regional Consultation on “No Patient Left Behind: Access and availability of controlled substances for medical and scientific purposes in Africa” was held in a hybrid format in Vienna and online. The consultation, co-organized by UNODC, the African Union Commission and the government of Belgium, provided a platform for African Member States and stakeholders to identify barriers to access and to exchange good practices and region-specific recommendations. The consultation was moderated by H.E. Ambassador Maimounata Ouattara, Permanent Representative of Burkina Faso to the United Nations in Vienna. A Moderator’s summary will be made available at the 69<sup>th</sup> session of the CND in March 2026.

## Subsidiary Bodies of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs

The subsidiary bodies of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs continued to support regional cooperation and the exchange of operational experience in addressing illicit drug trafficking. Extraordinary meetings of the Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies (HONLEA) were held in a hybrid format across regions. The outcomes of these meetings will be presented to the Commission at its 69<sup>th</sup> session in a note by the Secretariat on action taken by the subsidiary bodies of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs.



In addition, the 57<sup>th</sup> extraordinary session of the Subcommittee on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East was convened in hybrid format under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Bakhtiyor Ibragimov (Uzbekistan).

These meetings provided a platform for delegates and practitioners to strengthen regional coordination, exchange information and good practices, and formulate recommendations for consideration by the Commission.

In Europe, the 16<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Europe (HONLEA Europe), was held in Vienna under the chairmanship of H.E. Ambassador Peter Potman (Netherlands).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 69<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR SESSION 9–13 March 2026

In preparation for the 69<sup>th</sup> session of the CND in March 2026, the **application period for side events and exhibitions** to be held during the session will take place **from 5 to 23 January 2026**, in accordance with the modalities and deadlines established by the Secretariat.

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The 46<sup>th</sup> meeting of HONLEA Asia and the Pacific was convened under the chairmanship of Mrs. Nurhana Binti Muhammad Ikmal (Malaysia).



The 32<sup>nd</sup> meeting of HONLEA Latin America and the Caribbean was chaired by H.E. Ambassador Ángela Vigiotta Mella (Dominican Republic), while the 32<sup>nd</sup> meeting of HONLEA Africa was presided over by H.E. Ambassador Matilda Osei-Agyeman (Ghana).



## Chair's Initiative — CND in Action: From Policy to Practice

At the Reconvened 68th Session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, the Chair launched the “CND in Action: From Policy to Practice” initiative, aimed at strengthening cooperation and facilitating the translation of international drug policy commitments into concrete national and regional practices. The initiative was presented as a **Compendium of National Experiences**, showcasing effective operational measures submitted by Member States and observers in response to the challenges outlined in the 2019 Ministerial Declaration. Structured around key thematic areas, the compendium serves as a resource for peer learning and practical application of policy commitments, helping bridge the gap between normative guidance and implementation on the ground.

## Financial and Budgetary Oversight

In the second half of 2025, FINGOV held its **third regular meeting on 26–27 August 2025** and its **fourth regular meeting on 20–21 October 2025**.

FINGOV's meetings featured detailed briefings from UNODC senior management on programme delivery, HR, finances, and the liquidity crisis affecting the UN budget, along with the impact on UNODC's activities. Member States discussed governance, oversight, funding constraints, measures to support UNODC's governing bodies, and the 2026–2027 budget preparation.

FINGOV launched a consultation in May 2025 to gather Member State views on UNODC's future amid funding challenges and to guide the 2026–2030 Strategy. Results were shared in a Chair's non-paper.

An updated **FINGOV Handbook** (2025) was also published, outlining its mandate, methods, and role.



At the reconvened session in December 2025, the following members of the FINGOV Bureau were elected for 2026:

- **José Antonio Zabalgoitia** (Mexico) as Chair;
- **Mohamed Amine Boukhris** (Morocco) as Vice-Chair;
- **Mostafa Shafizadeh** (Islamic Republic of Iran) as Vice-Chair.

At the same meeting, the Commission noted the Western European and other States Group's nomination of H.E. Debora Lepre (Italy) for First Vice-Chair.

## BUREAU MEMBERS AT THE 69<sup>TH</sup> SESSION

**CHAIR:**  
H.E. Andranik HOVHANNISYAN (Armenia)

**1st Vice-Chair:**  
H.E. Peter POTMAN (Netherlands)

**2nd Vice-Chair:**  
H.E. Maria Eugenia ECHEVERRIA HERRERA (Peru)

**3rd Vice-Chair:**  
H.E. Maimounata OUATTARA (Burkina Faso)

**Rapporteur:**  
H.E. Vikram Jeet DUGGAL (India)

