

Participation in the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, reconvened 59th Session and Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, reconvened 25th session

Report



Opening session of the conference



OFAP, with ECOSOC Consultative Status, has a reserved seat in the conference room.

Arch. Nuno M. R. Jorge, President of OFAP, was present at the CND 59th Reconvened Session as well as the CPCJ 25th Reconvened Session on the 2nd-3rd December, 2016, with the High Segment Consultation Session being scheduled the day before, December 1st.

The meetings began with the discussion on the implementation of the International Drug Control Treaties, and evaluation on the progress during the year. Dr. Gille Forte, WHO, mentioned that the WHO ECDD is tasked with

overseeing the level of control of substances with potential risk for health; WHO is guided by the conventions to ensure health and welfare of society, while focusing strongly on harm prevention to the public. INCB and UNODC selected and appointed up to 15 experts as the observers. With scientific evidence, the experts graded the similarity and likelihood of abuse to substances to 1-5, 5 being drugs that affect most, noting that, out of the twelve new substances reviewed, two need further evaluation.

It was remarked by China that it should be reflected on the UNGASS outcome document that China will continue to provide support for developing countries; and that the position of both Asian and African countries, aiming for a “Society Free of Drugs” should be included as well.

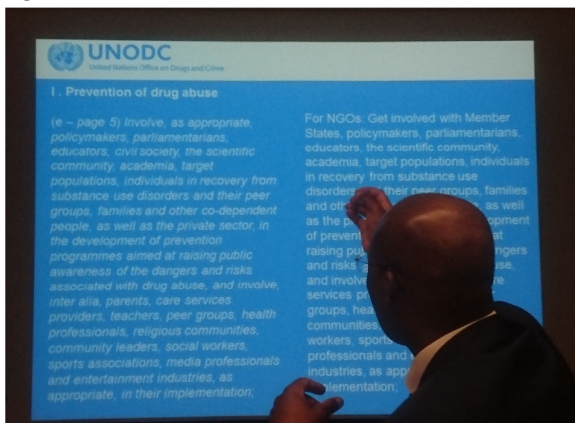
The Chair mentioned the importance of CNDD working toward the SDG 3 (Public Health) and SDG 5 (Gender), hoping that all can work together for further achievements, at the next meeting.

The 60th Session of the CNDD will be schedule from 13th-17th March with 7th-8th December as the reconvened session in 2017

Site Event – Jointly Supporting Gender Mainstreaming in the Implementation of the 2030 SDG



Nuno Jorge, Pres. OFAP, with the Chair of VNGOC and UN CSTF, Esbjorn Hornberg, V.Pres. OFAP.



Experts explaining the current drug law at side meeting.

The event was chaired by Mexican Ambassador Alicia Buenrostro who mentioned the overlaps of SDGs and CNDD work, including the implementation of the CNDD resolution on gender, regarding points 5 and 6 on alternatives to incarceration.

High Excellency Thai Princess Bayakityabha Mahidol also sent a video message to address the gender inequality issue and its relation to the incarceration of women for drug offences.

Christine Brautigam, Director of Intergovernmental Support of UN WOMEN summarized the work of the UN agency and the strategy to achieve SDG 5. She demanded the need to improve the statistics with a gender perspective in order to achieve a better result.

Dr. Aldo Lale-Demoz presented some data including 1 in 3 drug users are female, but only 1 in 5 people in treatment are women, showing the barrier that women experience difficulties in access to treatments, re-victimization and stigma. In relation to that, only 5% of the available treatments including special services tailor to pregnant women or women victims of traumas. (However, it was discussed before about NGO must utilize the efficiency of the funding given this as the figure.)

Luciana Pol from CELS mentioned the global trend of growing incarceration of women and its relation to punitive state responses to drugs, she showed some photo-essays made by the project “Alternatives to Incarceration for women in prison for drug offences”.

VNGOC Meeting

The regular meeting for VNGOC is also held in December to review the financial report and discuss about the proceedings at the CND Intersessional meeting in September. The Civil Society Task Force was still the main concern by members. VNGOC has established the Civil Society Task Force especially for the UNGASS meeting in 2016, however, after it served its function at the UNGASS, members have different opinions on whether we should continue to keep this Civil Society Task Force or it has its duty finished and dismissed. The VNGOC also renewed its strategic Plan on how different organization should work together and achieve the SDG.

The next VNGOC meeting would be scheduled on the 60th Session of CND in March.

OFAP Hosted Dinner



Clockwise from left: V.Pres OFAP Esbjorn Hornberg, Chair of VNGOC and CSTF, Ambassador Pedro Moitinho, Facilitator and Presiding Officer of the reconvened sessions, President of OFAP Arch. Nuno Jorge, Counsellor Wu Haiwen, Permanent Mission of China, V.Pres OFAP Dr. Edurado Vetere, V.Pres of IAACA and Chair of ACA, First Secretary Ye Wei, Permanent Mission of China, Dr. Rory Field, V. Pres. Int'l Assoc. of Procurators, V. Pres. Dr. Michael Platzer, Liaison Academic Council of ACUNS, Counsellor Tiago Araújo, Portuguese Embassy.



As usual, OFAP has hosted a dinner with related High Authorities at CND as well as relevant Members of OFAP's Board, to exchange views and establish directives with the good advice received.

We shall continue in 2017 to contribute for solutions for the Drug Thematic, to participate in Anti-Femicide projects, as well as continue our focus on the fight against Crime and Corruption. The opportunities arose to promote the Macau IFNGO International Conference in November 2017, co-organized by OFAP.

This has set up the initial trusts for the development of OFAP's programs and activities and the improved efficiency of OFAP at local, regional and worldwide fora, relevant as an international NGO from China recognized by the United Nations Economic and Social Council with Consultative Status.

Finally, being OFAP an international NGO of the People's Republic of China, with Special Consultative Status with UN ECOSOC, it must be noted OFAP's contribution to the Status of Women, namely the Participation on producing the Publication of "Femicide", now in its 5th issue.