



Guidelines for CND thematic discussions on UNGASS implementation chaired by H.E. Pedro Moitinho, CND Facilitator on post-UNGASS 2016

At the intersessional meeting on 8 September 2016, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs decided to hold a series of intersessional meetings to discuss the implementation of all seven chapters of the UNGASS 2016 outcome document containing operational recommendations.

In line with the comprehensive approach applied throughout the UNGASS preparatory process, the Commission will devote equal attention to each of the seven chapters of the UNGASS outcome document (*1/2 day pro chapter – see calendar attached*).

In line with the Commission's inclusive approach, UN entities and specialized agencies, international and regional organizations and non-governmental organizations will be invited to join the meetings.

The facilitator will deliver concluding remarks covering the October thematic discussions, on Friday, 28 October.

Practical arrangements

Delegations are encouraged to actively participate in the discussions, to come well-prepared and to focus on sharing specific experiences, lessons learnt and information on concrete activities that can help to translate into action the operational recommendations in the UNGASS outcome document.

As requested during the third intersessional meeting, short introductory remarks for each of the thematic chapters will be made by UNODC, after which the interactive debate will be opened.

Delegations wishing to make a presentation are encouraged to inform the Secretariat (sgb@unodc.org) beforehand, in particular in view of logistical arrangements. In order to allow for maximum participation, delegations are encouraged to limit their interventions to 5 - max 7 minutes.

Relevant UN entities and specialized organizations have also been offered to make a presentation via video-conference, in case they are not able to participate in person.

Non-governmental organizations are encouraged to work through the Vienna NGO Committee to coordinate contributions.

Presentations on the implementation of the UNGASS outcome document can be made available, upon request, on the website.

**Calendar of thematic discussions
on the implementation of the UNGASS outcome document**

4th intersessional Meeting (10-11 October)	Thematic Discussion - Chapter
Monday, 10 October, 10 A.M	Operational recommendations on Demand reduction and related measures, including prevention and treatment, as well as other health-related issues
Monday, 10 October, 3 P.M.	Operational recommendations on Ensuring the availability of and access to controlled substances exclusively for medical and scientific purposes, while preventing their diversion
Tuesday, 11 October, 10 A.M.	Operational recommendations on Supply reduction and related measures; effective law enforcement; responses to drug-related crime; and countering money laundering and promoting judicial cooperation
Tuesday, 11 October, P.M	Operational recommendations on cross-cutting issues: Human rights, youth, children, women and communities
5th intersessional Meeting (27-28 October)	Thematic Discussion - UNGASS Chapter
Thursday, 27 October, 10 A.M.	Operational recommendations on cross-cutting issues in addressing and countering the world drug problem: Evolving reality, trends and existing circumstances, emerging and persistent challenges and threats, including new psychoactive substances, in conformity with the three international drug control conventions and other relevant international instruments
Thursday, 27 October, 3 P.M.	Operational recommendations on Strengthening international cooperation based on the principle of common and shared responsibility
Friday, 28 October, 10 A.M.	Operational recommendations on Alternative development; regional, interregional and international cooperation on development-oriented balanced drug control policy; addressing socio-economic issues
Friday, 28 October, 3 P.M.	Closing thematic discussions