



*The International Drug Policy Consortium (IDPC),
Harm Reduction International (HRI) and the Transnational Institute (TNI) have
the pleasure of inviting you to this lunchtime event to launch the*

“E-Book of Authorities”

Friday 13th March 2015, 13:15 – 14:45

Mozart Room (in the Restaurant), Vienna International Centre
Lunch will be provided

The “Book of Authorities” is a civil society-led project to catalogue agreed UN statements and language on a selection of key topics. It aims to show the extent of existing international support for evidence-based drug policies, and to support international drug policy discussions, debates and negotiations.

First launched to inform negotiations on the 2009 Political Declaration and Plan of Action, the resource has now been updated and reconceptualised as an online ‘e-tool’ in time for the UNGASS on drugs in 2016 – with financial support from the UN Office on Drugs and Crime and the Open Society Foundations.

The topics covered include harm reduction, human rights, the death penalty, access to controlled substances for medical and scientific purposes, the flexibilities of the UN drug conventions, drug cultivation and alternative development, and civil society engagement.

Speakers:

Monica Beg - Chief, HIV/AIDS Section, UNODC

Jamie Bridge - Senior Policy Manager, International Drug Policy Consortium (IDPC)

Maria Phelan - Head of Advocacy and Policy, Harm Reduction International (HRI)

Martin Jelsma - Coordinator, TNI Drugs and Democracy Programme

This session is invitation only.

Please RSVP to mnougier@idpc.net before Wednesday 12th March.