

Towards better measurements and improved system-wide coherence:

Policy indicators, development and public health

Official side event at the 2015 CND

Thursday 12th March, 9:00 to 9:50, Conference Room M3

The 2009 Political Declaration outlines three broad overarching objectives for the drug control system – reducing supply, reducing demand, and improving international judicial co-operation. These objectives represent the current framework of drug control, and reflect the long standing view that achievement of these ‘process’ objectives will ultimately lead to the achievement of the ‘outcomes’ envisaged in the Conventions – namely, improved health and welfare of mankind. However, there are real questions as to whether this view is still valid. And many important activities of the CND, UNODC or INCB – for example in the fields of HIV prevention or access to essential medicines, are not adequately covered by this ‘three pillar’ formulation.

This side event will examine some of the areas where drug policy indicators can be adjusted so as to be more relevant to current challenges, and coherent with other areas of United Nations activity.

Speakers:

- introductory comments from the Permanent Mission of Switzerland
- Mike Trace, International Drug Policy Consortium
- Alison Crocket, UNAIDS
- Professor David Bewley-Taylor, Swansea University & Global Drug Policy Observatory