

Collaboration between Governments and Civil Society for new drug policies that prioritise Health and Communities



A needle exchange and support service aimed at fishermen is delivered harbour-side in Terengganu, Malaysia. © Alliance

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As funding support for health and harm reduction-based policies in response to drug use declines, drug market dynamics are rapidly shifting, for example in the use and supply of synthetic drugs. At the same time, challenges to political support for evidence-based drug policies and the role of civil society in making those policies have heightened, especially in the Asia region. This side event presents different types of work by civil society organisations working at regional and country level to collaborate with the government to promote drug policy changes that prioritise addressing the risks and harms associated with drug use and punitive drug policies.

Chair:

Mr Shaun Mellors, International HIV/AIDS Alliance

Speakers:

1. Civil society engagement in Myanmar's drug policy reform process, **Colonel Zaw Lin Tun CCDAC** & **Mr. Yan Win Soe**, Alliance Myanmar, Myanmar
2. Drug policy reform initiatives in Malaysia, **Haryati Jonet** Senior Executive & Advocacy Officer, Malaysian AIDS Council
3. Engaging affected communities to strengthen outcomes for all communities, **Mr. Rajiv Kafle**, Asian Network of People who Use Drugs
4. Strategies for sustainable financing of harm reduction, **Ms. Emily Rowe**, Project Officer, Harm Reduction International (Bali, Indonesia)