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## Drug policy and sustainable development: Challenges and opportunities

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The links between development and illicit drug production, trafficking and consumption have long been ignored. However, efforts have recently been made to move towards a development-oriented approach to drug control. This event aims to present evidence on the impact of drug policies on the world's poorest communities and how drug control is restricting efforts to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Panellists will also discuss the need for and ways to increase policy coherence to promote development-sensitive policies within the framework of the SDGs. Finally, the event will be an opportunity to present the Heemskerk Declaration of the Global Forum of Producers of Prohibited Plants.

### Speakers:

- **Eric Gutierrez**, Senior Adviser on Accountable Governance, Christian AID
- **Natasha Horsfield**, Advocacy Officer, Health Poverty Action
- **Summer Walker**, Drug Policy Project Manager, United Nations University
- **Coletta Youngers**, Latin American Consultant, International Drug Policy Consortium & Washington Office on Latin America
- **Anne Skjelmerud**, Senior Adviser, NORAD, Norway

**Moderator: Khalid Tinasti**, Policy Analyst, Global Commission on Drug Policy