

Improving Global Drug Policy: Comparative Perspectives and UNGASS 2016

8th December 2015, 14:00-15:00, Room C2, Vienna International Centre

UNGASS 2016 is a key opportunity for the international community to take stock of the achievements of the international drug control system to date, to elaborate on the immense challenges that remain, and to find operational and sustainable solutions.

Brookings Institution Senior Fellows have led a project on “[Improving Global Drug Policy: Comparative Perspectives and UNGASS 2016](#)” to evaluate the effectiveness of counternarcotics policies. The policy brief series analyses drug-related threats, the effectiveness of anti-drug policies in the Americas, Europe, Asia, and Africa and their implications for UNGASS 2016. This panel, organised by the International Drug Policy Consortium in collaboration with the Brookings Institution, will discuss the project’s findings with five of its authors.

Speakers:

- *Opening remarks* - **Paul Wilke**, Chief of the Taskforce Drugs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Netherlands
- *Project overview* – **Harold Trinkunas**, Senior Fellow and Co-director of Improving Global Drug Policy: Comparative Perspectives & UNGASS 2016 at The Brookings Institution
- *Project recommendations* – **Vanda Felbab-Brown**, Senior Fellow and Co-director of Improving Global Drug Policy: Comparative Perspectives & UNGASS 2016 at The Brookings Institution
- *European drug policies: The Netherlands and Sweden* – **Caroline Chatwin**, Senior Lecturer in Criminology at the University of Kent
- *Latin America and the international counternarcotics regime* – **Alejandro Hope**, Independent Security Analyst
- *United Nations challenges and opportunities* – **Martin Jelsma**, Program Director, The Transnational Institute
- Chair: **Mike Trace**, Chair of the International Drug Policy Consortium.

To attend, please RSVP to Juan Fernandez at jfernandez@idpc.net