



VOICES FROM THE GROUND

The impact of drug policies on women in situations of vulnerability

Wednesday, 14th March 2018, 14:20 - 15:10 | Conference Room M5

Side event at the 61st Session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND)

The side event will provide a platform for advocates from the Americas, Asia and Europe to discuss the situations of vulnerability faced by women involved in the drug trade – in particular for women who use drugs and women incarcerated for drug offences.

Speakers will provide insights into the lived experiences of, and main challenges faced by, women affected by drug control policies, and offer recommendations to ensure gender-sensitive strategies, in line with the UNGASS Outcome Document and CND Resolution 59/5.

Presentations will focus on the challenges faced by pregnant women who use drugs, the over-incarceration of women for drug offences in Asia, and the violence and hardship faced by women affected by the war on drugs in Mexico.

Panellists:

- **Claire Mawditt**
Women and Harm Reduction International Network
- **Mary Catherine Alvarez**
StreetLawPh / Consultant (Philippines)
- **Maricela Orozco**
Familiares en Búsqueda María Herrera (Mexico)

Moderator:

- **Ana Pecova**
Equis Justicia para las Mujeres (Mexico)

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