

CHALLENGING THE CRIMINALIZATION OF POVERTY AND MARGINALIZATION IN AFRICA - AND BEYOND

ONLINE SIDE EVENT - #CND65 REGISTRATION: bit.do/cnd65-crim-poverty

Wednesday, 16th March 2022, 13:10 - 14:00 (CET - Vienna)

Organised by Ghana, Penal Reform International, the International Drug Policy Consortium, the African Policing Civilian Oversight Forum, and the Campaign to Decriminalise Poverty and Status

This event will be held in English, French and Portuguese

The criminalization of people who use drugs is a major driver of policing and incarceration across the world, targeting people living in poverty and experiencing intersecting forms of marginalization.

This side event will present the emerging initiatives on the reform of drug laws in Africa, and their connection with efforts to decriminalize petty offences and to realize justice for marginalized populations.

Speakers:

Opening remarks: H.E. Ambassador Philbert Johnson, Permanent Representative of Ghana to the UN in Vienna

- **Hon. Maria Teresa Manuela**, Special Rapporteur on Prisons, Conditions of Detention and Policing in Africa, African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights
- **Happy Assan**, Tanzania Network of People who Use Drugs
- **Maria-Goretti Loglo**, International Drug Policy Consortium
- **Janelle Mangwanda**, African Criminal Justice Reform

Moderator: Doreen N Kyazze, Penal Reform International

