



COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS

United Nations principal policymaking body
in drug-related matters

Comprehensive drug policies that leave no one affected by the world drug problem behind



At its regular 68th session, the Commission adopted 6 resolutions, covering topics including: drug use prevention for children and adolescents; treatment and care of stimulant use disorders; safety of officers in dismantling illicit synthetic drug laboratories; impacts of illicit drug-related activities on the environment; alternative development; and strengthening the international drug control system.

Enhancing the implementation of international drug policies in view of the 2029 review

At its regular 68th session, the Commission adopted a resolution establishing a multidisciplinary Expert Panel under its auspices and with the aim of strengthening its work ([68/6](#)). The Panel also aims to, inter alia, enhance the achievement of all international drug policy commitments with a view to contribute to the 2029 review. 10 Experts will be selected by the CND (2/regional group), 5 by UNSG, 3 by INCB and 1 by WHO. Recommendations from the Panel should be discussed at the 70th session of the CND in 2027.



Translating policy commitments into action

In line with the workplan 2024-2028, the CND conducted the [2025 thematic discussions](#) from 30 September to 2 October. Discussions focused on treatment and health services for drug users; diseases associated with drug use, including HIV and Hepatitis C; health consequences of and risks associated with new psychoactive substances, as well as access to and availability of internationally controlled substances for medical and scientific purposes.



Scheduling

The Commission has the normative mandate to decide on the scope of control of substances under the international drug control conventions of 1961, 1971 and 1988.

At its regular 68th session, the Commission placed 6 substances under international control, on the basis of recommendations by the World Health Organization and the International Narcotics Control Board.



Enhancing multi-stakeholder partnerships

In implementing the 2030 Agenda, the Commission actively cooperates with other functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council and works closely with the relevant United Nations entities.

Harnessing digital tools for greener meetings

The Commission has been spearheading the use of digital tools to facilitate meeting's participation and significantly reduce the carbon footprint, contributing to a more sustainable future.