



VNGOC Civil Society Hearing

during the 69th meeting of the 3rd Committee of the UN General Assembly

“Addressing Drug Use together through a Health Based Approach as part of the International Drug Control Conventions”

Civil Society Voices from the Americas

10 October 2014, Conference Room 1, UN HQ- New York, USA

1:15-2:30 pm

Welcoming remarks:

- Esbjörn Hörnberg, Chair, VNGOC
- Jan Eliasson, Deputy Secretary General, UN
- Yury Fedotov, Executive Director, UNODC
- Amb. Khaled Shamaa, Chair, CND

Panel discussion featuring civil society grass root organizations from the Americas:

Part 1: Voices from USA and NY local NGOs

- Robert Suarez - Northern Manhattan Community Organizer, Vocal - USA: *Saving lives through Harm reduction in New York City*
- Kevin Sabet - Global Center for Drug Treatment Courts - USA: *Balancing Health and Safety in International Drug Control*
- Hiawatha Collins - Community Access - USA: *Harm reduction: the views from a former consumer*

Moderated by Esbjörn Hörnberg, VNGOC

Part 2: Voices from Americas

- Carmen Fernandez - Centros de Integración Juvenil - Mexico: *Drug Policy From a Public Health Perspective*
- Dr. Marcus Day - Caribbean Drug and Alcohol Research Institute - St. Lucia: *The contribution of cannabis to the lost generation of males in the Caribbean*
- Elena Goti- Dianova - Chile: *Women with children, Added value of residential treatment*

Moderated by Heather Haase, NYNGOC

Closing remarks by Esbjörn Hörnberg, VNGOC