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A network for prevention, treatment and recovery

On the way to UNGASS 2016

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Summary

- Civil Society Engagement process for the UNGASS 2016
- EURAD's position towards the UNGASS 2016

Civil Society Engagement Process (UNGASS 2016)

- A Civil Society Task Force was established via the Vienna NGO Committee on Drugs & the New York Committee on Drugs
- 26 representatives who responsible for regions as well as thematic priorities



Civil Society Engagement Process (UNGASS 2016)



1. UNGASS CSTF Global Survey (Closed 31st August 2015)
2. Regional Consultations (Underway)
3. Drafting groups to produce working documents (Underway)
4. Preparation for the UNGASS event itself, including one final comprehensive civil society report

Civil Society Milestones

UNGASS 2016

- 58th Session UN Commission of Narcotic Drugs 2015- March 2015 (Vienna)
- 69th GA 3rd COMMITTEE – October 2015 (New York)
- INTERACTIVE CS HEARING- (TBC)
- Reconvened 58th Session CND 2015- Dec 2015 (Vienna)
- 59th Session UN Commission of Narcotic Drugs 2016- March 2016 (Vienna)
- UNGASS event 2016- April 2016 (New York)

Challenges with civil society participation

- Funding to ensure an equitable, fair civil society input
- Member state input to the CSTF so far has been via Norway, Sweden & US
- Encourage other countries to follow suit at this crucial point in the process

EURAD's Reflections on the UNGASS process

- The answers are known, they just aren't being implemented in many cases
- We need to hold members states to account for misguided & inhumane practices which they implement
- Commitment to international collaboration on drug issues and the drug control conventions
- Widen the debate and look at drug issues through the lens of social determinants, public health and development

EURAD's Priorities for UNGASS 2016



1. A Public Health Approach To Drugs
2. A Human Rights Based Approach To Drugs
3. A Development Approach To Drugs
4. The implementation of evidence-based prevention
5. The right of individuals with drug problems to receive treatment, including rehabilitation and alternatives to incarceration to support their recovery journey

The process today

- Please speak up during audience about your priorities for UNGASS
- Feel free to leave written comments about priorities for UNGASS
- E-mail your written feedback to me at fay.watson@eurad.net by 31st September 2015



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