CSTF Global Civil Society Consultation 2018
Preliminary Results and Report

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Method:
Survey Distribution

• Multiple choice and open-ended questions covering:
  1. Review of 2009 Political Declaration and Progress towards Goals
  2. Implementation since 2016 UNGASS
  3. NGOs’ work towards Sustainable Development Goals

• Available in all 6 official UN languages

• Circulated via email, websites, and social media by CSTF Steering Committee and all CSTF members and their networks

• Web-based survey remained active between 2nd October and 4th November 2018
Method: Mixed Methods Analysis

• Surveys with 100% of questions answered included (n=485)

• Mixed Methods Approach:
  • Quantitative data was tallied and tabulated
  • Qualitative data was coded and sorted
  • As recurring priorities and topic areas were identified, they were presented in the report and key respondent quotes were selected to highlight the diversity of opinions in each area
Results:
Completed Surveys, by Language

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Regional Representation
NGO Respondent Characteristics

**TYPE OF NGO**

- Provider of Direct Services: 44%
- Advocacy: 38%
- Network/Federation: 18%

**SCOPE OF WORK**

- Local Level: 29%
- National Level: 45%
- International: 26%
Section A Results: 2009 Political Declaration and Plan of Action
GOAL 1: “By 2019, eliminate or reduce significantly and measurably the illicit cultivation of opium poppy, coca bush and cannabis plant.”

HAS THERE BEEN PROGRESS TOWARDS THIS GOAL?

SHOULD GOAL 1 BE EXTENDED TO 2029?
Alternatives to Goal 1

The 42% of respondents who did not agree with extending Goal 1 suggested alternatives including:

- Legalize and regulate the cultivation of these plants
- Promote greater economic development and fight poverty in these regions, many of which are rural
- Focus efforts upon upholding human rights of farmers/growers
- Focus efforts upon risk and demand reduction to have an indirect impact on cultivation
GOAL 2: “By 2019, eliminate or reduce significantly and measurably the illicit demand for narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and drug-related health and social risks.”

HAS THERE BEEN PROGRESS TOWARDS THIS GOAL?

- Significant or Some Progress: 20%
- Neutral: 27%
- Significant or Some Regression: 44%
- Cannot Say: 9%

SHOULD GOAL 2 BE EXTENDED TO 2029?

- Yes: 68%
- No: 27%
- Cannot Say: 5%
GOAL 3: “By 2019, eliminate or reduce significantly and measurably the illicit production, manufacture, marketing and distribution of, and trafficking in, psychotropic substances, including synthetic drugs.”

**HAS THERE BEEN PROGRESS TOWARDS THIS GOAL?**

**SHOULD GOAL 3 BE EXTENDED TO 2029?**
GOAL 4: “By 2019, eliminate or reduce significantly and measurably the diversion of and illicit trafficking in precursors.”

HAS THERE BEEN PROGRESS TOWARDS THIS GOAL?

SHOULD GOAL 4 BE EXTENDED TO 2029?
GOAL 5: “By 2019, eliminate or reduce significantly and measurably money-laundering related to illicit drugs.”

HAS THERE BEEN PROGRESS TOWARDS THIS GOAL?

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SHOULD GOAL 5 BE EXTENDED TO 2029?

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Has there been any other progress in regards to the world drug problem in the past decade?

- Increased access to evidence-based prevention and treatment options
- More countries experimenting with decriminalization and regulatory models
- Increased awareness and willingness to discuss drugs and drug-related issues
- Expanded public health and harm reduction efforts
- Increased discussions between and amongst international bodies
- More awareness of the human rights of people who use drugs
- More civil society groups have emerged to address the issue
- Greater international/regional coordination and communication
Have there been any setbacks or challenges in regards to the world drug problem in the past decade?

- Ongoing or increased criminalization, policing, filling up jails/prisons
- Increased human rights violations, including death penalty and extrajudicial killings of people who use drugs
- Few resources devoted to prevention, harm reduction, treatment
  - Funds drying up, few funder options, different funding priorities
- Country-specific barriers, including corruption, lack of political will, inconsistent leadership
- Some nations moving towards marijuana legalization and medicalization
- The emergence of Novel Psychoactive Substances
Do you believe that international drug policy efforts could be adequately implemented, tracked and advanced to achieve the goal of a “world free of drug abuse” for the next decade (to 2029)?
Section B Results: Implementation Since 2016 UNGASS
Familiarity with UNGASS Outcome Document

**ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH UNGASS OUTCOME DOCUMENT?**

- Yes: 66%
- No: 34%

**DO YOU THINK STAKEHOLDERS IN YOUR COUNTRY KNOW OF UNGASS OUTCOME DOCUMENT?**

- Yes: 33%
- No: 35%
- Cannot Say: 32%
Practicality and Applicability of UNGASS Outcome Document

IS THE UNGASS OUTCOME DOCUMENT A USEFUL TOOL FOR YOUR WORK?

- Yes: 75%
- No: 19%
- Unsure: 6%

SHOULD UNGASS OUTCOME DOCUMENT AND RECOMMENDATIONS BE INCLUDED IN THE NEXT POLITICAL DECLARATION?

- Yes: 69%
- No: 14%
- Cannot Say: 17%
Government Efforts Towards 7 UNGASS Operational Recommendations

Have you noticed any new or modified efforts by your government in relation to the seven operational recommendations?

- Yes: 34%
- No: 41%
- Cannot Say: 25%
Section C Results: Sustainable Development Goals
Sustainable Development Goals Most Advanced by NGO Respondents’ Work

- Goal 3: to ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages
- Goal 16: to promote peaceful and inclusive societies
- Goal 5: to achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls
- Goal 4: to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all
- Goal 1: to end poverty in all its forms everywhere
Questions?