World Drug Report 2021

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- World Drug Report 2021 highlights from an american perspective

- Analytical challenges for a better understanding of drug markets

- Need to develop new indicators in order to evaluate the outcomes and impact of drug control policies
FIG. 12  Global number of people who use drugs and people with drug use disorders, 2006–2019

Millions

Source: UNODC, responses to the annual report questionnaire.

Note: Estimated number of people (aged 15–64) who used drugs in the past year.
151 countries report cannabis cultivation (97% of global population)
WDR 2021

Drug markets resilience

Great adaptation capacity

- Larger shipment sizes
- Increased use of private aircraft
- Increased use of waterway routes
- Delivery contactless methods

COVID crisis impact

Growth of consumer markets

Expansion of drug production and trafficking

Great adaptation capacity
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- Delivery contactless methods
- Cocaine market expansion
- Price reduction
- Quality improvement
- Traffic chains diversification (more actors and higher levels of competition)
The drug markets resilience and, in particular, the cocaine market trends allow us to question, based on the available empirical evidence, even with its limitations, the international drug control regime assumptions since law enforcement efforts do not seem to have a real impact on the size of illicit markets and the drugs availability.
Both the range of drugs and drugs markets are expanding and diversifying.

The abuse, illicit cultivation and production and manufacture of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, as well as the illicit trafficking in those substances and in precursors, have reached record levels.

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Need to develop indicators for a more profound evaluation (outcomes and impact)

- Biases of police and judicial persecution
- Dismantling of criminal networks and organizations
- Economic impact on criminal networks and organizations
- Adaptation strategies that hold the resilience of drug markets
- Criminal diversification patterns
- Market levels and stages of the market chain

Markets

Qualitative and quantitative research

Academia and civil society participation
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