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About the Vienna NGO Committee on Drugs (VNGOC)

Purpose

The VNGOC is the coordinating body for non-governmental organizations (NGOs) around the world concerned with problems related to substances controlled under the three international drug control treaties. The purposes of the Committee include, inter alia:

- a) Supporting the activities of NGOs, and promoting contacts and collaboration with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB), the UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND), and other relevant UN agencies, offices and fora.
- b) Promoting activities that lead to enhanced communication, cooperation and scientific, cultural and social exchanges between NGOs, UN agencies and member states.
- c) Promoting increased awareness about issues relating to controlled substances through the dissemination of news and information.
- d) Facilitating the representation of NGOs reflecting the broadest possible range of perspectives and groups involved, including affected populations.

The VNGOC was established in 1983, and is a legally registered not-for-profit corporation under Austrian law. The VNGOC office is registered in Vienna, although the Committee operates globally.

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VNGOC Executive Board (since March 2018)

Chair:	Jamie Bridge, International Drug Policy Consortium (IDPC), UK
Deputy Chair:	Lucia Goberna, Dianova International, Switzerland
Treasurer:	Orsi Fehér, Students for Sensible Drug Policy (SSDP International), USA
Deputy Treasurer:	Zoran Jelić, Stjena Resoc, Croatia
Secretary:	Tania Ramirez, Mexico Unido Contra la Delincuencia (MUCD), Mexico
Deputy Secretary:	Shaun Shelly, TB/HIV Care, South Africa
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Message from the Chair

2019 is an important year for international drug policy. It has been a decade since the 2009 Political Declaration and Plan of Action on the ‘world drug problem’ - with its goal of a “society free from drug abuse” and its targets to “eliminate or significantly reduce” drug use, supply, production and trafficking. So 2019 is when the UN and its member states plot the path for the coming decade to 2029, presumably also cognizant of the 2030 target date for the Sustainable Development Goals.

For the Vienna NGO Committee, most of our work throughout this past year has had the 2019 High-Level Ministerial Segment in mind. It was always our priority to ensure the robust, meaningful and continuing engagement of civil society throughout the year, and I think we have been very successful in this regard.

The presence of civil society at the 61st Session of the UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs was as strong as ever - and has quickly become a staple part of the procedures here in Vienna. This then continued with a first-ever civil society dialogue with INCB in May, then throughout the autumn intersessionals in Vienna, and culminating in two civil society hearings in February 2019. When you look across all of the different calls for speakers that we have coordinated in 2018 and early 2019 - in collaboration with the New York NGO Committee through the re-launched Civil Society Task Force - we received nearly 200 applications. This demonstrates the high demand for such opportunities, and the eagerness from civil society partners around the world to be a part of these debates.

Since the elections in March, the VNGOC Board has remained focused on ensuring fair and balanced representation for our members - recognizing the healthy range of views and perspectives held by civil society in this sector. I hope that our members will agree that we have remained true to this commitment. We have been delighted to provide spaces for representatives from every region of the world, and also to be able to offer funding for some people to travel to Vienna. We have strived to make all decisions in a transparent and consultative manner.

In this report, we try and capture the main activities and outcomes that VNGOC have achieved in 2018, including through the Civil Society Task Force. We look forward to discussing these with our members at the General Assembly in March 2019, and to continuing this important work in the years to come. Whatever the outcome is from the 2019 Ministerial Segment, it is my sincere hope that it explicitly recognizes the role that civil society plays, and that member states commit to working in close partnership with NGOs to improve people’s lives in the coming decade.

From the whole Board, we thank all of our members for the support that you have given us over the past year.

Faithfully,

Jamie Bridge
Chair
Vienna NGO Committee

VNGOC Activities in 2018

61st Session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs

From Monday 12th to Friday 16th March 2018, the [61st Session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs \(CND\)](#) was attended by hundreds of civil society representatives. VNGOC worked hard to facilitate their attendance and engagement in the build-up to, and throughout, the week. This support included the release of the annual [VNGOC Guide to CND](#), and the provision of logistical support and advice, and visa invitation letters for civil society representatives.

The VNGOC also co-hosted a side event entitled ““The role of Civil Society in the implementation of the UNGASS 2016 outcome”, alongside the UNODC Civil Society Team. The event explored how best to facilitate meaningful participation of civil society in the lead up to the high-level CND ministerial segment in 2019 and also featured a presentation of the civil society online platform „NGO Marketplace“. The side event was well attended, and was streamed live to enable access for those not in Vienna and in case you missed it, [we recorded it](#).

Other side events sponsored by VNGOC included:

- Increasing Access to Controlled Medicines for Medical Purposes: Focus on Africa
- Special Event: Treatment and Care of People with Drug Use Disorders in Contact with the Criminal Justice System: Supporting Alternatives to Conviction or Punishment
- Field Testing of the UNODC/WHO International Standards for the Treatment of Drug use Disorders - Presentation of Results
- Special Event: Taking Action to Increase Access to Controlled Drugs For Medical Purposes while Preventing Diversion and Misuse
- Special Event: Strengthening the Global Prevention Response: International Standards for Drug Use Prevention - Second Edition, Listen First Campaign and Stronger Families Programme

In addition, VNGOC hosted or coordinated the following meetings to support civil society participation and dialogue at the CND:

- An NGO coordination briefing on the morning of Monday 12th March.
- An [informal dialogue](#) between NGOs and the Executive Director of UNODC.
- An [NGO Briefing](#) on the Annual Report Questionnaire (ARQ)
- An [informal dialogue](#) between NGOs and the President of INCB.
- An [informal dialogue](#) between NGOs and the Chair of CND

VNGOC’s Annual General Assembly

Also at the 61st CND in March 2018, the VNGOC held our [Annual General Meeting](#), with 85 member organisations in attendance. In accordance with the Statutes and Rules of Procedure adopted in September 2017 a new [Executive Board](#) was elected at the meeting. As always, this meeting was also a prime opportunity for members to hear from the VNGOC Executive Board, ask questions and make suggestions.

An informal meeting was held in June 2018, and a second General Assembly was held in October 2018 where the nominations committee for the March 2019 was confirmed.

Civil Society Task Force on Drugs (CSTF)

At the 61st CND in March 2018, the VNGOC signed a [Memorandum of Understanding](#) (MoU) with the New York NGO Committee (NYNGOC), and formally re-launched the Civil Society Task Force (CSTF): www.cstfondrugs.org. The Task Force seeks to ensure meaningful civil society participation in the process leading up to and during the Ministerial Segment 2019 - and conducted an [online global civil society survey](#) in October / November 2018 that solicited more than 480 responses from 100 countries around the world. The preliminary results from this consultation were then launched at a [special lunchtime event](#) in Vienna on 5th December 2018.

A series of CND “inter-sessional” meetings were organised during 2018 in preparation for the Ministerial Segment, and the CSTF supported civil society participation and engagement in all of them. Open calls were launched to select one civil society panelist for each inter-sessional meeting, while other civil society interventions were delivered in person or by video link. The selection followed the [Speaker Selection Guidelines](#) established by the CSTF. The selected interventions were:

Demand reduction and related measures (September 25, 2018):

- Panelist: Olga Szubert (Harm Reduction International, United Kingdom)
- Antonio Jesús Molina Fernández (Dianova International, Spain)
- Bikas Gurung (Asian Network of People who Use Drugs, Thailand)
- Boi-Jeneh Jalloh (Foundation for Rural and Urban Transformation, Sierra Leone)
- Oxana Ibragimova (ALE “Kazakhs Union of People Living with HIV”, Kazakhstan)

Availability of and access to controlled substances (September 26, 2018)

- Panelist: Dr. Lukas Radbruch (Lancet Commission on Palliative Care and Pain Relief, Germany)
- João Batista Garcia (FEDELAT, Brazil)
- Lauren Deluca (Chronic Illness Advocacy & Awareness Group, USA)
- Mark Mwesiga (Palliative Care Association of Uganda)
- Dr. Rumana Dowla (Bangladesh Palliative And Supportive Care Foundation)

Cross-cutting: drugs, human rights, youth, children, women, communities (September 27, 2018)

- Panelist: Dayana Vincent (Fourth Wave Foundation, India)
- Cara Lavan (Transform Drug Policy Foundation / Anyone’s Child, United Kingdom)
- Corina Giacomello (EQUIS Justicia para las Mujeres, Mexico)
- Orsi Fehér (Students for Sensible Drug Policies, Global)
- Wongayi Nyahuye (Youths against Alcoholism and Drug Dependency, Zimbabwe)

Supply reduction and related measures (October 22, 2018)

- Panelist: Daniel Joloy (Amnesty International, United Kingdom)
- Belarmino Carlos Langa (UNIDOS, Mozambique)
- Juliana Miranda (Centro de Estudios Legales y Sociales, Argentina)
- Olivia Rope (Penal Reform International, United Kingdom)
- Carlos Humberto Romero Vergara (OCCDI, Colombia)

Cross-cutting: evolving reality, trends and existing circumstances (October 23, 2018)

- Panelist: Ola Byelyayeva (Eurasian Harm Reduction Association, Lithuania)
- Lul Admasachew (Higher Education Leadership, Ethiopia)
- Tania Ramírez (México Unido Contra la Delincuencia, Mexico)
- Martin Horton-Eddison (Global Drug Policy Observatory, United Kingdom)
- Gretchen Burns Bergman (A New PATH, USA)

Alternative development (October 24, 2018)

- Panelist: Martin Jelsma (Transnational Institute, Netherlands)
- André Øystein Schjetne (Golden Colombia Foundation, Norway)
- Nang Yon (Myanmar Opium Farmers Forum, Myanmar)
- Roxana Argandoña (Andean Information Network, Bolivia)

International cooperation (November 7, 2018)

- Panelist: Paul Kogi Mburu (Soberlife Mentorship Society, Kenya)
- Professor John Toumbourou (Deakin University and Dalgarno Institute, Australia)
- Rajesh Didiya (SURUWAT, Nepal)
- John M. Walsh (Washington Office on Latin America, USA)

Taking stock (November 8, 2018)

- Panelist: Ann Fordham (International Drug Policy Consortium, United Kingdom)
- Hussein Abdalla Tayab (Muslim Education and Welfare Association, Kenya)
- Peter Sarosi (Rights Reporter Foundation, Hungary)
- Brun González Aguilar (International Network of People who use Drugs, Mexico)

Several CSTF members also made several presentations and interventions during the year, including the Co-Chair Jamie Bridge at a CND inter-sessional on November 9th.

Other Meetings and Opportunities

In May 2018 the [International Narcotics Control Board \(INCB\)](#) hosted, for the first time, a **civil society hearing for the INCB board members** on the margins of the 2018 INCB board meeting. The hearing was on the topic of “The Use of Cannabis for Medical and Non-Medical Purposes” and VNGOC selected ten civil society representatives through an open call who had the opportunity to present their work on this topic either in person or via video messages. The [following representatives](#) presented their views at the INCB civil society hearing:

- Linda Nilsson, World Federation Against Drugs (WFAD): Consequences of legalization and commercialization of cannabis for vulnerable populations
- Michael Krawitz, Veterans For Medical Cannabis Access (VMCA): Medicinal Cannabis, Clinical Evidence and Patient Advocates Perspective.
- Simon Anderfuhren-Biget, Groupement Romand d’Etudes des Addictions (GREA): Cannabis politic, policies and policing in Switzerland
- Kevin Sabet, Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM): Marijuana: A Balanced Approach Is Needed
- Elena Dobrinova Yaneva, Students for Sensible Drug Policy Österreich: Cannabis Sativa - Economics and Sustainability (Use of cannabis for non-medical purposes)
- Kasirye Rogers, Uganda Youth Development Link: The cost of growing and legalisation of cannabis. Case study of Uganda
- Prof. David R Bewley-Taylor, Transnational Institute (TNI): Balancing Treaty Stability and Change: Inter Se modification and the UN drug control conventions to facilitate cannabis regulation
- Tania Ramirez, México Unido Contra la Delincuencia (MUCD): Medicinal cannabis policies and practices in Mexico and around the world
- Esbjörn Hörnberg, IOGT International: Big Tobacco and Big Marijuana
- Syed Zulfiqar Hussain, Youth Council for Anti Narcotics: Rehabilitation of Cannabis Drug Users

On June 26th 2018, the CND hosted a special event commemorating the United Nations’ [International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking](#), and to launch the World Drug Report 2018. Jamie Bridge, Chair of the Vienna NGO Committee, made opening remarks

alongside the Chair of the CND, the UNODC Director of the Division for Policy Analysis, and other member states.

On 6th November 2018, the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB) held an open dialogue to mark its 50th anniversary, entitled: “The international drug control system: challenges and the way forward”. The VNGOC Treasurer, Orsi Fehér, made opening remarks in the company of the President of the Economic and Social Council, the Director General of the World Health Organization, the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the Chair of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, and other member states.

In December 2019 Sarah Pirker, the VNGOC Project Manager, was invited to speak at a regional capacity building workshop hosted by the Turkish Green Crescent, a VNGOC member. The week-long workshops included civil society organizations from Central Asia, Africa, North America and Australia. Sarah Pirker represented the VNGOC and spoke on opportunities to engage with the UN drug policy agencies based in Vienna.

NGO Marketplace

The [NGO Marketplace](#) continues to be a valuable online platform that gives civil society organisations the opportunity to document and present their work, and exchange information and ideas with other like-minded groups around the world. It is a joint project of UNODC and VNGOC, with funding channeled through UNODC by the Russian Federation.

In December 2018, VNGOC launched an improved ‘Version 3’ of the Marketplace, redesigned to improve its usability and facilitate interactions and dialogue between civil society organisations on the platform. With these improvements, the platform can now be better used to facilitate reporting on NGO activities and make it easier for organisations to interact with each other. To date, 188 organisations from all continents have registered on the NGO Marketplace, and have created 114 projects showcasing their work.

VNGOC Website and Social Media

The VNGOC website - <https://vngoc.org/> - continues to be updated on a regular basis with the latest news, civil society statements and videos, governance documents and letters, and calls for inputs from the membership. In 2018 more than 5,000 users visited the website. In addition to the website, the VNGOC continues to operate a [Twitter account](#) and also re-established its [Facebook account](#). By December 2018, more than 2,000 people were engaged with the VNGOC through these platforms.

VNGOC Board Retreat

In October 2018, the VNGOC Board held a day-long Board retreat in the margins of the CND inter-sessional in Vienna. The focus of the meeting was the development of a strategic plan that will be presented to the General Assembly in March 2019, as well as explorations of the future of the committee. For the latter, the Board invited Saionara König-Reis from the NGO Major Group to give a presentation on the structure of the NGO Major Group and CoNGO.

Financial Summary: January to December 2018

For 2018, the VNGOC's independent auditors were Chris Ramire (Foundation for a Drug Free Europe) and Gebhard Fidler (Verein zur Förderung der Völkerverständigung). An independently verified version of this financial summary will be presented at the VNGOC Annual General Meeting in March 2019.

Vienna NGO Committee (VNGOC) Accounts 2018			
Description	2018 Budget (EUR)	EURO Actual Expenditure	US\$ Actual Expenditure
Opening Balance, 1 Jan 18		€ 14.180,47	\$ 17.597,12
Income			
Membership Fees	€ 11.000,00	€ 10.147,78	\$ 2.659,81
Donation		€ 5.000,00	
Other			
Total Income	€ 11.000,00	€ 15.147,78	\$ 2.659,81
Expenditure			
Salary costs	€ 3.000,00	0	
Travel Grants for Members	€ 4.000,00	0	
Board Meetings	€ 2.000,00	€ 2.297,78	\$ 2.006,87
Bank Fees and Charges	€ 1.000,00	€ 568,34	\$ 696,36
Office Expenditure / Website	€ 1.000,00	€ 698,12	
CSTF ²	0		\$ 4.157,05
Other ¹	0	€ 120,00	
Total Expenditure	€ 11.000,00	€ 3.684,24	\$ 6.860,28
Surplus/(Deficit)		€ 11.463,54	\$ (4.200,47)
Balance, 31 December 18		€ 25.644,01	\$ 13.396,65

¹ Membership over-payment received in error, and refunded in full.

²All expenditure regarding CSTF was fully reimbursed in January 2019

List of Current Members

The VNGOC had 151 members in good standing as of December 2018, 89 organisations situated in Europe, 33 in North America (Canada and the US) 26 in Asia, 16 in Latin America, 15 in Africa and 11 in Oceania.

1. Acción Técnica Social (ATS)
2. Action Jeunesse pour le Développement (AJED-Congo)
3. ACTIS - Rusfeltets samarbeidsorgan / Norwegian Policy Network on Alcohol and Drugs
4. Active - sobriety, friendship and peace
5. African Action on AIDS
6. African Development Assistance Consult
7. Agencia Piaget para o Desenvolvimento (APDES)
8. AIDES
9. AIDS Foundation East-West (AFEW)
10. Alcohol and drug Information Centre Sri Lanka (ADIC)
11. Ana Liffey Drug Project (ALDP)
12. Andean Information Network
13. Andrey Rylkov Foundation for Health and Social Justice (ARF)
14. ANORW Police and Emergency Services of the Ottawa Watershed
15. Anti-Corruption Association of NGO (NGO-ACA)
16. Asociación Costarricense para el Estudio e Intervención en Drogas (ACEID)
17. Asociacion Proyecto Hombre
18. Associacao de Reabilitacao de Toxicodependentes de Macau (ARTM)
19. Associazione Papa Giovanni XXIII (APG23)
20. Australian Alcohol and Other Drug Council (AADC)
21. Auto-Support des Usagers de Drogues (ASUD)
22. Beckley Foundation Drug Policy Programme
23. Canadian Center on Substance Abuse
24. Canadian Drug Policy Coalition
25. Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network - Réseau juridique canadien VIH/sida
26. Canadian Students for Sensible Drug Policy
27. Celebrate Recovery / Proslavi Oporavak
28. Centro de Estudios de Derecho, Justicia y Sociedad (Dejustica)
29. Centro de Integracion Juvenil AC
30. Centro Italiano di Solidarieta Don Mario Picchi di Roma
31. Citywide Drugs Crisis Campaign
32. Community Alliances for Drug Free Youth (CADFY)
33. Community Anti-Drug Coalition of America (CADCA)
34. Community Restoration Initiative project
35. Comunità di Venezia Società Cooperativa Sociale
36. Correlation Network - De Regenboog Groep
37. Dalgarno Institute
38. Dianova International
39. Dianova Portugal
40. Diogenis
41. Drug Free America Foundation
42. Drug Free Australia
43. Drug Policy Alliance
44. Drug Policy Australia Limited
45. Drug Policy Network South East Europe
46. Drug Reform Coordination Network
47. Elternkreis Wien
48. EQUIS: Justicia para las Mujeres, AC
49. Europe Against Drugs (EURAD)
50. European Cities Against Drugs (ECAD)
51. European Federation of Therapeutic Communities
52. European TC Foundation
53. Fédération bruxelloise francophone des institutions pour toxicomanes
54. Fields of Green for ALL NPC (FGASA)
55. Finnish Association for Humane Drug Policy
56. Foreningen for human narkotikapolitikk (the Association for Humane Drug Policies) (FHN)
57. Forum Droghe
58. FORUT - Campaign for Development and Solidarity
59. Foundation for a Drug Free Europe
60. Foundation for Alternative Approaches to Addiction - Think & do tank
61. Foundation of Polish Drug Policy Network
62. Fundacion Atenea Grupo GID
63. Fundamental Human Rights & Rural Development Association (FHRRDA)
64. Graduate Women International
65. Harm Reduction Australia
66. Harm Reduction Coalition
67. Harm Reduction International (International Harm Reduction Association)
68. Health Poverty Action
69. Help not Handcuffs, Inc.
70. Human Rights Watch
71. Iglesia Evangélica Protestante de El Salvador
72. Institute for Research and Development (UTRIP)
73. Instituto Internacional de Criminalística Aplicada (INICA)

74. Intercambios Asociacion Civil
75. International Association for Applied Psychology
76. International Association for Hospice and Palliative Care
77. International Center for Ethnobotanical Education, Research and Service
78. International Centre for Science in Drug Policy
79. International Council of Women
80. International Council on Alcohol and Addictions
81. International Doctors for Healthier Drug Policies
82. International Drug Policy Consortium - IDPC
83. International Drug Policy Unit
84. International Federation of Non-Governmental Organisations for the Prevention of Drug and Substance Abuse (IFNGO)
85. International Federation of Social Workers
86. International Inner Wheel
87. International Movement for Advancement of Education Culture Social & Economic Development
88. International Network of People who Use Drugs (INPUD)
89. International Police Association
90. international police organization (internacionalna policijska organizacija) (IPO)
91. IOGT - NTO
92. IOGT International
93. IOGT Norway
94. IOGT-NTO Junior Association (Junis)
95. Junior- og barneorganisasjonen (JUBA)
96. Juvente Norway
97. Karim Khan Afridi Welfare Foundation
98. KETHEA
99. Latin American and Caribbean Network of People Who Use Drugs (LANPUD)
100. Latinoamerica Reforma
101. Lions Club International
102. Mainline Foundation
103. Matua Raki, National Addiction Workforce Development (Te Pou Ltd)
104. México Unido contra la Delincuencia A.C
105. Middle East and North Africa Harm Reduction Association
106. Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies (MAPS)
107. National Anti Drug Union (NAU)
108. National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP)
109. National Drug Prevention Office
110. Needle Exchange Services Newzealand
111. New Zealand Drug Foundation
112. Nierika A.C. Multidisciplinary Association for the Preservation of Indigenous Traditions of Sacred Plants
113. Odyssey House Louisiana, Inc. (OHL)
114. Open Society Institute
115. Organizacao das Familias da Asia e do Pacifico (OFAP)
116. Penal Reform International
117. Penington Institute
118. Rede Brasileira de Reducao de Danos e Direitos Humanos
119. Release
120. Riksförbundet Narkotikafritt Samhälle (National Association for a Drug-Free Society)
121. San Patrignano Foundation
122. Shola Mese Foundation
123. Singapore Anti-Narcotics Association (SANA)
124. Slum Child Foundation
125. South Asian Drugs and Addictions Research Council (SA-DAC)
126. South Caucasus Office on Drugs and Crime
127. Sri Lanka Federation of Non-Governmental Organizations Against Drug Abuse (SL-FONGOADA)
128. Stijena Resoc
129. Students for Sensible Drug Policy
130. Students for Sensible Drug Policy Australia
131. Sunny Trust International
132. Swedish Youth Temperance Organisation
133. TB/HIV Care Association
134. The National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws France (NORML France)
135. Transform Drug Policy Foundation
136. Transnational Institute (TNI)
137. Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities
138. Turkish Green Crescent Society
139. Ugandan Youth Development Link
140. Unified Initiative for a drug free Nigeria
141. Verein zur Förderung der Völkerverständigung
142. Virginians Against Drug Violence
143. Washington Office on Latin America
144. Women and Harm Reduction International Network (WHRI)
145. Women's Organization Committee on Alcohol and Drugs (Kvinnoorg Samarbeidsrad...)
146. World Federation Against Drugs
147. World Federation of Therapeutic Communities
148. Youth Organisation for Drug (YODA)
149. YouthRISE (Resource, Information, Support, Education) Limited
150. Zimbabwe Civil Liberties and Drug Network
151. Zonta International

Work Plan and Budget for 2019

In line with the draft VNGOC Strategic Plan 2019-2021 - for discussion and adoption at the General Assembly in March 2019 - the organization's work in 2019 will be guided by the following five objectives (which are subject to change):

1. Provide resources and support to develop NGO capacity to engage the relevant UN bodies on drug policy and related matters.
2. Foster new, and utilise existing, opportunities for NGO engagement with relevant UN bodies on drug policy and related matters.
3. Advocate for NGO inclusion in international debates concerning the implementation, impact and development of drug policies.
4. Present a global, balanced NGO voice and/or position on drug policy at strategic national, regional and international events.
5. Effective and efficient management and promotion of the Committee

As well as completing an evaluation of the Civil Society Task Force (CSTF) work, VNGOC will continue to support and facilitate civil society inputs and engagement in all relevant UN meetings and fora, and to further promote the NGO Marketplace platform as a valuable tool for all NGOs.

If mandated by the General Assembly in March 2019, the VNGOC Board will also embark on a wide consultation of members and partners, in order to reflect on how best to ensure the global reach and relevance of NGO coordination on the issue of drugs.

Proposed Budget for 2019:

Income ¹		Expenditure	
Membership Fees	€ 11,000	Salary Costs	€ 4,000
Travel Grants for Members ²	€ 4,000	Travel Grants for Members	€ 4,000
		Board Meetings	€ 4,000
		Bank Fees / Charges	€ 1,500
		Office / Communications	€ 1,500
Total	€ 15,000	Total	€ 15,000

¹ Fundraising efforts by the VNGOC Board will continue throughout the year, with the aim of expanding capacity-building activities and increasing the engagement opportunities for civil society.

² Amount unspent from 2018 budget due to successful fundraising for the CSTF, and carried forward into 2019.