

## **Augusto Paulo Valente Nogueira**

Associação Reabilitação Toxicodependentes de Macau (ARTM)



Candidate for:

### **Deputy Chairperson Secretary**

I am the founder and current President of ARTM, for the past 20 years I have been consistently working to improve the conditions and access to drug treatment, prevention, harm reduction and drug policies in Macau. In Macau I was the pioneer of the therapeutic communities, needle and syringes programs, methadone follow up programs and youth drop-in centres.

I am a member of the Narcotics Control Commission, the Youth Drug Commission and AIDS Prevention and Control

Commission of the Macau Government and President of the IFNGO, as president of the IFNGO I have been dedicating my time to revitalize, modernize and accepting different approaches, not only in the IFNGO itself, but also among the more conservative members. I have also in cooperation with the UNODC bringing training about prevention and treatment to some of the Asia member states

In 2015 I was awarded with the Medal of Merit by the Portuguese Government and in 2017 was awarded with the Medal of Communities Services by the Macau SAR

I am a very dedicated person, very committed to the work, I have many experience in Asia and I think Asia should be as well represented at the VNGOC. I am apologist of a consensus to achieve the objectives that we purpose, we cannot continue fighting and losing time over ideologies and wording, we need to work to show and to accept the evidence, the facts and to find a balance, a consensus to have better drug policies, treatment services, recovery, prevention and harm reduction. I believe we can achieve that, when we all work directly to the problem itself and not to our hidden agendas.