

General Assembly **VNGOC**

April 8th, 2021

2021





BEFORE WE BEGIN



The meeting is being recorded and will be published on our website



Submit your questions and comments anytime, either by raising a hand so we can unmute you or by posting your question in the Q & A box. We'll do Q&A all throughout

AGM PART 1

Agenda

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Adoption of the draft agenda

Adoption of the draft agenda that was circulated before the meeting.



Roll Call

The list of participants in the Zoom meeting will be used as a roll call.



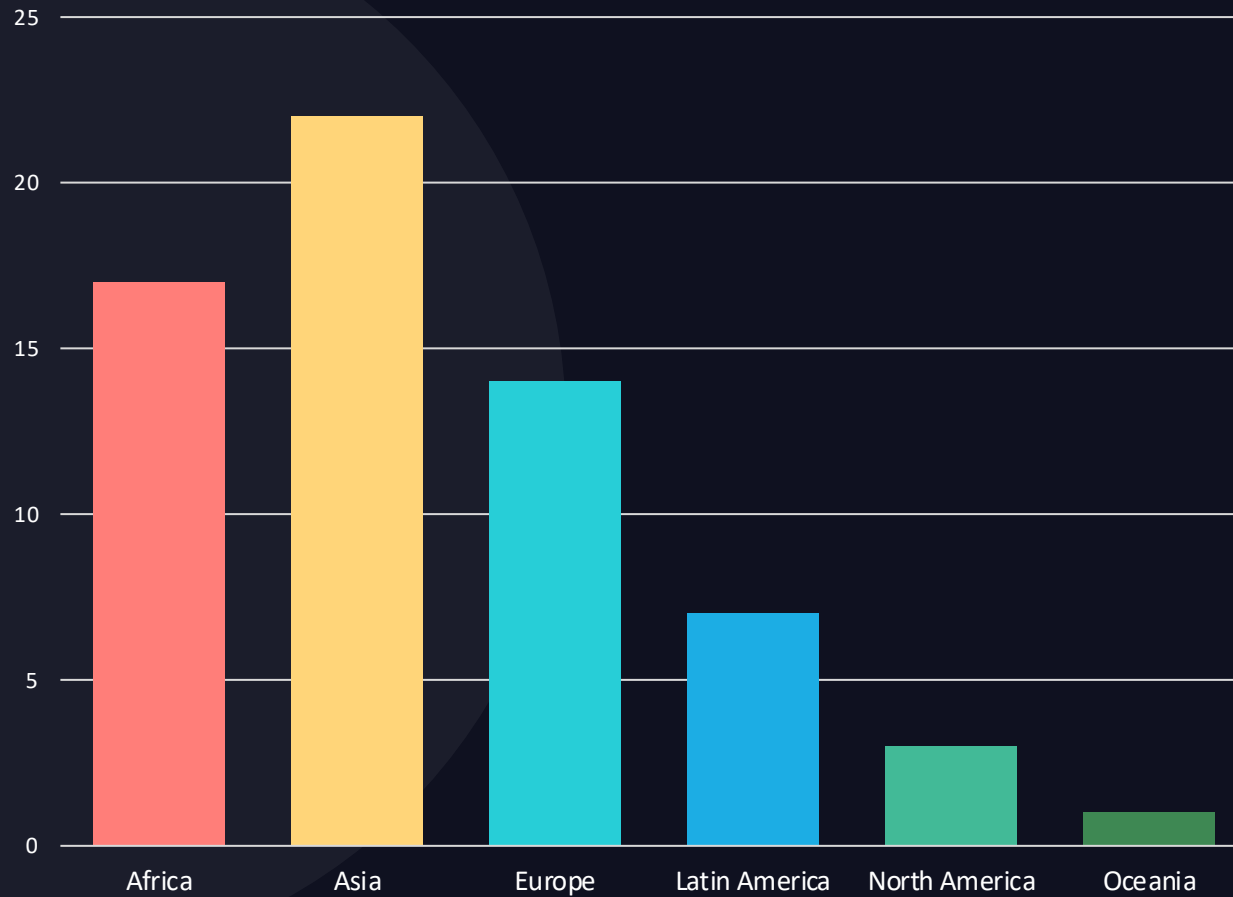
Approval of the minutes of the last meeting

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 04 March 2020 have been circulated.



Apologies for absence

No apologies for absences were received prior to the meeting.



New Members

64

ORGANISATIONS

Since March 2020 the board welcomed 64 new member organisations from 39 different countries.

The list of new members can be found [here](#) and will also be added to the minutes of the meeting.



ANNUAL REPORT 2020



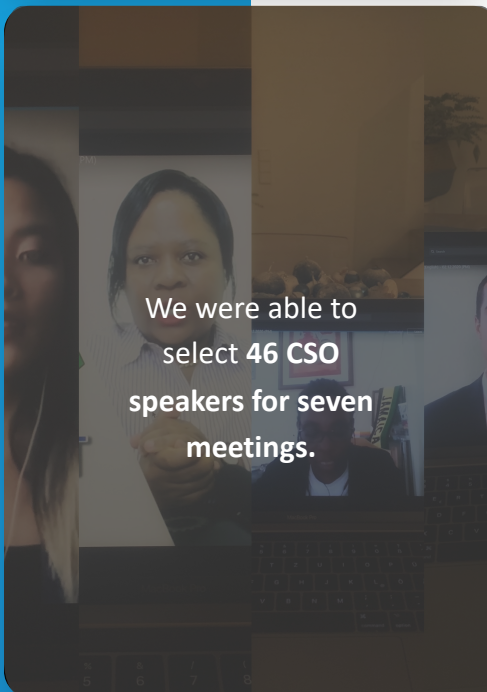
2020 was a year of challenges, hardship and tragedy for so many. But the pandemic has also further emphasised civil society's crucial role in protecting physical and mental health, addressing the world drug situation, holding those in power accountable, and reaching those in need.

As this report shows, it has been another busy and productive year for the VNGOC.

[Read More](#)



We held our first
webinars in July.



We were able to
select **46 CSO**
speakers for seven
meetings.



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ACTIVITIES 2020

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63rd CND in March

African Civil Society Common Position
4 co-sponsored side events
4 informal dialogues
Annual General Assembly
“Finding Common Ground on Prevention”

CND event “Beijing+25” in June

VNGOC statement and selection
of 4 civil society speakers for the
high-level event



CND event on June 26th

VNGOC statement during the
discussions on the impact of COVID-19
and selection of 3 civil society speakers
during the launch of the World Drug
Report 2020

JOINT UNODC & VNGOC ACTIVITIES 8

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July



Webinars on the
World Drug Report
in 4 languages discussing the
WDR 2020

August



Update of the NGO
Marketplace

The NGO Marketplace received a
face-lift and lots of new features.

September



Webinar on the NGO
Marketplace & CND
Engagement

at two time slots to present the
newest version of the NGO MP
and opportunities to engage at
CND intersessionals

VNGOC ACTIVITIES



CND intersessional

on the WHO recommendations on cannabis. VNGOC selected 6 civil society speakers through an open call.



CND thematic intersessional

During the three-day intersessional meeting 18 civil society speakers presented their views



Informal Members Meeting

Nearly 150 representatives from VNGOC member organisations and other NGOs joined the two online meetings



CND reconvened

VNGOC written statement on civil society participation during COVID-19 + 5 CSO speakers



NGO MARKETPLACE

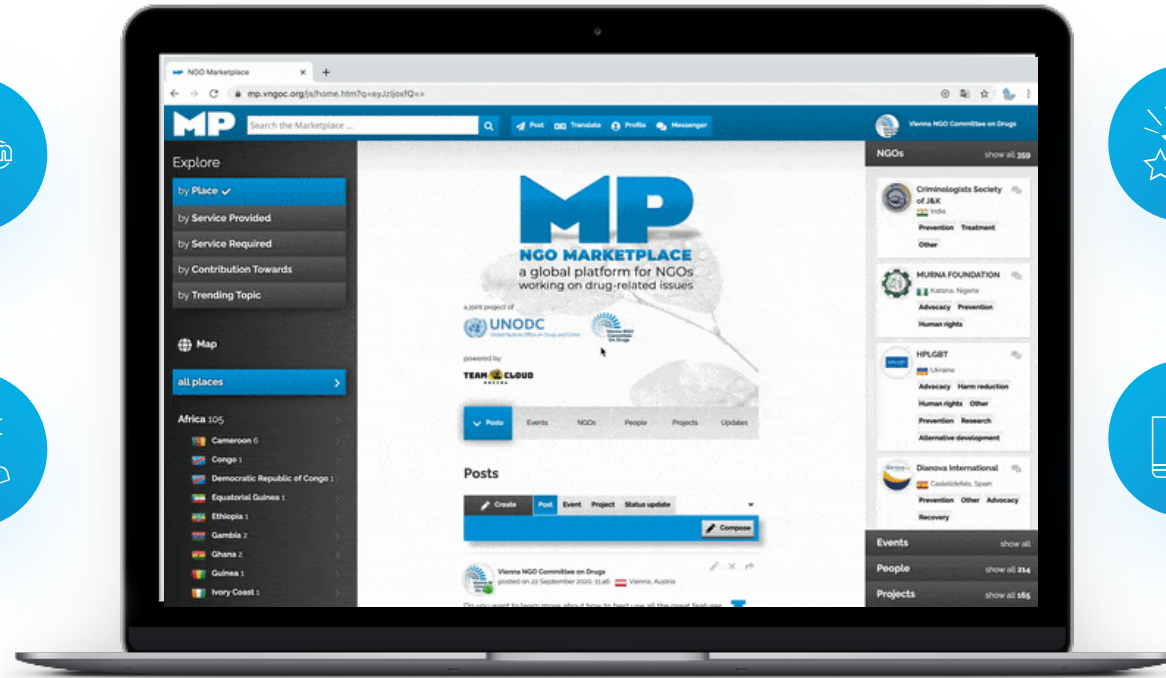
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NEW DESIGN



INSTANT
MESSENGER



INTEGRATED
TRANSLATION



MOBILE FRIENDLY



Working Groups



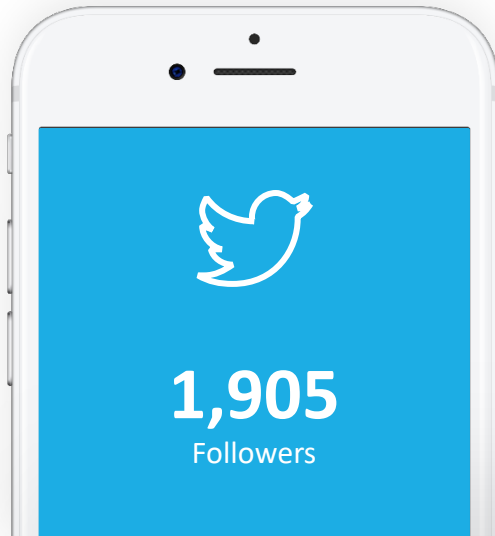
AFRICA WORKING GROUP

- Around 25 members, pre selected
- A wider group to connect, update and exchange news (via whats-app)

ASIA-PACIFIC WORKING GROUP

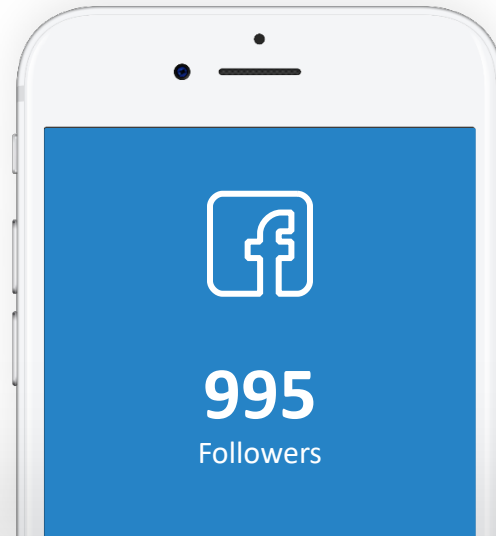
- Around 7 members, volunteers
- Consultations on a Asia-Pacific Common Position on Drugs are ongoing

SOCIAL MEDIA



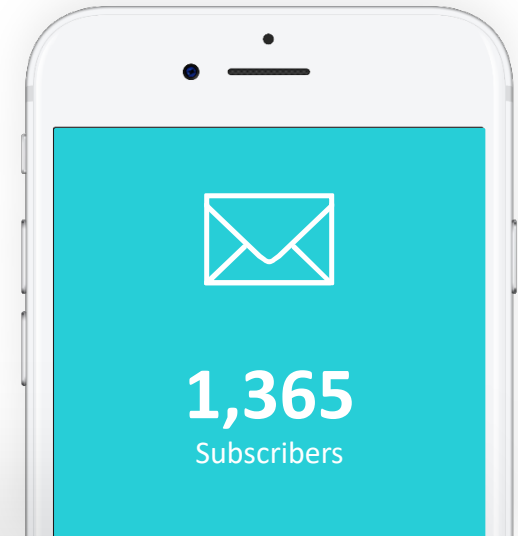
12,721 TOTAL FOLLOWERS

Followers include followers on Facebook and twitter as well as YouTube and Newsletter subscribers, and website visitors



9,942 TOTAL ENGAGEMENT

Engagements include likes, comments and shares on posts as well as newsletters clicks



151,087 TOTAL IMPRESSIONS

An impression is when a post is visible in a social media feed. This is how often people saw news from the VNGOC.

CSO SPEAKERS



2020



Speaking opportunities and selection of speakers





Relevance of
the abstract



Expertise of
the applicant



Range of
different
views



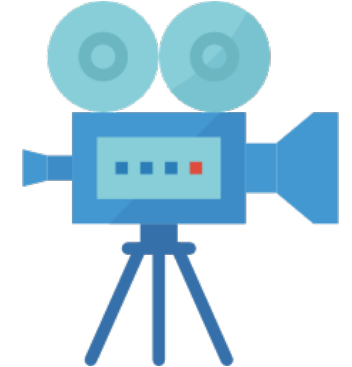
Focus of the
presentation



Geographical
and gender
balance



Mode of
delivery



SELECTION CRITERIA

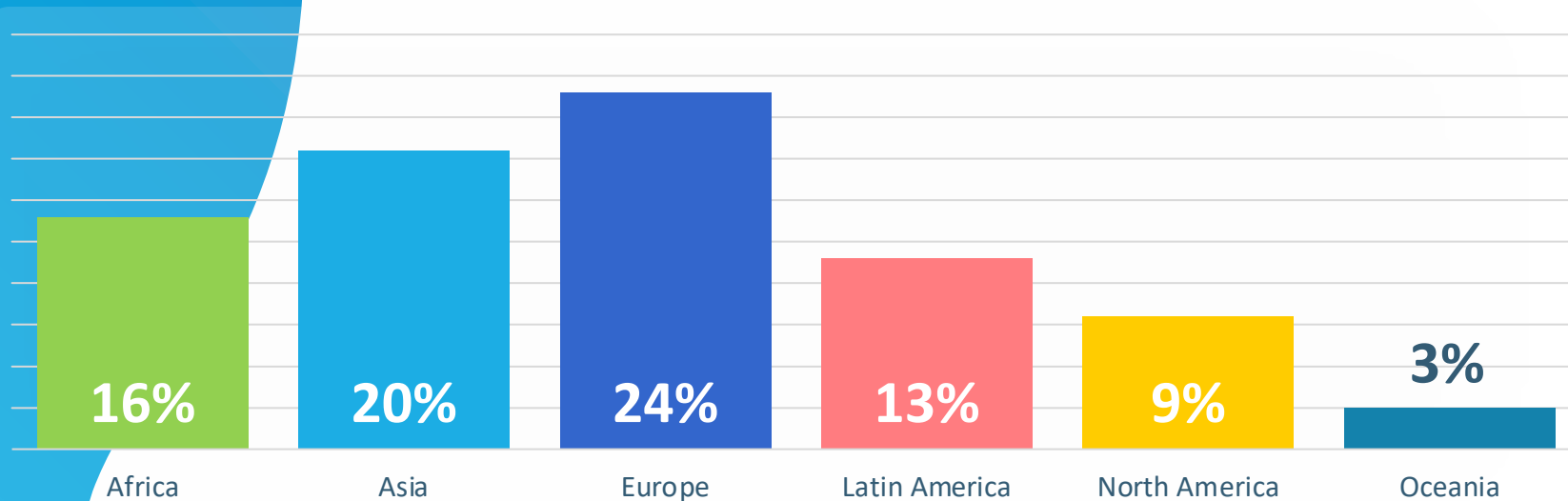
The criteria were developed by the Civil Society Taskforce (CSTF) for the Ministerial Segment 2019 and aim to ensure the broadest possible representation.

OPPORTUNITIES

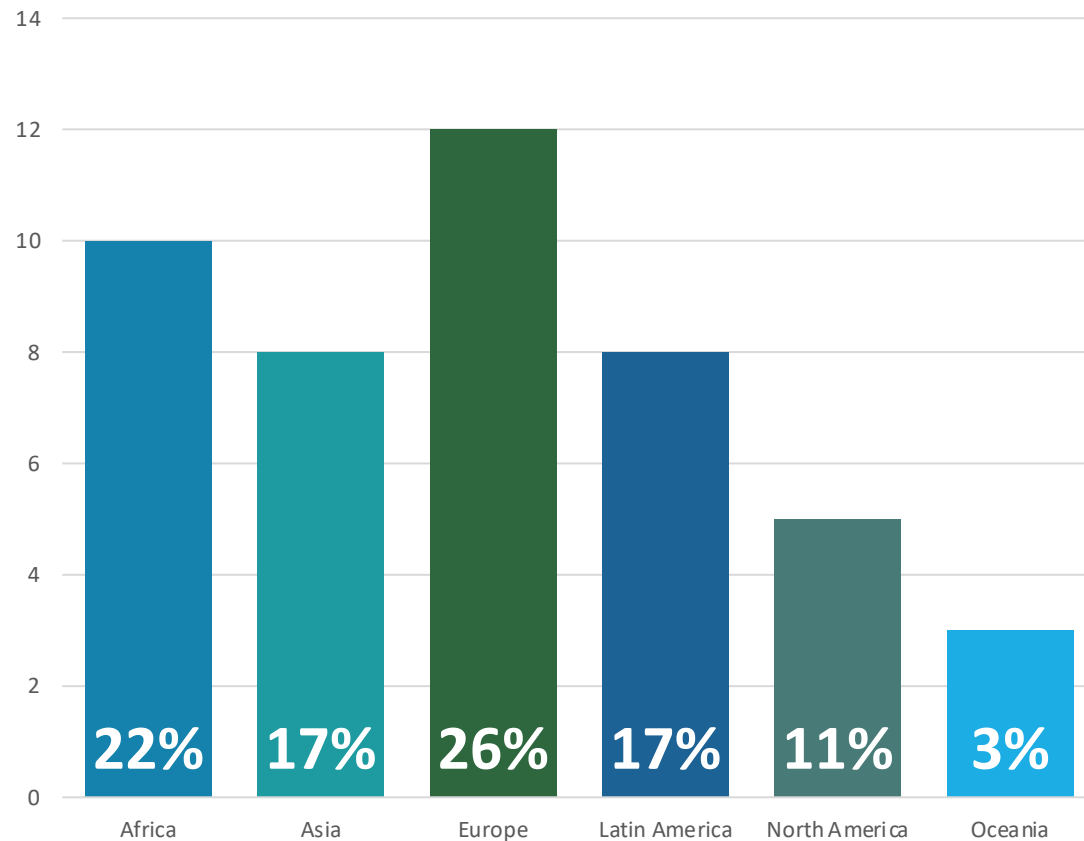
- CND 2020
- Beijing+25
- Launch of the WDR 2020
- WDR Webinars
- CND ISM on WHO Recommendations on Cannabis
- CND Thematic Intersessional
- CND reconvened

CSO Speakers Applications

15



CSO Speakers **Selected**



SPEAKERS
46



63%
Female
Speakers



37%
Male
Speakers



30 countries
Speakers from
30 countries

IN PERSON
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VNGOC ACCOUNTS 2020



Description	2020 Budget (EUR)	EUR Actual Expenditure	USD Actual Expenditure
Opening Balance, 1 Jan 2020		€ 26.317,05	\$ 14.750,55
INCOME			
Membership Fees	€ 12.000,00	€ 8.878,04	\$ 1.805,92
Travel Grans (from reserve)	€ 4.000,00		
TOTAL INCOME	€ 16.000,00	€ 8.878,04	\$ 1.805,92
EXPENDITURE			
Salary costs	€ 3.000,00	€ -	\$ -
Travel Grans for Members	€ 4.000,00	€ -	\$ -
Board Meetings	€ 3.500,00	€ -	\$ -
Working Groups	€ 2.000,00	€ -	\$ -
Bank Fees and Charges	€ 1.500,00	€ 559,71	\$ 522,30
Office Expenditures / Website	€ 2.000,00	€ 1.483,86	\$ 583,02
Webinars		€ 300,00	\$ 300,00
Other		€ 759,37 *	\$ -
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	€ 16.000,00	\$ 3.102,94	\$ 1.405,32
Surplus / (Deficit)		\$ 5.775,10	\$ 451,82
BALANCE, 31 January 2021		\$ 32.092,15	\$ 15.151,15

*Membership fee payment received in error and refunded

BUDGET 2021



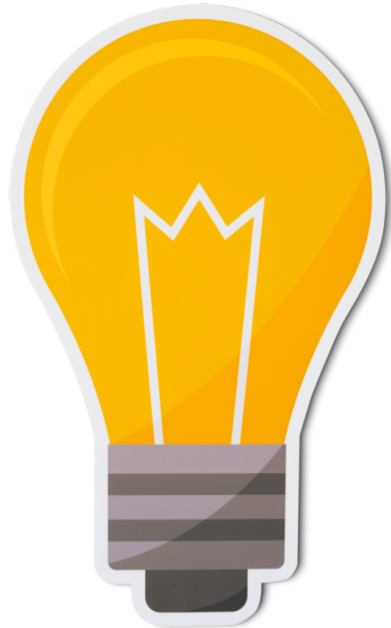
Income		Expenditure	
Membership Fees	€ 10,000	Salary Costs	€ 8,000
Travel Grants (from reserves)	€ 4,000	Travel Grants for NGO Speakers	€ 4,000
UNODC Grant (for salary costs)	€ 8,000	Regional Working Groups	€ 2,000
		Events/ Webinars	€ 1,000
		Board Meeting	€ 3,500
		Bank Fees	€ 1,500
		Office Expenditure/ Website	€ 2,000
Total	€ 22,000	Total	€ 22,000

WORKPLAN

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

MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL

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NEW PROCEDURE FOR BOARD ELECTIONS:

The General Assembly is asked to approve the following decisions.

[Access full proposal](#)



Appoint a working group from within the VNGOC membership to take forward this proposal and **suggest amendments to the Rules of Procedure and the Nominations Committee ToR.**



Convene an **Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM)** in **October 2021** when the working group will present the final revised drafts of these documents for adoption.



Do not appoint the Nominations Committee for the 2022 VNGOC Elections until the proposed EGM in October 2021 when the updated Rules of Procedure and Terms of Reference for the Nominations Committee are presented and submitted for adoption

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**REGISTER TO VOTE**DEADLINE: 7th April 2021

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**VOTE FOR CHAIRPERSON**Monday, 12th April 11AM to
Tuesday, 13th April 10AM

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**VOTE FOR DEPUTY TREASURER**Tuesday, 13th April 11AM to
Wednesday, 14th April 10AM

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**VOTE FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY**Wednesday, 14th April 11AM to Thursday, 15th April 10AM

The VNGOC AGM will be resumed on Thursday 15th April at 4.30 pm to welcome the new board members and conclude the 2021 AGM.

BOARD ELECTIONS

Each organisation must **select one representative to vote for their organisation** by emailing the name and email address of the voting representative to info@vngoc.org before **Wednesday, 7th April 2021, 3pm Vienna**. The representative will receive a voting key from the platform electionrunner.com for each of the three positions.

ONLINE VOTING



- The designated representative will receive an individual link and voting key when the election starts. You will receive a separate email for each position.
- When clicking on the link in the email you will be directed to the VNGOC board election site on www.electionrunner.com
- You can now select the candidate of your choice, and click “submit ballot”
- After the election is over you will receive an email with the results



C A N D I D A T E S

VNGOC CHAIR



JAMIE BRIDGE

IDPC (UK)

I have been on the VNGOC Board since March 2017, and the Chair since March 2018. During this time, it has been a huge honour to represent this growing global network...

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JOHN REDMAN

CADFY (USA)

I have been in drug prevention for over 20 years and have participated in every Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND) Session since "Beyond 2008"...

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CANDIDATES

DEPUTY TREASURER

Augusto Nogueira

ARTM (Macau)

I believe I can use my experience as President of the IFNGO and of the ARTM, Macau to support the Treasurer as well as the VNGOC. I believe its time to have someone from the Asia on on the board...

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Alexandre Kieslich da Silva

Conectados pela vida (Brazil)

Since 2016 I work as an addiction psychiatrist in Porto Alegre, Brazil. I think regional balance is crucial, because we have various public policy issues in South America...

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George Ochieng Odalo

Slum Child Found. (Kenya)

My passion to run for this position is driven by the change that am eager to bring to the board more so for the voiceless young people around the globe who are affected by drugs...

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Heloísa Broggiato Matter

IAHPC (Brazil)

My objective is to represent the views and interests of practitioners and patients who need access to controlled substances for essential palliative care and other medical purposes...

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Arumugam Sankar

Empower

a Social Activist with legal background and Post Graduate in Economics representing India, a country with diverse Socio - Cultural ethnic background...

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CANDIDATES

DEPUTY SECRETARY

Penny Hill

Harm Reduction Australia

Penny Hill is the current Deputy Secretary. My motivations to continue on the Board include my enthusiasm to: continue working on and supporting the VNGOC Asia-Pacific Working Group...

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Asia Ashraf

WOCAD

Besides working on treatment and rehab of male population, she is deeply interested in exclusive needs and access to these services for the female, who remain neglected and excluded...

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Dr Kawal Deep Kour

SA-DARC

I believe that my nomination as Deputy Secretary would bridge a huge chasm that exists in policy understanding and development in India...

[READ MORE](#)

AGM PART 2

15th April 4.30PM

The meeting will be held using Zoom. In order to receive the link please register:

<http://bit.ly/2OU4tYe>

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Board Elections

Confirmation of election results and welcome of the new board.



Nominations committee 2022

Appointment of the nominations committee for the 2022 board elections.
(Depending upon approval of the membership to change the election procedure)



Any other business

64th CND

12-16 April 2021

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- NGO briefing
- Informal Dialogues



NGO BRIEFING



Briefing for NGOs on the 64th CND

Friday, 9th April at 2pm Vienna time
via Zoom



JOIN US!

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_3BDsg_bgT7GkKAti0lDdqw

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INFORMAL DIALOGUES



Event links and latest info: <http://vngoc.org/events/>



CND CHAIR

on Thursday, 15th
April at 9am via
MS Teams



UNODC ED

on Wednesday, 14th
April at 3pm via
MS Teams



INCB PRESIDENT

on Friday, 16th April
at 9.45 am via
MS Teams



World Health
Organization

WHO

date to be confirmed