

ImPACT Coalition for the 2024 UN Civil Society Conference in Nairobi

The future of drug policy – Civil Society perspectives on addressing the world drug situation

Background: The [World Drug Report 2023](#) found that one in every 17 people worldwide had used a drug in 2021, 23 per cent more than a decade earlier. The world drug situation continues to negatively impact millions of people and progress in tackling the challenges identified in the [2019 Ministerial Declaration](#) and achieving [SDG 3](#) remains slow in many regions. Strong partnerships are needed to achieve our joint goals, and civil society can play a vital role in supporting Member States and providing evidence-based services to affected populations. To further foster dialogue and collaboration between Member States and civil society, it is important to create spaces and platforms for civil society to present their inputs.

The Coalition aims to build on extensive consultations done regionally and globally in 2023 and early 2024, leading up to the 2024 mid-term review of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs resulting in a [Global Civil Society Report](#) published by the Vienna and New York NGO Committees on Drugs.

Objectives:

- **Continue to facilitate dialogue and collaboration:** the ImPACT coalition on drug policy aims to further foster meaningful dialogue and collaboration between Member States, International Organizations and Civil Society to address key issues identified in the Global Civil Society Report and other relevant consultations¹.
- **Refine Specific Asks:** Work collaboratively to refine specific requests and recommendations to be made of Member States, the UN system, and non-governmental stakeholders, based on the findings and further discussions.
- **Articulate Next Steps:** Identify clear next steps necessary in implementing the recommendations made, promoting accountability and progress.

We invite all interested stakeholders to become partners, contribute, share their vision and help implement recommendations made.

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We are looking forward to engaging with you at the Nairobi conference and beyond!

¹ Other relevant documents include but are not limited to: [African Civil Society Common Position on Drugs](#), [Asia-Pacific Civil Society Common Position on Drugs](#)

ImPACT Coalition session at the Conference in Nairobi

The session will be held in a hybrid format on Friday, 10 May (time tbc)

Moderator: Billy Batware, UNODC Civil Society Unit

Setting the scene:

- Opening remarks (*tbc*)
- Background Information and recommendations made in the Global Civil Society Report (Matej Košir, Vienna NGO Committee on Drugs)

Discussion:

- Based on the recommendations made in the Global Civil Society Report, work collaboratively to specify the recommendations and refine specific requests. Discuss possible next steps to support the implementation of the recommendations made.

Next steps:

- Based on the outcome of the discussions agree on next steps to meaningfully continue the work of the Coalition.

Expected outcomes:

- Agree on the principles and recommendations of the Coalition.
- Articulate next steps.