

THE GLOBAL INITIATIVE AT THE CND

SIDE EVENTS AT THE 64TH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS (CND), 12-16 APRIL 2021 (VIENNA AND ONLINE)

SYNTHETIC DRUGS - WHY WE NEED TO WORRY

Monday 12 April
14:10 - 15:00 (CEST/
Vienna)

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This event will look at the most recent developments in the Americas, Africa, Asia and Europe, and hear from geographically diverse speakers on how to respond to complex and growing synthetic drug markets. Jason Eligh will present on the synthetic drugs situation in eastern and southern Africa, including the findings of his ground-breaking March 2021 GI-TOC report “A Synthetic Age: The Evolution of Methamphetamine Markets in Eastern and Southern Africa.”



GI-TOC speaker: Jason Eligh, Senior Expert

Organizers: UNODC and the UK Government

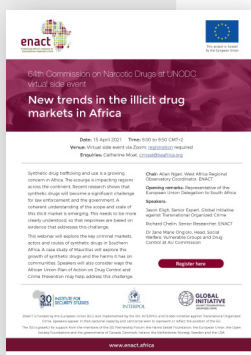
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NEW TRENDS IN THE ILLICIT DRUG MARKETS IN AFRICA

Thursday 15 April
09:00 - 09:50 (CEST/
Vienna)

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This event will explore the key criminal markets, actors and routes of synthetic drugs in Southern Africa. A case study of Mauritius will explore the growth of synthetic drugs and the harms it has on communities. Speakers will also consider ways the African Union Plan of Action on Drug Control and Crime Prevention may help address this challenge. Jason Eligh will present the findings of various African GI-TOC drugs research reports, highlighting the changing cocaine, heroin and meth markets and flows across Africa.



GI-TOC speaker: Jason Eligh, Senior Expert

Organizers: GI-TOC, Institute for Security Studies, Interpol

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ILLICIT DRUG ECONOMIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Thursday 15 April
14:10 – 15:00 (CEST/
Vienna)

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CND@giz.de to register
for this online event



This event will hear from a broad and diverse panel on issues concerning the impact of illicit drug markets on the environment, as well as linkages to other illicit economies. The main results to be presented will stem from the special issue of the Journal of Illicit Economies and Development (JIED) to be published in spring 2021.

GI-TOC speaker: Moderated by Dr John Collins, Director of Academic Engagement

Organizers: GI-TOC, GIZ, Global Partnership on Drug Policies and Development, LSE Press, Centre for Studies on Security and Drugs (CESED), Universidad de los Andes, Fundación Ideas Para la Paz (FIP), UNODC

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GI-TOC research will also be referenced in the following event:

THE IMPACTS OF COVID-19 ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S DRUG USE'

Wednesday 14 April
13:10 – 15:00 (CEST/
Vienna)

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In this session, young people will discuss their experiences during the pandemic & present their research about the changing realities of young people who work with People Who Use Drugs and of Young People Who Use Drugs.

Organizers: the Students for Sensible Drug Policy with the support of Youth RISE

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