

"Beyond 2008": Have Your Say on UN Drug Policies

What's this about?

In June 1998, the United Nations General Assembly held a special session (UNGASS) to focus on the world drug problem. The Session culminated in the adoption of a Political Declaration committing some 150 states to the achievement of significant and measurable results in reduction of illicit supply and demand for drugs by the year 2008. A review of the UN's achievements and progress is due to be undertaken in 2008 followed by a high level UN meeting in 2009 to identify future action at the international and national levels.

Who's organizing this?

This review process presents an ideal opportunity for civil society to reflect on its own achievements and limitations, exchange ideas and make recommendations to the UN. As a result, the Vienna NGO Committee on Narcotic Drugs, in collaboration with its sister NGO Committee in New York and with the support of the United Nations *Office on Drugs and Crime* (UNODC), has created "Beyond 2008"—a global NGO forum targeted at this review. Building on a series of regional consultation and culminating in a global forum in Vienna in July 2008, "Beyond 2008" has three objectives:

1. **To highlight NGO achievements since the 1998 UNGASS.** This is being done through an online questionnaire on drugs (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish), available at www.vngoc.org, adapted from the questionnaire that is completed by national governments for UNODC.

2. **To propose new and/or improved ways of working between NGOs, UNODC and the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND).**
3. **To adopt principles to serve as a guide for CND and in its future deliberations on drug policy matters.**

How can I get involved?

Three organisations from each of six regions ('South East and East Asia and the Pacific', 'South Asia', 'Latin America and the Caribbean', 'Sub-Saharan Africa', 'North Africa and the Middle East' and 'East Europe and Central Asia') have been appointed to lead their respective regional consultation process. Additional consultations will also take place for the European Union, North America and Australia/New Zealand. For a full description of the regional consultations please visit www.vngoc.org. You can be involved by completing the questionnaire (also found at www.vngoc.org) which can be saved to allow for completion over several sessions if necessary. Doing so you can ensure that your experiences are recognised in this process and that the "Beyond 2008" NGO forum is as representative as possible of civil society from around the world. In addition, you can contact one of the regional lead organizations in your area or the Vienna NGO Committee for the July 2008 event at info@vngoc.org. While space is limited, we will try and accommodate as many and diverse a representation as possible.

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"ما بعد عام 2008" هو منتدى عالمي للمنظمات غير الحكومية

2. Proposer des modes nouveaux ou améliorés de collaboration avec l'Office des Nations Unies contre la drogue et le crime et la Commission des stupéfiants.
3. Adopter des principes qui guideront la Commission des stupéfiants dans ses travaux et dans ses délibérations sur les grandes orientations en matière de drogues.

Participez en remplissant le questionnaire en ligne, en prenant part aux consultations et en exprimant vos vues sur le site www.vngoc.org

"Перспектива на период после 2008 года" –

это глобальный форум неправительственных организаций (НПО) по обзору выполнения решений специальной сессии Генеральной Ассамблеи Организации Объединенных Наций в период 1998-2008 годов. Осенью этого года начинаются всемирные консультации, а в июле 2008 года в Вене, Австрия, будет проведен глобальный форум, перед которым стоят три конкретные цели:

"跨越 2008" 是一个全球非政府组织论坛，以审查 1998-2008 年期间毒品问题大会特别会议的执行情况为宗旨。将从今年秋天开始在世界各地举行磋商，最后于 2008 年 7 月在奥地利维也纳举办一次全球论坛。"跨越 2008" 有三个具体目标：

1. 重点宣传 1998 年大会特别会议以来非政府组织取得的成就。
2. 提出与联合国毒品和犯罪问题办公室（毒品和犯罪问题办公室）和麻醉药品委员会（麻委会）合作的新方式和（或）更好方式。
3. 通过用来指导麻委会的工作及其将来对毒品政策问题的审议的原则。

您可通过填写在线调查表、参加磋商和访问 www.vngoc.org 发表观点参与这项活动。

"Au-delà de 2008" est un forum mondial des ONG qui examinera la suite donnée à la session extraordinaire de l'Assemblée générale des Nations Unies sur les drogues illicites de 1998 à 2008. Il commence en septembre 2007 par des consultations dans le monde entier qui déboucheront sur un rendez-vous mondial à Vienne (Autriche) en juillet 2008. Le forum "Au-delà de 2008" a trois objectifs précis:

1. Mettre en relief les réalisations des ONG depuis la session extraordinaire de l'Assemblée générale des Nations Unies de 1998.

"Más allá de 2008" es un foro mundial de organizaciones no gubernamentales sobre el examen decenal (1998-2008) de los resultados del período extraordinario de sesiones de la Asamblea General de las Naciones Unidas relativo a las drogas ilícitas. Comienza en septiembre del año en curso con la celebración de consultas en todo el mundo y culmina en un foro mundial que tendrá lugar en Viena (Austria) en julio de 2008. "Más allá de 2008" tiene tres objetivos concretos:

1. Destacar los éxitos obtenidos por las organizaciones no gubernamentales desde el período extraordinario de sesiones de 1998 de la Asamblea General.
2. Proponer nuevas o mejores maneras de trabajar con la Oficina de las Naciones Unidas contra la Droga y el Delito (ONUDD) y la Comisión de Estupefacientes.
3. Adoptar principios que sirvan de guía a la Comisión de Estupefacientes y sus futuras deliberaciones sobre cuestiones relacionadas con la política en materia de drogas.

Puede participar cumplimentando el cuestionario que figura en línea, interviniendo en las consultas y exponiendo sus opiniones en el sitio www.vngoc.org.