



UNGASS Special Event

Supporting Public Health and Public Safety through Evidence-Based Policies

21 April 2016, 13.15 pm - 14.30 pm,
Conference Room 2,
UN Headquarters, New York

Speakers include

Mr Michael Botticelli

Director of National Drug Control Policy, USA

HE Mr Khaled Abdel-Rahman Shamaa

Chairman of the Board, UNGASS Preparations

Mr Aldo Lale-Demoz

Director of the Division for Operations and Deputy Executive Director,
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Dr Shekhar Saxena

Director of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse,
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Mr Esbjörn Hörnberg

Chairperson, Vienna NGO Committee on Drugs (VNGOC); Chair of the
Civil Society Task Force for UNGASS

Dr Nora Volkow

National Institute on Drug Abuse, USA

Dr Isidore Obot

Professor of Psychology, University of Uyo, Nigeria

About the event

The event will highlight how a balanced approach, with an emphasis on public health, is the most effective and humane approach to the drug problem.

We know from decades of research that prevention, behavioral and medication assisted treatment, recovery support services, overdose prevention and non-punitive alternatives to incarceration reduce drug use, support long-term recovery, and reduce drug-related crime. Speakers will discuss innovative public health and public safety policies, including the latest guidance from the scientific community on effective interventions to address substance use disorders.

Event to be held in English language.