

Understanding VNGOC and civil society engagement in international drug policy

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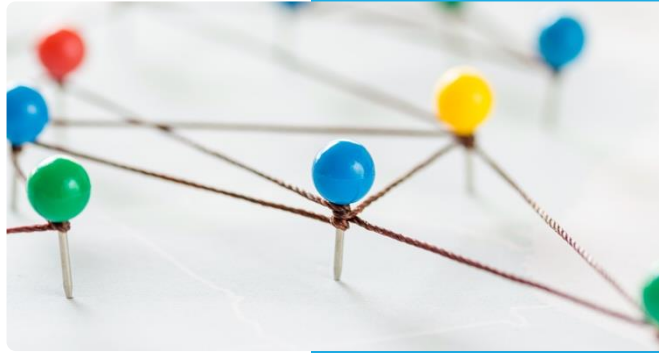


VNGOC

WHAT WE DO

We provide a vital link between NGOs and the Vienna-based agencies involved in setting drug policy:

- the UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND),
- the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB),
- and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).



We promote collaboration

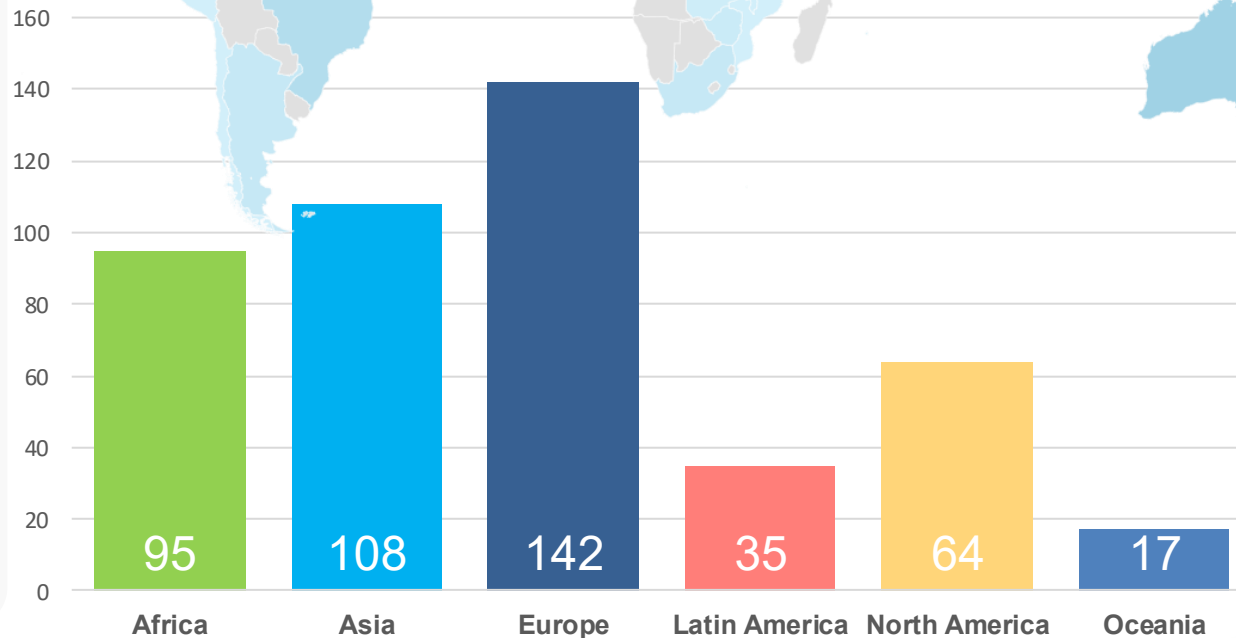
VNGOC supports the activities of NGOs, and promoting contacts and collaboration with the relevant international agencies, offices and fora

We enhance communication

VNGOC promotes activities that lead to enhanced communication, cooperation and scientific, cultural and social exchanges between NGOs, UN agencies and member states

We ensure balanced representation

VNGOC facilitates the representation of NGOs reflecting the broadest possible range of perspectives and groups involved, including affected populations



VNGOC Members

The VNGOC has 469 member organisations from 119 countries across the world.

A current list of members can be found on our website:

<http://vngoc.org/our-members/>



Become a Member

- Fill out the online application Form <http://vngoc.org/about-the-vngoc/membership/membership-application/>
- Board Meetings to admit new members are usually held once every two months



Your organisation needs to work in the field of narcotic drugs

If your work is broader make sure to highlight your drug related activities in the application form

You need to be registered with UN DESA

Before applying make sure you are registered in the database of the UN Department of Social Affairs:

<https://esango.un.org/civilsociety/showNewProfile.do?method=addNewProfile&sessionCheck=false>

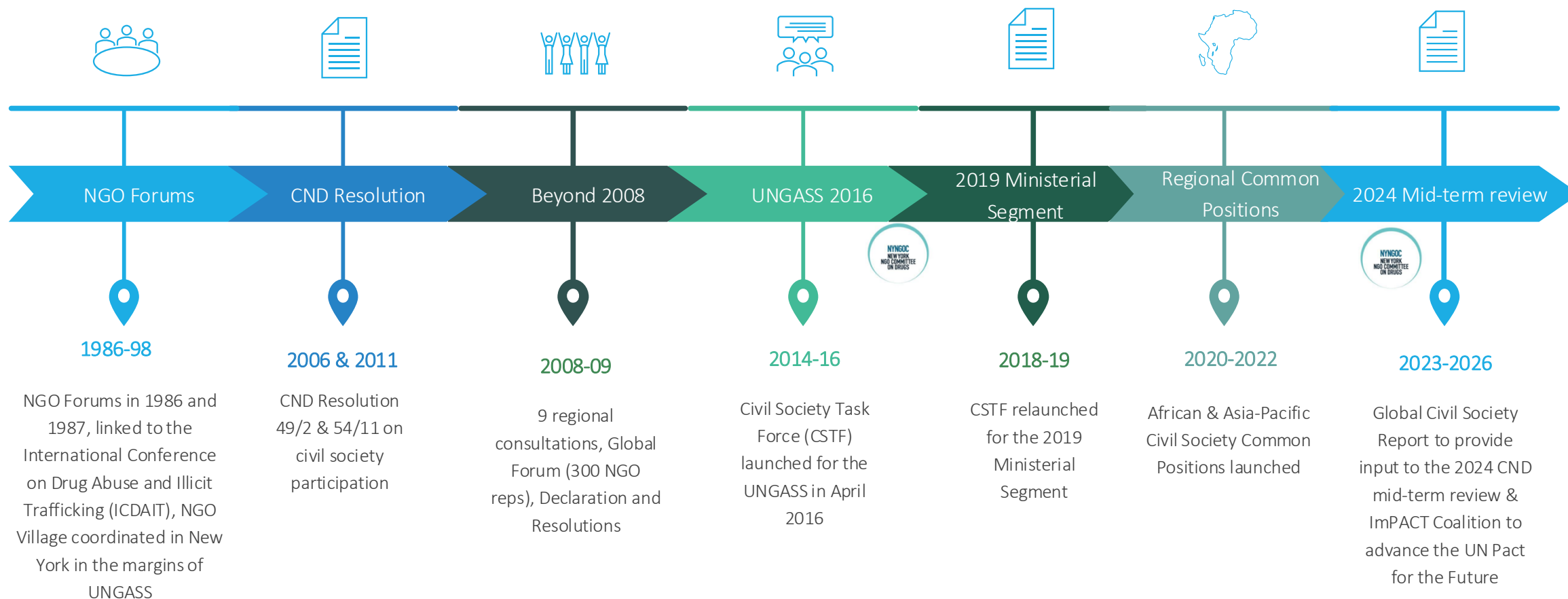


Once admitted you'll need to pay your annual membership fee

Only member organisations who regularly pay the annual membership fees are considered to be "members in good standing" and are able to participate in the Annual General Assembly

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

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CURRENT WORK

- Webinar on the WDR 2026
- Ancillary event at the 15th Crime Congress (online)
- Speaker selection for the CND thematic discussions
- ImPACT Coalition



CND orientation and CND guides every year

VNGOC publishes annual guide to CND for civil society participants:

<https://vngoc.org/about-the-vngoc/what-to-expect-at-cnd/>



Informal Dialogues

Annual 'informal dialogues' between NGOs and UNODC Executive Director, INCB President, CND Chair, WHO, and other relevant UN agencies



Facilitating civil society input in UNODC consultations

Promoting opportunities to input into UNODC consultations: alternatives to punishment, prevention in school settings, treatment in prison settings...



INCB Civil Society Hearings

Facilitating an annual dialogue between civil society organisations and the Board on the topic of the INCB annual report



Calls for speakers for UN meetings

including the thematic CND intersessionals every autumn



Webinars

Regular online learning opportunities in close cooperation with UNODC CSU: webinars on the standards of prevention and treatment, World Drug Report, HIV/AIDS ...



Regional Working Groups

Regional Working Groups in Africa and Asia/ Pacific to facilitate increased engagement



Relevance of
the abstract



Expertise of
the applicant



Range of
different
views



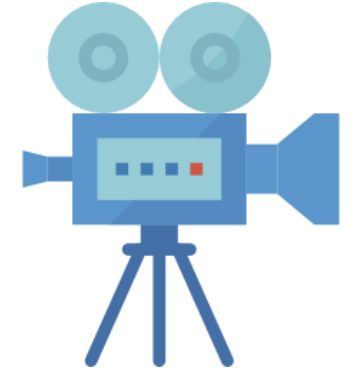
Focus of the
presentation



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.

NGO MARKETPLACE

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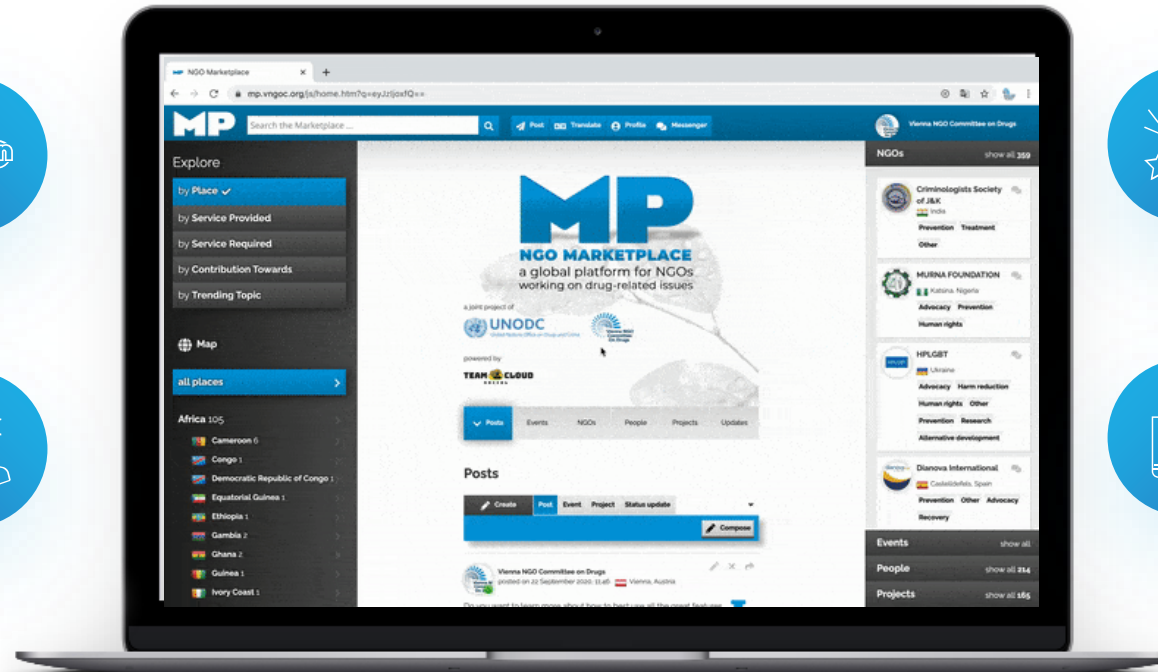
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