

United Nations Of Drug and Crime 60th Session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND) 13 - 17 March, 2017 Vienna, Austria.

The Commission on Narcotics Drugs held its 60th Session March 13 – 17th 2017. This special session reviewed global drug trends and policy achievements since the United Nations Special Session of the General Assembly the World Drug Problem(UNGASS) held in April 2016. The Commission also exchanged views on efforts carry out by member states to implement the Political Declaration and Plan of Action to address the global drug problem.

Focusing on the thematic areas outlined in the UNGASS outcome document, member states reported on national activities drug demand and supply reduction controls, addressing persistent challenges and threats, including new psychoactive substances and alternatives treatment measures with a view to tackling underlying causes to drug dependency.

The Bahamas, in its capacity as the current Chair of the Inter-American Drug Commission (CICAD) was invited to participate in a side event designed to share experience with regard to problem-solving strategies for drug related offenses as it relates to collaboration between justice systems and community actors. Her Excellency Rhoda M. Jackson, Bahamas Ambassador to the United Nations Office in Geneva highlighted the challenges for The Bahamas in a transshipment point as country which is strategically placed between producing and consuming markets of South and North America.

Despite that, the Ambassador reaffirmed The Bahamas commitment to intensify its efforts to minimize the impact of illicit drugs on our most vulnerable, the youth. The launch of the Citizen Security and Justice Programme and the establishment of specific centers for at-risk youth were cited as ongoing initiatives.

Corporal Greer McKinney, Research Officer at National Anti Drug Secretariat, Ministry of National Security. Ms. McKinney chaired the side event on “Tools For Evidenced-Based Policy Making On Drugs”, sponsored by COPOLAD, the European Union Drug Cooperation programme with Latin America and the Caribbean.



Above: Ambassador Jackson and Ms. McKinney at Plenary



L-R Ambassador Adam Namm, Executive Director, CICAD, Ambassador Rhoda M. Jackson, Ms. Valerie Lebaux, Chief, Justice Systems, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime(UNODC)



Above: Ms. McKinney as Chair at COPOLAD Side Event