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- The INCB opens its 111th session in Vienna
- INCB briefs Member States at the CND Intersessional Meeting on availability of drugs for pain relief
- INCB president delivers key note plenary lecture at the 16th International Society of Addiction Medicine (ISAM) World Congress, 2014, in Yokohama, Japan
- Statement from the president of INCB made available at the Sixth Session of the African Union conference of Ministers of Drug Control (CAMDC6) in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- INCB highlights concerns over non-scheduled substances at the 38th HONLEA

INCB's Annual Report, Precursors Annual Report and Technical Publications for 2014 to be launched on 3 March 2015

INCB Mission to the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela



[Dr. Lochan Naidoo](#) in Venezuela, 8-11 December 2014. [Read more.](#)

The International Narcotics Control Board (INCB) carried out a mission to the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela from 8 to 11 December 2014. Dr. Lochan Naidoo, President of the INCB, was accompanied by Mr. Stefano Berterame of the INCB Secretariat.

The objective of the mission was to review the progress made by Venezuela in the implementation of the three international drug control conventions since the last mission to the country that took place in 2001.

The findings of the mission will be discussed by the Board at its 112th session to be held in February 2015 and results will be reflected in the 2015 INCB Annual Report, to be published in early 2016. [Read more.](#)



Past events:

October

Mission to the United Republic of Tanzania

November

111th Session of INCB, Vienna, 28 October-14 November 2014

December

Mission to the Kingdom of Bahrain

Mission to the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

Key Issues and Special Topics

All communities are affected by the illicit drug economy not just those where illicit drug crops are grown.

Chapter I of the INCB Annual Report 2005 entitled “Alternative development and legitimate livelihoods” highlights alternative development programmes as a drug control strategy to reduce or eliminate the illicit supply of drugs derived from illicitly cultivated plants. A truly comprehensive concept would include both the cultivation of alternative crops and the development of infrastructure, viable transportation and assistance in the areas of education and health care. [Read more.](#)

Over-supply, over-prescription and inappropriate or non-medical use of controlled drugs are as much of a concern to the Board as insufficient supply.

New patterns of drug abuse can easily develop as a result of excessive availability and inadequate regulatory controls. The Board expands on this subject in Chapter I of the INCB Annual Report 2000 entitled “Overconsumption of internationally controlled drugs”. [Read more.](#)

The INCB Board



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Recent UNODC publications on drugs:

Afghanistan Opium Survey 2014 – Cultivation and Production

Global Report on Trafficking in Persons 2014

Southeast Asia Opium Survey 2014 – Lao PDR, Myanmar

Upcoming events:

Sixth Expert Group Meeting on the International Electronic Import and Export Authorization System (I2ES) for Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, Vienna, 27-28 January 2015

112th Session of INCB, Vienna, 2-6 February 2015

Briefing for Permanent Missions on the INCB Annual Report 2014, Vienna, 4 February 2015

Launch of INCB's Annual Report, Precursors Annual Report and Technical Publications for 2014, Vienna, 3 March 2015

59th Session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, Vienna, 9-17 March 2015

Useful links:

United Nations

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

Commission on Narcotic Drugs

United Nations Economic and Social Council

World Health Organization

World Customs Organization

INTERPOL