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DEVELOPMENT OF THE COPOLAD REPORT

Policies on drugs: the integration of the gender approach as a crosscutting matter, with especial focus on women empowerment



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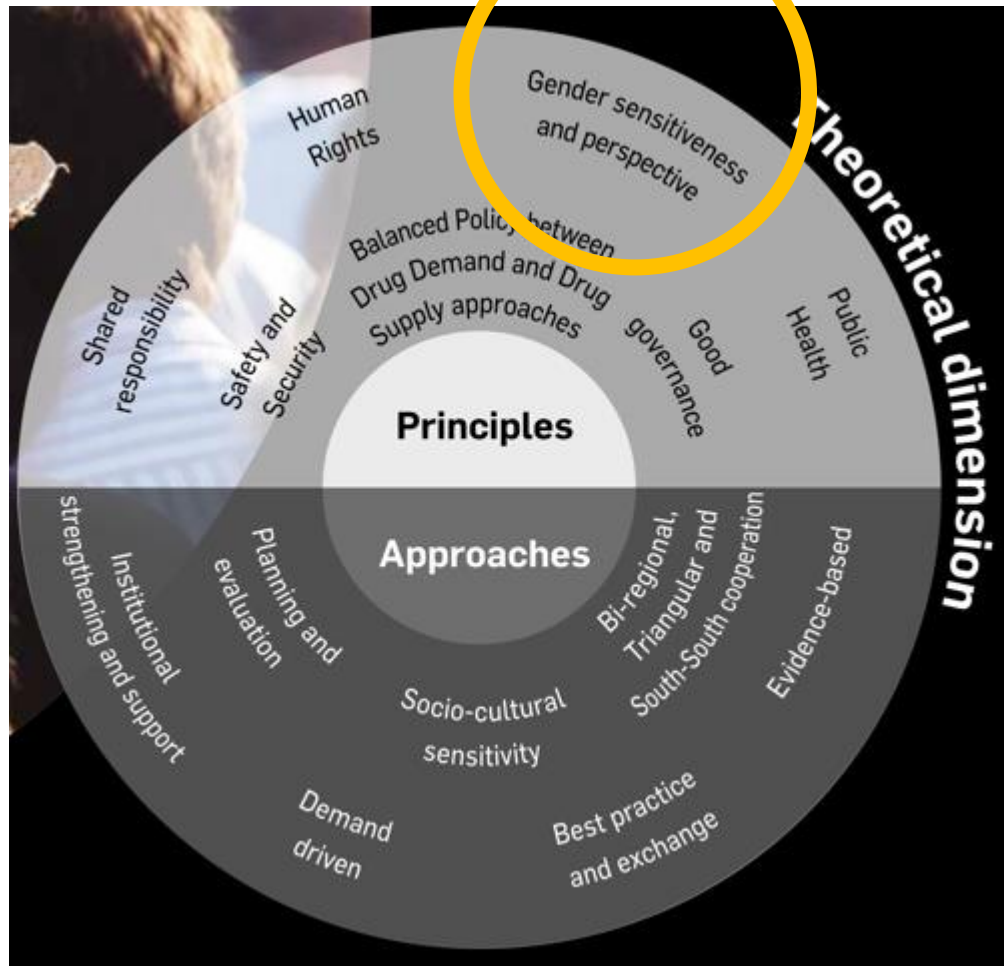


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COPOLAD I, previous initiatives:

- 🌐 **3rd Annual Conference of COPOLAD I**, June 2013 (Quito, Ecuador)
- 🌐 **COPOLAD report (2014): Gender perspective and drugs related programmes: facing inequity**
 - ✓ Identification of working lines including a gender perspective.
 - ✓ Examples of good practices voluntarily submitted by 13 countries of LA
 - ✓ Operational recommendations derived from the experiences presented from the information.



Available at: http://sisco.copolad.eu/web/uploads/documentos/Genero_y_drogas_1023_24102014_ultimo.pdf

Significant progress can be seen:
Some examples

EU Action Plan on Drugs 2017-2020

Gender sensitive action in prevention, treatment, harm reduction, alternative development (among other measures):

- Take into account of gender-specific needs (assessment)
- Improve the availability and effectiveness of evidence-based interventions
- Exchange best practices (within the EU and internationally)

Indicators:

- ✓ Extent of increase in the number of gender specific programmes
- ✓ Number of evaluated projects that demonstrate positive outcomes



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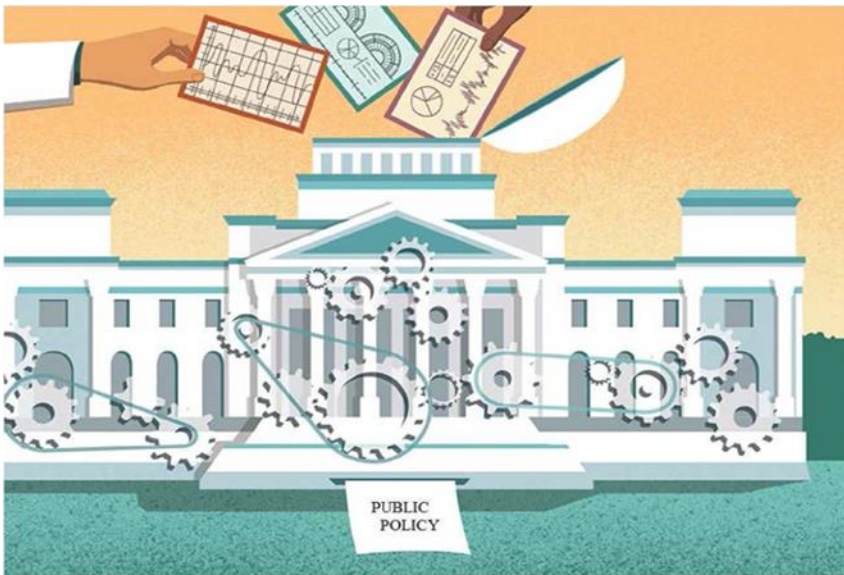


CROSSCUTTING PRINCIPLES AND APPROACHES

- Shared responsibility
- Good governance
- Human rights
- Gender sensitivity
- Public health
- Public security and rule of law
- Balanced policies DDR and DSR sociocultural diversity

- Attention to evidence
- Demand driven (CELAC needs)
- Institutional enhancement
- Exchange of best practices
- Planning and evaluation
- Sustainability
- Bi-regional & South-South cooperation

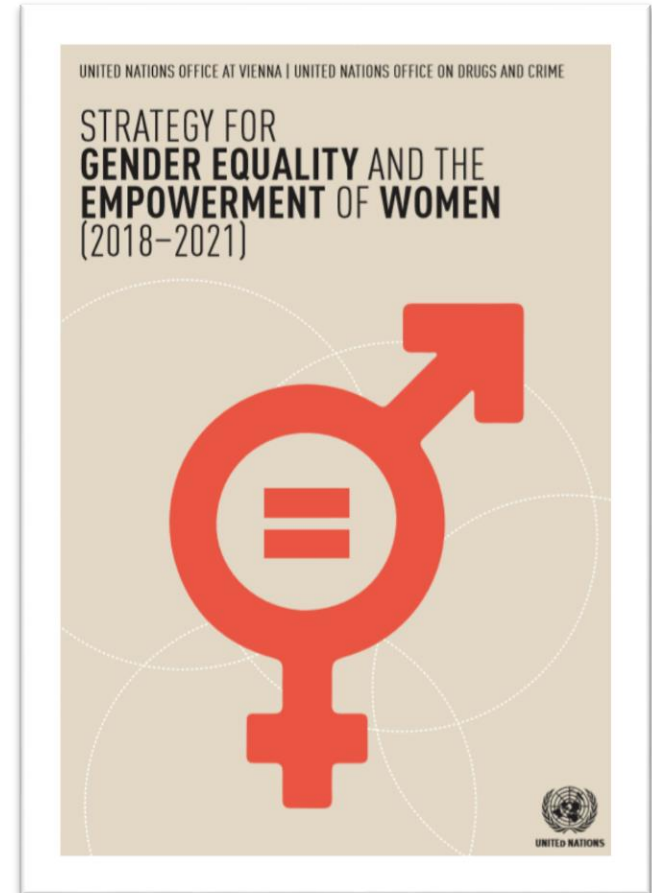
Shaping drug policies after UNGASS 2016



- Human rights
- Development goals
- Gender approach
- Public health
- Proportionate sentencing
- Access to controlled medicines
- Alternatives to punishment
- Evidence based policy

UNODC STRATEGY FOR GENDER EQUALITY AND THE EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN (2018–2021)

- Establishes the first institutional framework on gender equality for the United Nations Office at Vienna/United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNOV/UNODC).
- One of its aims is ensuring that United Nations standards to promote and achieve gender equality are met.
- It provides a systematic framework that sets institutional standards and defines commitments on gender equality and the empowerment of women for the period 2018–2021.



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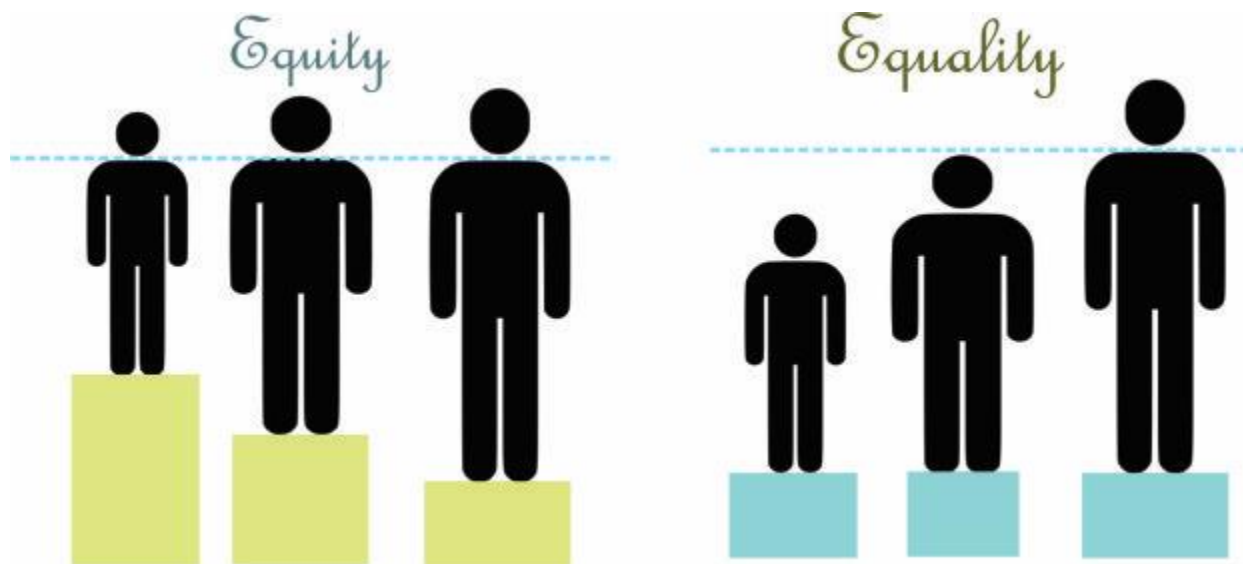
Responds to the request extended by the EU-CELAC Mechanism, to review how the gender approach, focussing on the empowerment on women, can be introduced –in practical terms- in all areas of drugs policy, considering:

- the current situation regarding women and drugs
- the available evidence on effective interventions





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Aim: presenting a solid update on how to mainstream, comprehensively, the gender perspective for women empowerment in all areas of drugs policy:

- Prevention
- Treatment
- Harm reduction
- Rehabilitation & social insertion/integration
- Criminal Justice & alternatives to prison for drug-related offences
- Alternative development

The report should respond to the question:

What does it mean the cross-cutting consideration of the gender approach and the empowerment of women in drugs policy?





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2017: Exploring potential interest in countries, universities and other stakeholders, to present a work-plan proposal...

- Leadership: National Drugs Board of Uruguay (JND)
- Definition of objectives and methodology

2018:

- Bibliographic review
- Invitation to participate to all countries active in COPOLAD
- Baseline study responding 26 countries: **Argentina, Barbados, Belize, Brasil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Spain, Grenada, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal, Dominican Republic, Santa Lucia, Suriname, Trinidad&Tobago and Uruguay**
- First draft
- Setting up Editorial Advisory Board





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Next steps: To finalize the first draft, including, among other consultations:

- The inputs and outcomes from the 3rd COPOLAD II Annual Conference
- Experts revision of the first draft
- Review by the **Editorial Advisory Board** (all National Drug Agencies of contributing countries plus the collaborating networks of COPOLAD)
- Final draft
- Editing in English and Spanish
- Dissemination



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Component 4		Third year																	
Act Nm.	Provision of technical inputs relevant for policy-making	2018						2019											
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	Activity																		
4.3.	Technical report: Gender and empowerment of women in drug policies																		

	Bibliographic review & Drafting		Revision by Editorial Board		Translation & editing		Final texts		Edition & presentation
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