

**UN/AIDS PREVENTION: The Commission on Narcotic Drugs – Local Actions Global Impact**

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AAA is a tax exempt non-profit organization registered in the USA and operating under section 501(c) 3 of the IRS code. It is also registered in Cameroon (auth. No00174/A/MINAT/DAP/SD LP/SAC). It has special consultative status with the United Nations ECOSOC and the UN Department of Information.

AAA's work is based on 3 programmes:

"JUST KNOW" Campaign emphasizes MA YEM, MA BO":

- Knowledge of one's body
- Knowledge that leads to behavior change
- Knowledge that helps to visualize a future without AIDS

"Health before Wealth"

Concept promotes:

- Testing for HIV
- Clean hands (hand washing stations)
- Clean water (drinking stations)
- Dignified toilets
- Fighting against Malaria (treated mosquito bed nets)
- Vaccination
- Anti worms medicine

"Women's economic autonomy"

through our Scholarship Programme.

This scholarship enables each teenage orphan girl to complete at least a secondary, general or technical education that will lead to financial and economic autonomy, greatly reducing the risk of being infected with HIV through sexual abuse and violence.

The 60th Session of the COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS (CND), was held in Vienna, Austria, on 13 - 17 March 2017. AAA was represented. In his opening statement UNODC Executive Director YURY FEDOTOV set out the full range of UNODC's global efforts against illicit drugs. UNODC was supporting countries in implementing family skills training as well as personal and social skills education in school, and strengthening the resiliency of vulnerable adolescents through sports. On the other hand, UNODC would continue working to strengthen access to controlled drugs for medical purposes. Furthermore, Mr. Fedotov emphasized that UNODC was focused on the practical implementation of the recommendations made in the outcome document of the UN General Assembly special session. (UNGASS, NY 19 – 21 April 2016)

RESOLUTIONS:

The Commission adopted 10 resolutions on issues including:

- *Promoting measures to prevent HIV and other blood-borne diseases associated with the use of drugs.*
- *Promoting scientific evidence-based community, family and school programmes for preventing drug use among children and adolescents.*
- *Preventing and responding to the adverse health consequences and risks associated with the use of new psychoactive substances.*

THE ROLE OF CIVIL SOCIETY:

Like in previous years, there were informal dialogues between the NGO community, the Executive Director of UNODC and the President of the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB). During the dialogue between the UNODC senior management team and NGO representatives, Mr. Fedotov said that the outcome document of the

UN General Assembly special session on the world drug problem acknowledged civil society's role in supporting countries to implement balanced approaches to drugs. The efforts were helping to achieve key targets under the Sustainable Development Goals. The mere fact that the chairperson of the Vienna NGO Committee on Drugs, Mr. Esbjörn Hörnberg, was allowed to make his statement even before the statement of the Secretary General of the United Nations showed the increased importance given to the role of civil society. Mr. WERNER SIPP, the President of the INCB, emphasized **how important the cooperation with local NGOs was as they were the ones who had experience on what was going on locally.** This reinforces AAA's conviction that only locally well adapted actions can contribute to global success. For additional information, please visit the following websites: www.unodc.org ; www.vngoc.org

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