## Reactions from July AAA eNewsbrief 2020

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As always, thanks for a very informative July eNews Brief with its report from Herta and Lilly on their attendance at the UN's 63rd Session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND).

In a world ravaged by the coronavirus, there also remain significant problems with drug abuse and the spread of HIV/AIDS, which rip the fabric of society. Organized leadership and support, including the education of the young, must be provided to deal with these global challenges.

We are grateful to hear of the CND's resolutions and the African Civil Society Common Position on Drugs, and are especially appreciative of all that AAA as an African civil society has been doing since its inception to fight these scourges with 'education, prevention and harm reduction', focusing on young people and preventing them from future difficulties.

We were also quite gratified to hear at our gathering last week of all that AAA has been doing during the pandemic to ensure health, and to learn about the publication of 'Three Leadership Stories One Journey'. Sharing this important news brought us together even more meaningfully.

With best wishes always, Melanie and members, SI Tokyo-Shinjuku