

63rd session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND)  
Vienna, Austria 2-6 March 2020

## SIDE EVENT: **FAMILY-ORIENTED POLICIES IN DRUG PREVENTION**



The United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI) in partnership with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) Drug Prevention and Health Branch, the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA) and the Pompidou Group of the Council of Europe, is organising a side event during the 63rd session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs. The side event "Family-oriented Policies in Drug Prevention" will discuss the policies, practices and interventions that have proven to exert a positive impact on the prevention of drug use within a family context. Families can play both a negative and a positive role in the onset and development of drug use. More research is needed on the positive role families could play and on the interventions that have proven to be effective and sustainable for family responsive policies and practices. Furthermore, the side event will provide the opportunity to identify what are the policy elements that stakeholders consider essential in supporting and consolidating the role of families, including in building an efficient system of services responsive to their needs and capable of establishing interactions with family support networks.

**DATE:**  
**2 MARCH  
2020**  
**VENUE:**  
**VIC  
CONFERENCE ROOM M7**  
**TIME:**  
**13:00 – 13:50**

## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

**Ms. Bettina Tucci Bartsiotas, Director, UNICRI**  
**H.E. Ambassador Alessandro Cortese, Permanent Representative of Italy to the International Organizations in Vienna (UNOV)**  
**Mr. Gilberto Gerra, Chief, UNODC Drug Prevention and Health Branch**  
**Dr. Sharifa Noaman Al-Emadi, Ph.D. Executive Director, Doha International Family Institute (DIFI), Qatar**  
**Mr. Francesco Polino, Deputy National Prosecutor, National Anti-Mafia and Anti-Terrorism, Directorate (DNAA) Italy**  
**Prof. Betsy Thom, Head, Drug & Alcohol Research Centre, London Middlesex University, United Kingdom**  
**Mr. Wadih Maalouf, UNODC Drug Prevention and Health Branch**  
**Ms. Laura d'Arrigo, Diplomatic Advisor, Interministerial Mission for Combatting Drugs and Addictive Behaviours (MILDECA), France, Chair of the EMCDDA Management Board**  
**Mr. Denis Huber, Executive Secretary, Pompidou Group, Council of Europe**

The discussion will be moderated by **Mr. Leif Villadsen, UNICRI Senior Programme Coordinator and Deputy Director**

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