

Strengthening the Rule of Law

*to Achieve Sustainable
Alternative Development*

Side Event

The 59th
Commission on
Narcotic Drugs

United Nations
Vienna

Wed 16 March 2016, 14.20 – 15.10 PM

Conference Room M4

The side event will discuss the inherent linkages between the rule of law and alternative development and how the rule of law is relevant to the long-term success of alternative development drawing from best practices and lessons learned in Latin America and Southeast Asia.

While the factors that drive illicit crop cultivation differ in every country depending on socio-cultural, economic, and political situations, there are common conditions that foster opium poppy and coca bush cultivation. These include poverty, lack of livelihood, access to markets, violence, and dominance of drug networks to weak governance.

Panelists will identify factors that drive illicit crop cultivation and how the rule of law can enhance State's presence, build trust amongst stakeholders, and promote peace and a culture of lawfulness. Panelists will also highlight how the rule of law, particularly through its principle of equality before the law, can support equal access to justice including legal status, advance gender equality, and promote land rights and greater access to economic opportunities. Through legal empowerment initiatives and by ensuring that the legal frameworks are fair and equitable and institutional capacity adequate, the full potential of development initiative can empower and reduce communities' dependence on illicit crop cultivation, thus ensuring the long-term success of alternative development.



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Organizers :

The Royal Thai Government, The Republic of Peru,
The Thailand Institute of Justice (TIJ), with
Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)



Agenda

14.20 – 14.25

Welcome Remarks

H.E. Mr. Arthayudh Srisamoot,
Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Thailand to the UN in Vienna

14.25 – 14.30

H.E. Mr. Friedrich Däuble,
Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Germany to the UN in Vienna

14.30 – 14.35

H.E. Mr. Alfredo Chuquihuara Chil,
Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Peru to the UN in Vienna

14.35 – 14.45

Best practices and experiences from Peru

Mr. Carlos Figueroa Henostroza,
Adviser to the Executive President to National Commission
for Development and Life Without Drugs

14.45 – 14.55

Best practices and experiences from Thailand

Dr. Kittipong Kittayarak,
Executive Director, Thailand Institute of Justice

14.55 – 15.05

Research on rule of law and AD

Katrin Buder, Advisor, Rural Development Programme, GIZ on behalf
of the Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany

15.05 – 15.10

Q&A Session