

# Towards an Informal International Platform: Youth-Focused Drug Abuse Prevention



## “Informal International Platform” in the making

Expanding this informal international platform in the making for youth drug misuse prevention to other parts of the world.

This side event features, inter alia:

- Presentation of a case study of how youth prevention on drug abuse work in a low resource country (by UYDEL)
- Progress to date and specific goals for the future (by DAPC)

### Organizers



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**Date and Time: 3:00pm-4:00pm (CET) 12 March 2025**

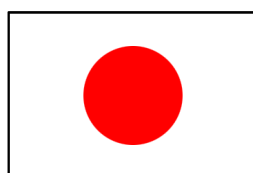
**Place: Vienna International Centre (VIC) Room: MOE07**

**Side Event organized during  
the 68th session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs**

*Hosted by Uganda Youth Development Link (UYDEL)*

*& Drug Abuse Prevention Centre (DAPC)*

*Co-Hosted by Japanese Government*



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**Drug abuse among youth is a rising concern in low-resource countries across, inter alia, Asia and Africa, where limited access to health services and prevention programmes exacerbates the problem.**

**This side event seeks to share progress towards building an “informal international platform” to exchange best practices and innovative approaches to youth-focused drug abuse prevention.**

**The platform aims to foster partnerships among Governments, NGOs, and community organizations to strengthen local prevention initiatives.**

**The discussions will also contribute to policy recommendations aimed at improving youth-focused prevention efforts globally.**

**This platform will empower NGOs in Asia and Africa to implement sustainable, context-specific solutions to address youth drug abuse, ultimately fostering healthier and more resilient societies, to be further linked with other regions of the world.**

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## **Background:**

It all started in 2023, at the 66th regular session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, when Japan organized a side event to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the Grants offered by the Drug Abuse Prevention Centre (DAPC) through UNODC.

At the time, DAPC made a specific proposal to formulate an informal “International Platform” with a focus on prevention of drug abuse, particularly among young people.

In 2024, DAPC and Uganda Youth Development Link (UYDEL) jointly held a side event as a follow up to the DAPC proposal made in 2023.

In the same year, DAPC and UYDEL jointly organized a webinar with the participation of 21 civil society organizations from 17 countries in Asia and Africa to ‘plant the seeds’ for the formation of an international platform in taking further steps towards substance abuse prevention particularly among the youth.

The two organizations thereby took the first step towards the formation of an international platform.

