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BACKGROUND AND MISSION

The Global Commission on Drug Policy was established in 2011 by political leaders, cultural figures, and globally influential personalities from the financial and business sectors. The Commission currently comprises twenty-six members, including fourteen former Heads of State or Government. Its mission is to promote evidence-based drug policy reforms at international, national and regional levels. These reforms must also address issues of public health and social integration, with strict regard for human rights. The Commission carries out this role through the annual publication of a comprehensive, detailed, evidence-based policy report including the commission's recommendations, as well as other targeted reports, opinion pieces, and interviews with government officials.

AREAS OF INTEREST

- Right to health
- Public health concerns in drug policy reform
- Access to essential medicines
- Harm reduction measures
- HIV/AIDS and hepatitis C transmission rates
- Tuberculosis infection
- Global health

HEALTH-RELATED ACTIVITIES

The Global Commission on Drug Policy is committed to prioritize treatment of physical and mental pain, as well as harm reduction measures for people who use drugs, such as, needle exchange programs, safe consumption facilities, and emergency opioid antagonist kits to prevent overdoses, and dependence treatment including substitution therapy. The Global Commission raises awareness on the urgent need to ensure greater access to controlled medicines around the world. It calls for greater balance in drug policies regarding controlled medicines and access to prevention and treatment services. It also calls for the review of the rescheduling system of drugs, in order to base it in scientific evidence and allow greater research into the potential medical benefits of certain substances.

GOVERNANCE AND STAFF

Daily operations of the Global Commission are handled by a Secretariat of four people, based in Geneva, Switzerland, with strategic oversight provided by the Chair and a steering committee of five members. The current Chair of the Global Commission on Drug Policy is

Ruth Dreifuss, former President and Federal Councilor of Switzerland in charge of Home Affairs. The Executive Secretary is Khalid Tinasti.

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PUBLICATIONS

For all publications see: <http://www.globalcommissionondrugs.org/reports/>

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