Since the United Nations General Assembly Special Session on Drugs (UNGASS) in 2016, there have been a number of important developments in the international debate on drug policy, in particular in New York and Vienna, the historical headquarters of the UN entities with control mandates. An entirely repressive strategy is now being seriously questioned, with the result that human rights, health and development, which have suffered from the prohibition of drugs, are gaining more and more ground. International Geneva, with its mandates related to and based on human rights, health and dignity for all, is becoming the natural centre of discussion on the end of the War on Drugs.

It is within this context that the Geneva Drug Policy, which the first of its kind, will take place between the 24th and 28th of June 2019. The Week consists of a dozen meetings of the Swiss and international network of actors, with conferences, debates, round tables, film screenings, site visits and cultural events offered free of charge and open to the general public.

The Week aims to bring together relevant local and international actors working in the field of drug policy: permanent missions to the United Nations, United Nations agencies, academia, networks of people who use drugs, civil society and people from the field in Geneva, in order to talk about current local and international drug policies and share their experiences and work. In doing so, the Geneva Drug Policy Week is contributing to consolidating Geneva’s position as a key player in the international drug policy world.

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