

The **Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Germany to the United Nations in Vienna** has the pleasure of inviting you to the **Side Event** entitled:

“Outreach to new Stakeholders in the Field of Alternative Development”

The event will be held at the 57th Session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, on

**Tuesday, 18th of March, at 1.10 – 2.00 pm in Conference Room M6
Vienna International Centre**

We have the pleasure of welcoming **Mr. Yuri Fedotov, the Executive Director of UNDOC**, as one of our speakers.

Organized by the UNODC Sustainable Livelihoods Unit (SLU), the Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) of Germany/the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) and the Transnational Institute (TNI), this Side Event brings together old and new stakeholders in the field of Alternative Development to discuss the key issues, recommendations and policy priorities in this area, particularly with reference to engagement of new stakeholders.

Based on the Expert Group Meeting “Outreach to new Stakeholders in the Field of Alternative Development” held in November 2013 in Berlin, the Side Event contributes to the identification of policy priorities and the way forward, including contributing to the upcoming Special Session of the UN General Assembly on Drugs in 2016. Alternative Development is an integral part of a comprehensive drug control strategy, which deals with the root causes of illicit drug cultivation, such as poverty, instability and food insecurity of farmers, among others.

We are looking forward to your valuable participation.

