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**DRUGS AND DEVELOPMENT
PRIORITIZING A SOCIAL INTEGRATION APPROACH**

Drugs and Development
Prioritizing a Social Integration
Approach



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CHALLENGES

- Development and social integration are strongly linked,
- The drug phenomenon has led to the Development of humane and inclusive responses
- For the theme of drugs, in the context of development and social integration, there is a need for multiple actors to participate in the construction of knowledge, in the debate, and in the development of OPTIONS
- The participation of civil society gives life to bottom up organizational processes
- Synergies Between Development and Social Integration acknowledge that all actors involved have resources and intelligence
- There is a significant difference between social integration and social inclusion



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OPPORTUNITIES

- A highly favorable context in the top down processes
- Civil society is organized to produce emergency responses and strategies, make proposals, experiment, advocate, create a cultural fabric to overcome social exclusion processes
- In most countries there have been initiatives and policies that provide for the integration of actors from civil society and the public sector
- Organized civil society involved in the construction and implementation of policies without being outsourced
- The conditions are right for policies and services to acknowledge the intelligence of actors in the bottom up processes such as drug users, micro-traffickers, and production labor.
- There are also favorable conditions to move from a policy of adherence and obedience to a policy of partnership and ownership.



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The most important challenge and opportunity is to produce a development model that does not lead to the social integration of a few by burdening and excluding many others.



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