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# Political challenges for the **Public Health Dimension** of the world drug problem in the Americas

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# Public health dimension



Global drug policies are moving towards a more balanced and comprehensive approach that highlights public health and development outcomes

# Drug-Policy Changes



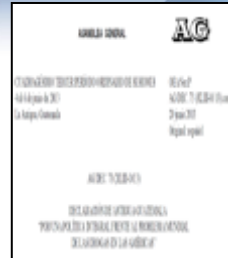
**UNODC Political Declaration & Plan of Action, 2009**



**PAHO Strategy**



**Global Commission on Drugs Policy**



**OAS-GA Declaration of Antigua**

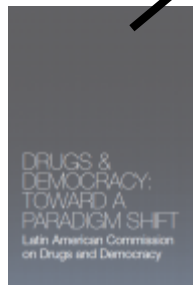


**OAS-GA Resolution**



**WHO-EB Report**

2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017



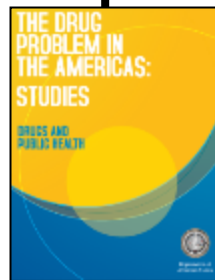
**Latin-American Commission on Drugs & Democracy**



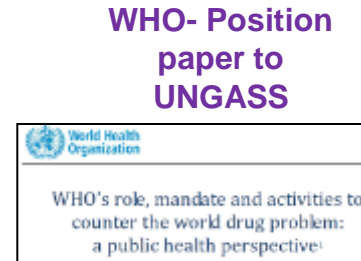
**OAS CICAD Strategy & Plan of Action**



**PAHO Plan of Action**



**OAS Report: The Drug Problem in the Americas**



**WHO- Position paper to UNGASS**



**UNGASS 2016**



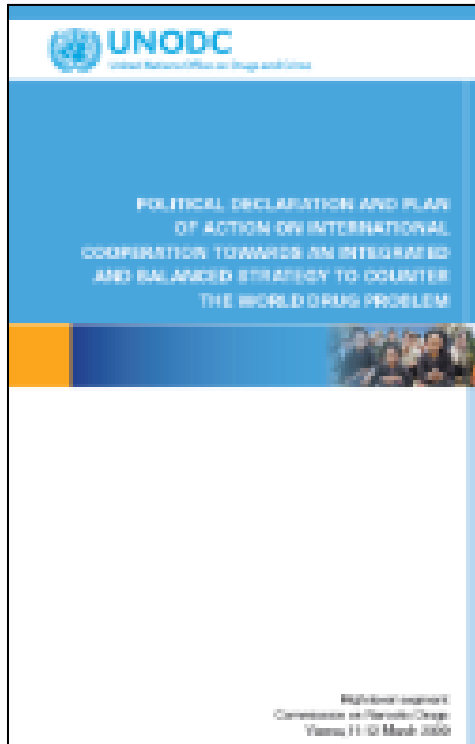
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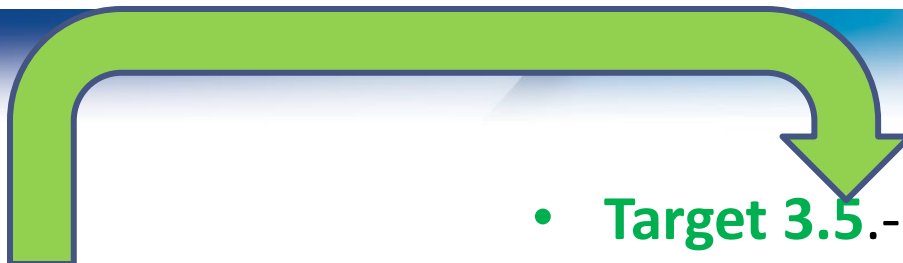
# Political Declaration (UNODC, 2009)



- Rebalancing of international policy on drugs
- Focusing on public health: prevention, treatment and care
- Economic, social and cultural measures



# 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

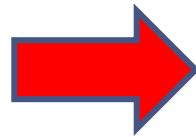


- **Target 3.5.- Strengthen the prevention and treatment of substance abuse**

- **Other relevant targets**

- 3.3.- Ending the AIDS epidemic and combating hepatitis
- 3.4 .- Prevention and treatment on NCD's and promotion of mental health
- 3.8.- Universal health coverage
- 3.b.- Access to essential medicines

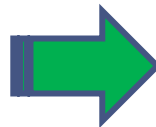
Drug Control National  
Strategies  
(Drug Use Reduction  
Measures)



- Enforcement of the prohibition of non-medical use of internationally controlled substances
- Related law enforcement strategies



Drug Control actions  
implementation  
including the whole  
spectrum of public health  
interventions



- Primary prevention
- Risk reduction
- Management of drug use disorders
- Rehabilitation
- Social Integration

# Fundamentals precepts of Public Health





# Essential Functions of Public Health

Policy  
Plans  
Management

Leadership  
Partnership  
Participation

Regulation  
Control  
Quality  
Assurance  
and Access

Investigation  
Innovation HHRR

Monitoring  
Situation  
Analysis



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# Strategic Areas (PAHO, 2010)



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## Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 19 April 2016

[without reference to a Main Committee (A/S-30/L.1)]

### S-30/1. Our joint commitment to effectively addressing and countering the world drug problem

*The General Assembly*

*Adopts* the outcome document entitled "Our joint commitment to effectively addressing and countering the world drug problem" annexed to the present resolution.

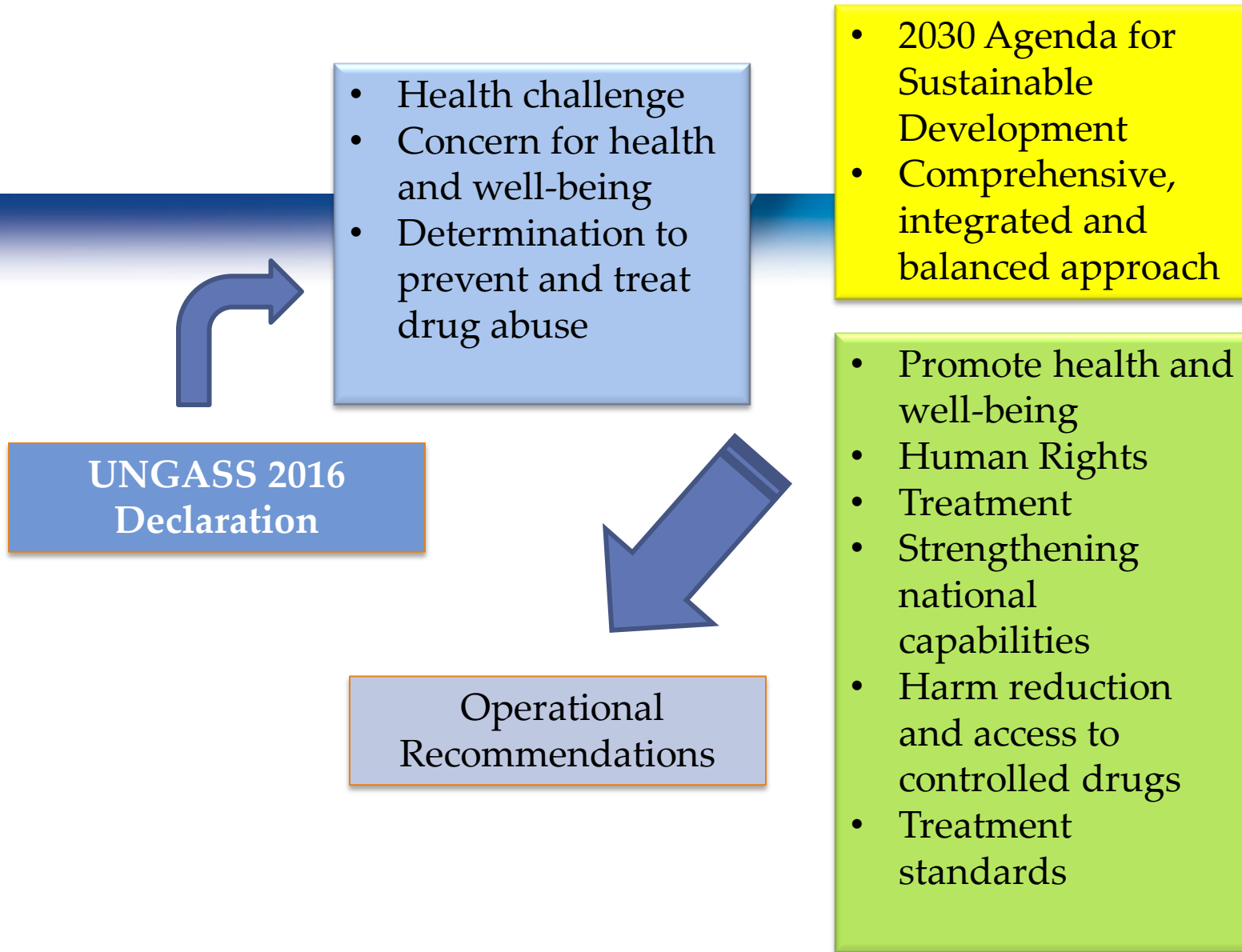
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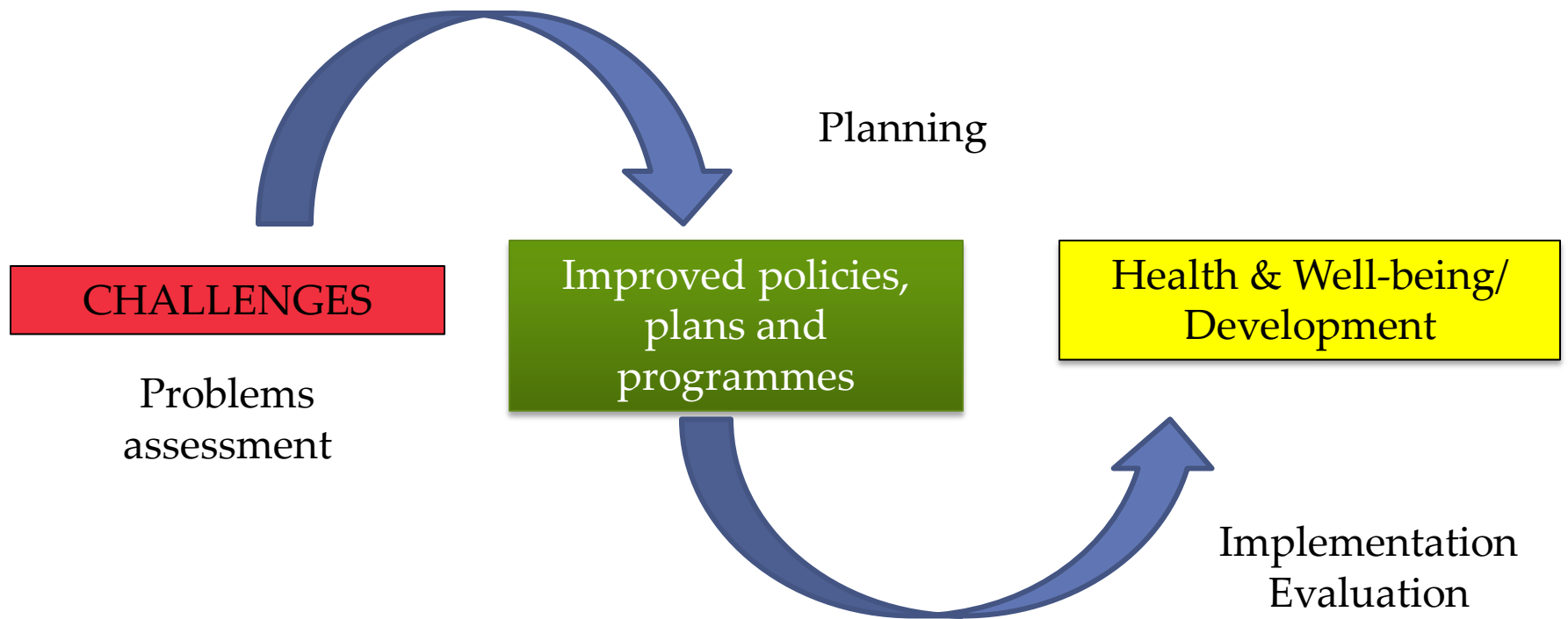


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