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ILLEGAL DRUGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE THE ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT PERSPECTIVE



Illegal Drugs and Environmental Damage

The Alternative Development Perspective

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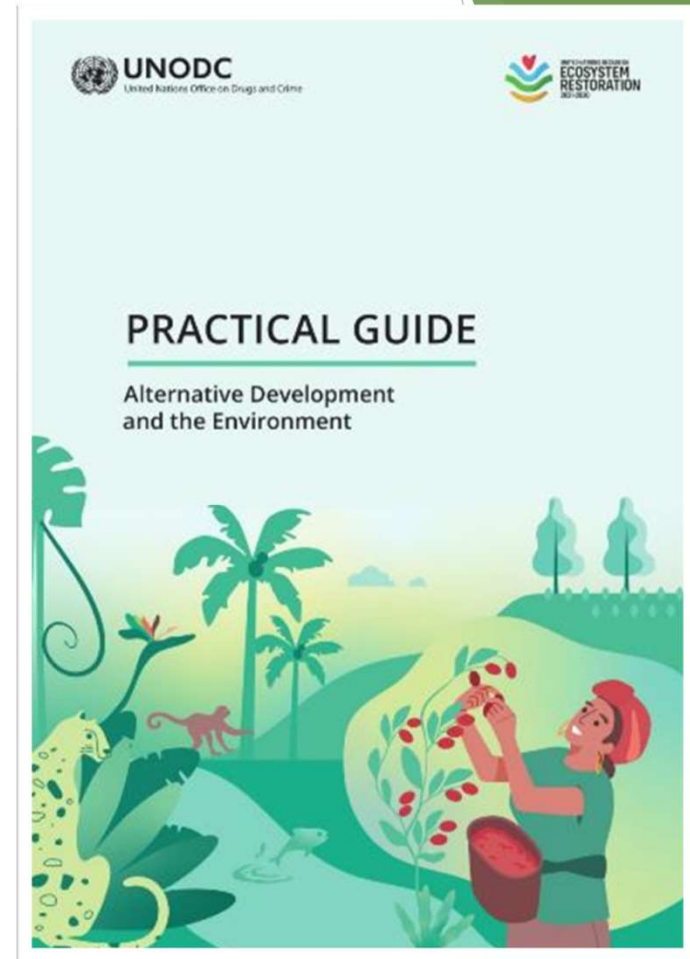
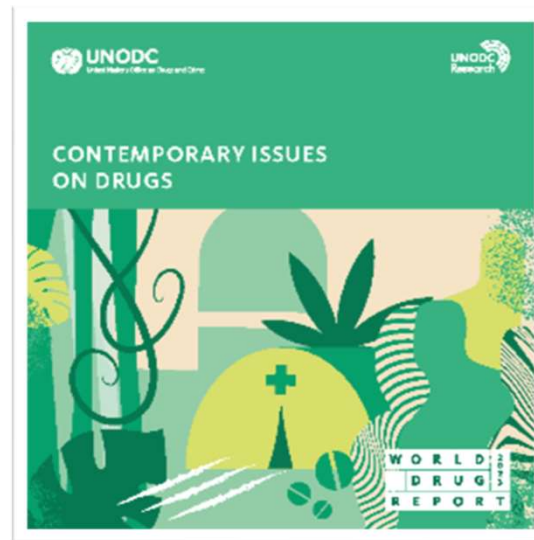
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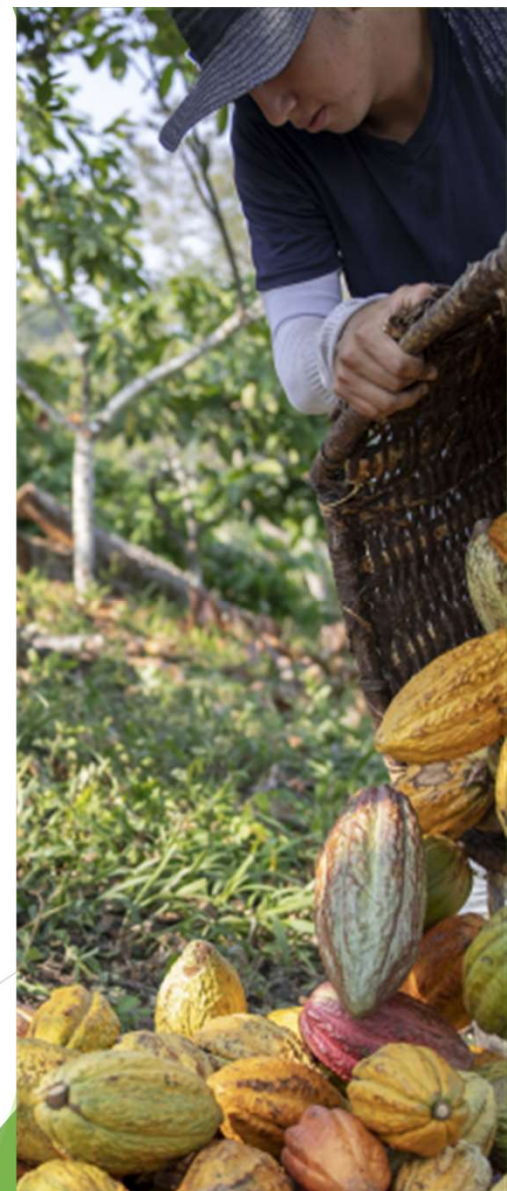
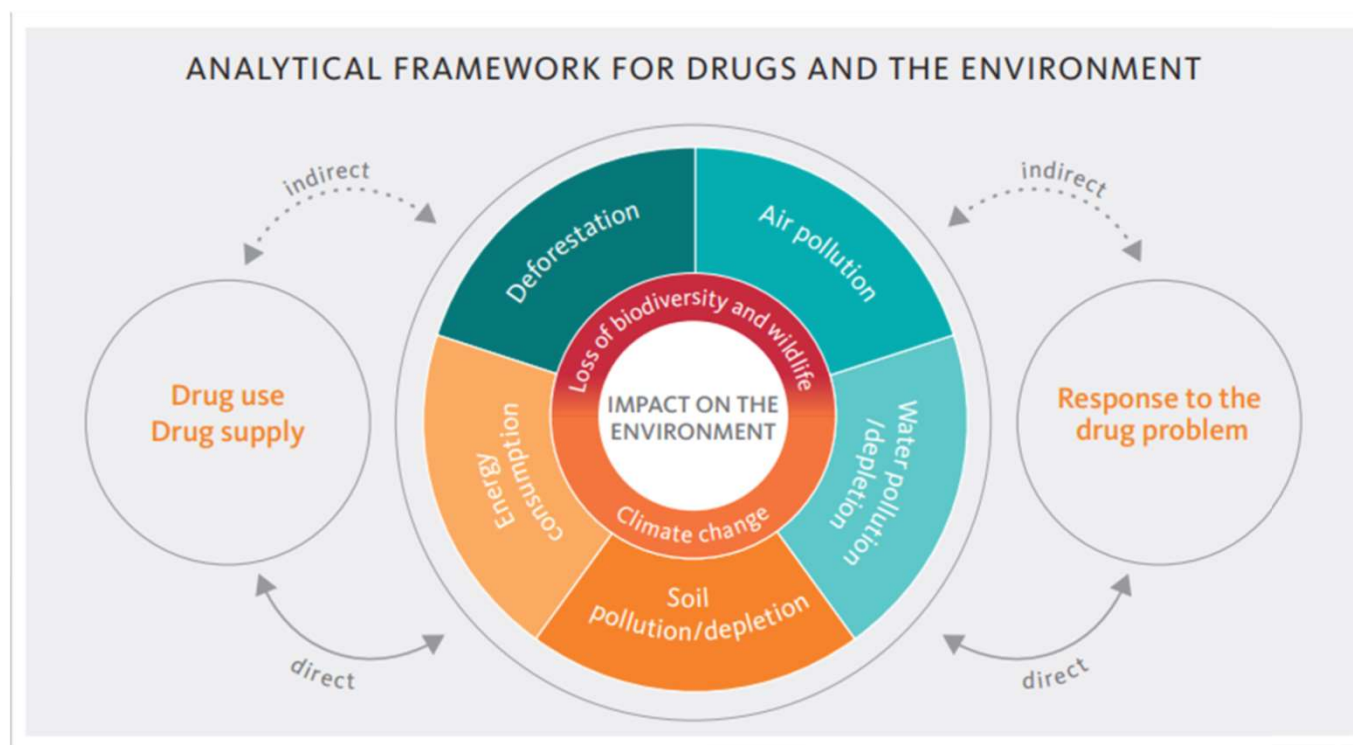


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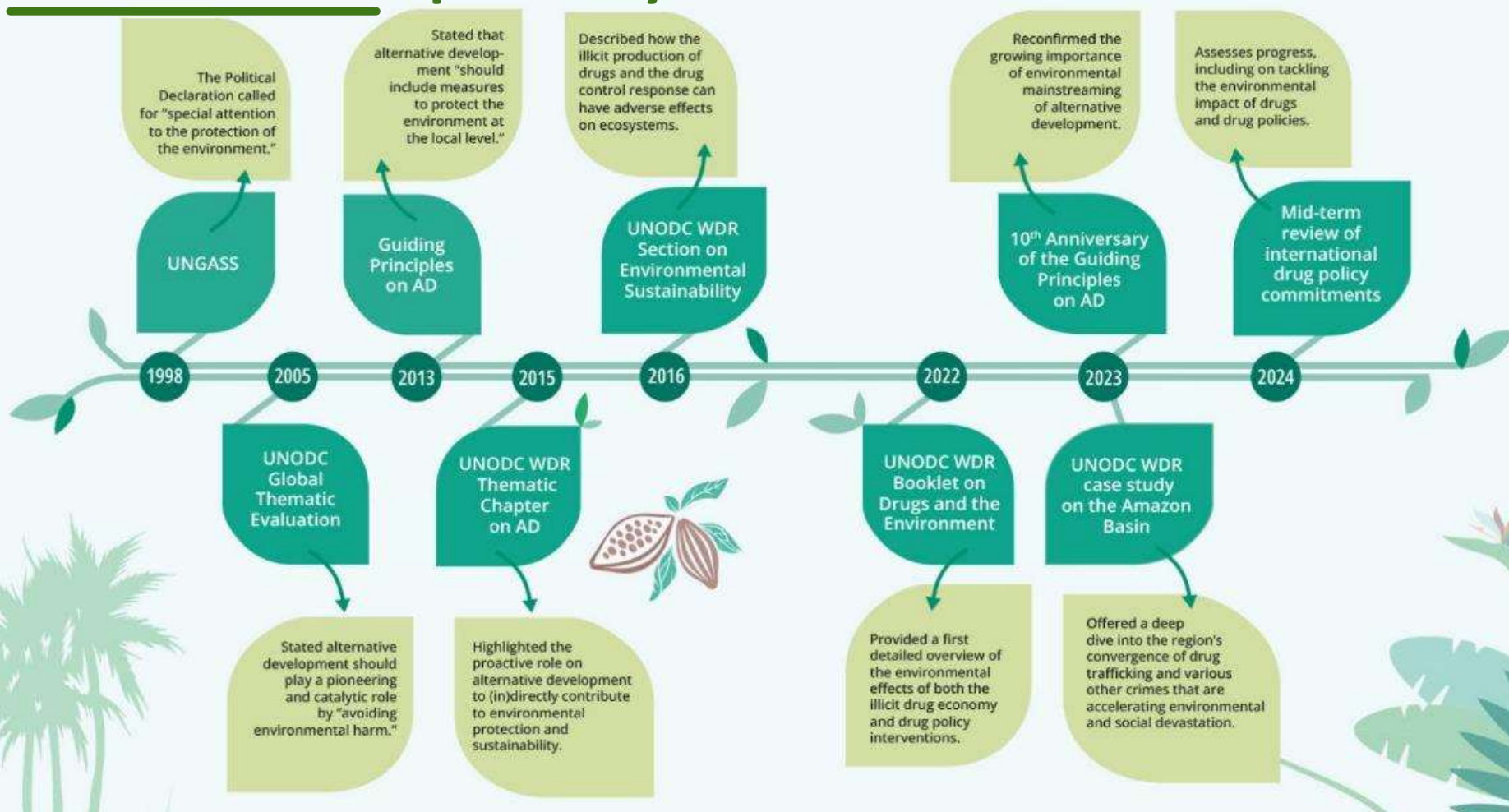
Recent publications



Analytical framework for drugs and the environment



Timeline of the past 25 years

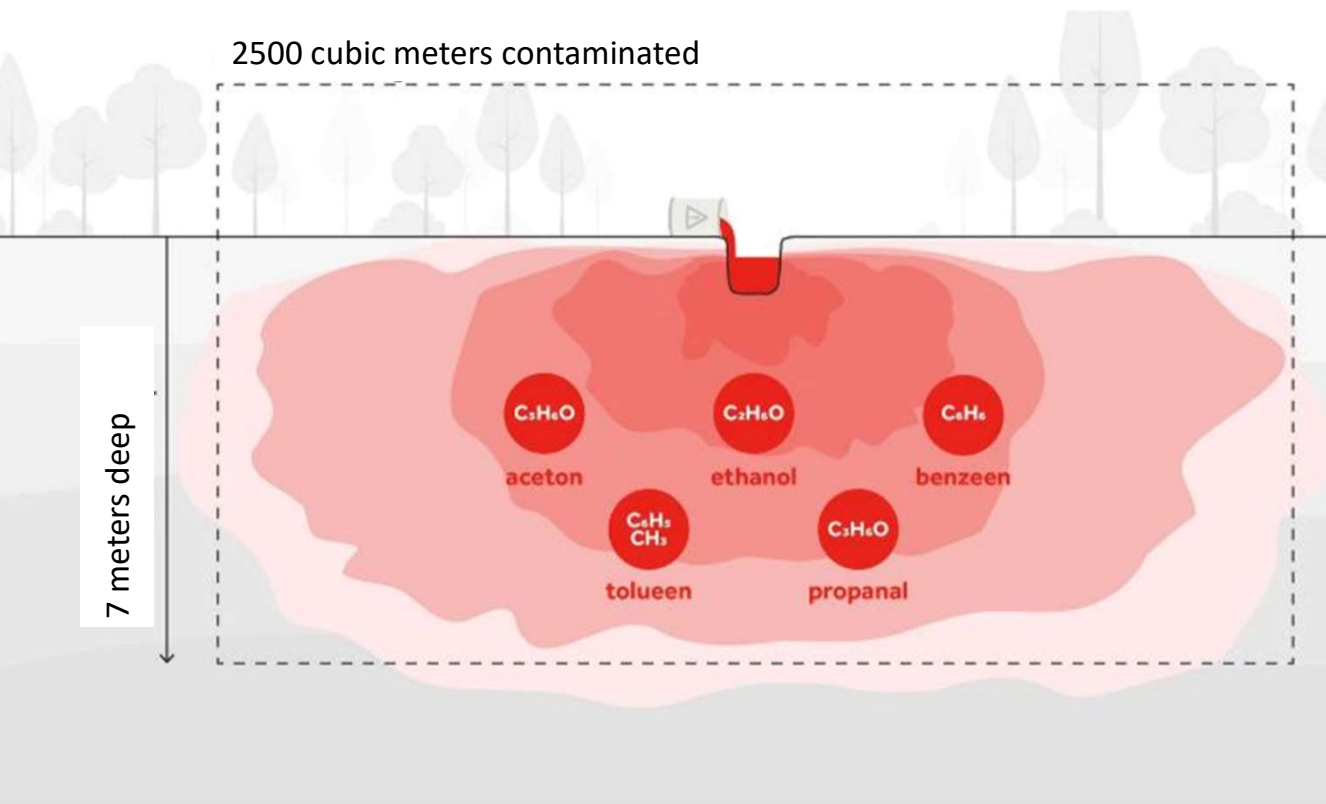


Illicit crops and the environment



Deforestation for coca cultivation in the Yungas,
Plurinational State of Bolivia

Synthetic drugs and the environment



The largest dump of waste from synthetic drug production found in a nature reserve in the Netherlands



Environmental sustainability

Producing in harmony with ecosystems

Introduction of market-based strategies to supplement incomes

- ✈ Agroforestry systems – organic and/or fair trade certification
- ✈ Payments for environmental services
- ✈ Carbon credit schemes
- ✈ Supplementary income from agroforestry and sustainable forest management
- ✈ Land titling
- ✈ Partnerships with the private sector



UNODC

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime



Markets, commercialization, and private sector partnerships

*Market-oriented approach to
increase producer income and
create sustainable development
opportunities*

The private sector can:

- ☐ Finance organic or fair trade certifications
- ☐ Offer local communities technical assistance on topics such as organic fertilizers and composting

European Union deforestation regulation

Preparing projects for the future

- Seven basic products: **coffee, cocoa, soybeans, palm oil, rubber, timber, and cattle.**
- Plus products made from those commodities, such as chocolate and leather.
- Possibility of adding new goods and products to the list in the future.
- Ban on products from land that has been deforested or subject to forest degradation after **December 31, 2020.**
- The main obligations will be effective as of **December 30, 2024**, with **six additional months** for microenterprises and small companies.
- Due diligence for all operators.
- Adopted EU text: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32023R1115>



