

Alternative Development

Policies, commitments
& political framework
conditions

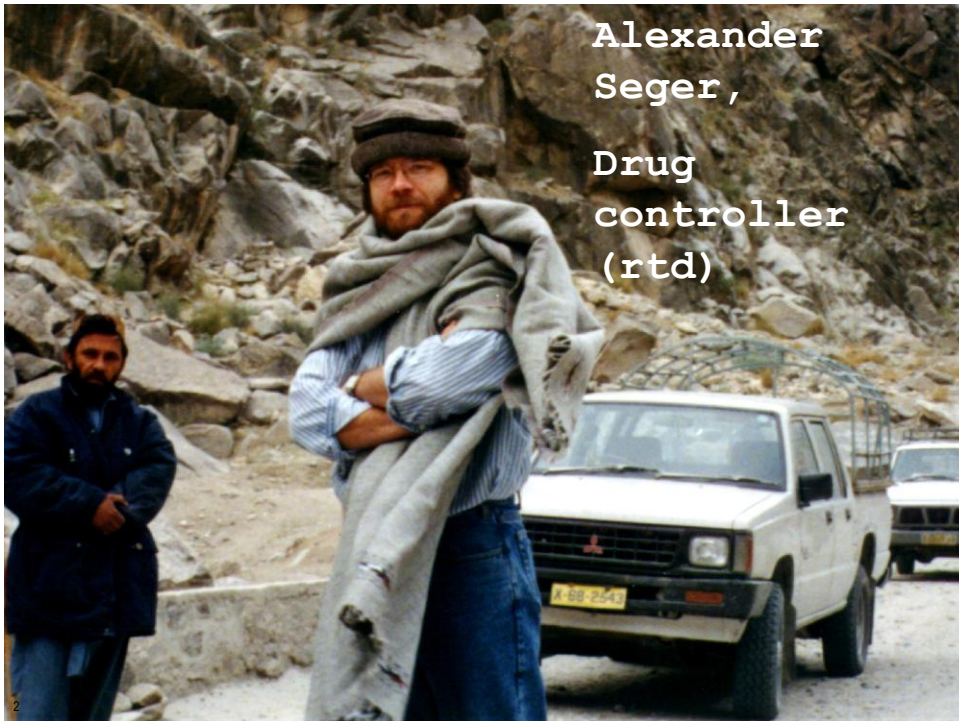
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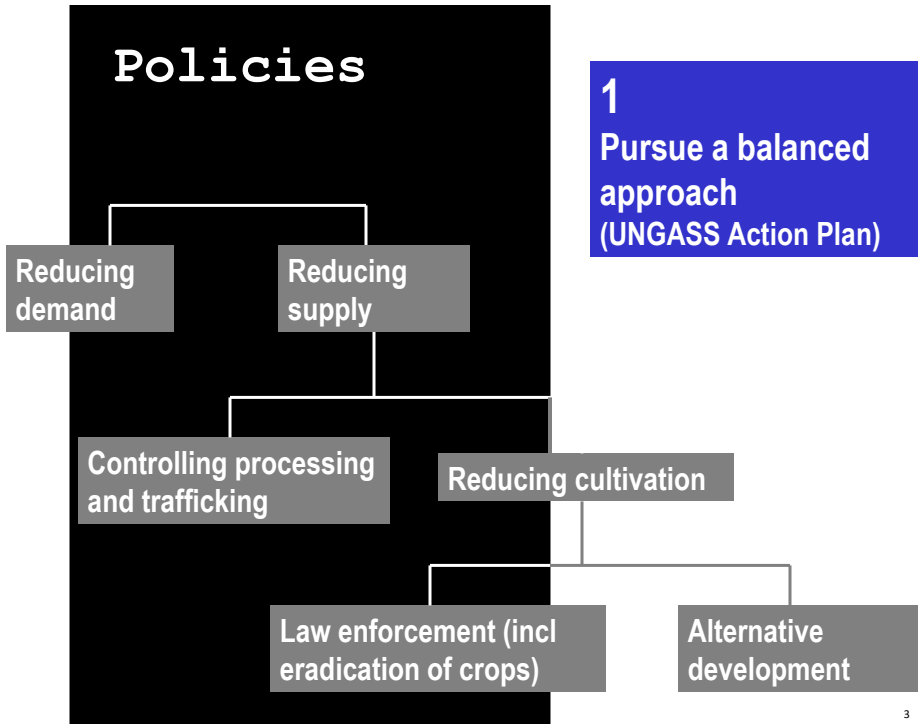
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controller
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..... reducing cultivation through alternative development and law enforcement, including eradication

Design approaches adapted to local circumstances based on three elements:

1. Dialogue, persuasion and community-based agreements
2. Law enforcement against trafficking
3. Eradication of narcotic crops

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Make sustainable human development the goal of drug control

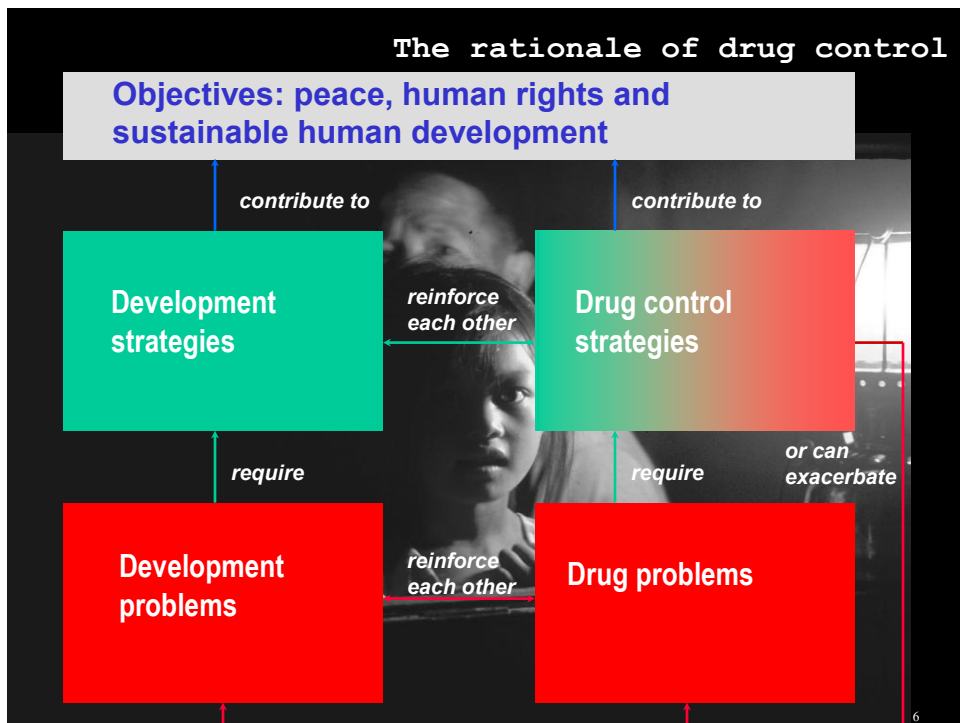
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Link up drug control and other development strategies

- integration
- mainstreaming
- synergies
- conditionality

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4 Promote alternative development

... a process to prevent and eliminate the illicit cultivation of plants containing narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances through specifically designed rural development measures ...

UNGASS Action Plan
“E” (1998)

Feldafing Declaration
(2002)

1988 Convention
(art 14)

30+ years of
experience

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Commitments



“The international community should assist States in countering illicit drug production by providing adequate financial and technical assistance for alternative development. ... Such assistance should be provided within the context of national control strategies of the recipient States. It should be linked to national commitment and the strong political will of States with illicit cultivation to implement the provisions contained in article 14 of the 1988 convention” (UNGASS Action Plan, para 9).

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Political
commitment by the
international
community and
national governments

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Turn
commitments
into action

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Governments should
formulate and
implement national
drug control policies
("balanced approach")

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International
community should
provide support

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National authorities need to make every effort to establish the necessary political framework conditions for drug control and sustainable human development



Pre-condition or inter-related process?

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What are "political framework conditions"?



Human rights + democratic governance

Political framework conditions =

the extent to which human rights are protected and democratic governance is exercised

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Human rights



”... the fight against illicit drugs must be pursued in accordance with all human rights and fundamental freedoms” (UNGASS Action Plan)

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Democratic governance

- rule of law
- participation, equity, democracy
- effectiveness and efficiency
- transparency and accountability

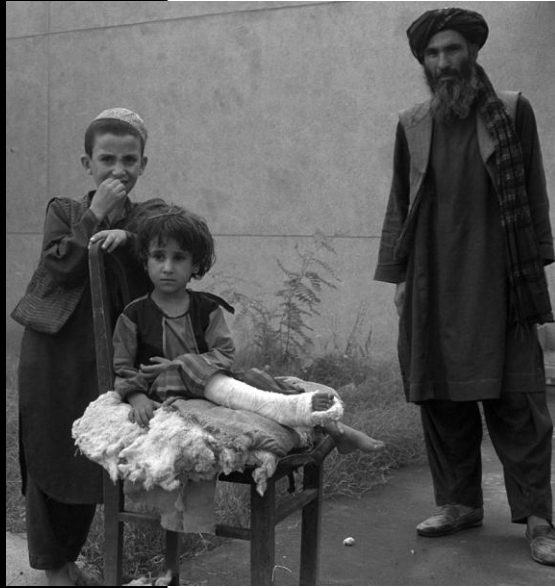


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Use the alternative development process to support the protection of human rights and democratic governance



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Make support to alternative development conditional to commitment to drug control, human rights and democratic governance



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