



**Listening to the needs of children and youth
is the first step to help them
grow healthy and safe**

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PROGRAMME

CHAIR

H. E. Patrick Kanner	Minister of Urban Cohesion, Youth and Sports, France
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OPENING

H.M. Queen Silvia of Sweden	
H. E. Mogens Lykketoft	President of the United Nations General Assembly
H. E. Khaled Abdelrahman Shamaa	Chair of the Board tasked by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs with the preparations for the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016
Mr. Yury Fedotov	Executive Director, UNODC
Dr. Margaret Chan	Director General, WHO (<i>tbc</i>)



HOW EVIDENCE-BASED DRUG PREVENTION CAN BE AN EFFECTIVE INVESTMENT IN THE WELLBEING OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Dr. Nora Volkow	<i>Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse, United States of America</i>
Video spot "Listen FIRST"	
H. E. Roberto Gil-Zuarth	<i>President of the Senate, Mexico</i>
H. E. Sagala Gajendra Ratnayaka	<i>Minister of Law and Order & Southern Development, Sri Lanka</i>
H. E. Gabriel Wikström	<i>Minister for Public Health, Healthcare and Sports, Sweden</i>
H. E. Martin van Rijn	<i>Minister for Health, Welfare and Sport, the Netherlands</i>
Mr. Rogers Kasirye	<i>Executive Director, Uganda Youth Development Link, Uganda</i>
Ms. Paige Ribeiro-Agard	<i>Representative of the UNODC Youth Initiative, Trinidad and Tobago</i>



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Is an initiative to increase support for prevention of drug use that is based on science and is thus an effective investment in the wellbeing of children and youth, their families and their communities.