

DRUG POLICY SEMINAR - UNGASS AND THE
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Good morning and welcome, and thank you all for coming. I'm Amanda Neidpath, Director of the Beckley Foundation.

The aim of the Foundation, since its establishment in 2000, has been to produce and disseminate new and challenging ideas, in order to improve the level of debate on the use and regulation of drugs.

We have so far held 5 seminars, and produced over 25 reports and briefing papers, which you can find on the websites. We will continue to produce reports, and we are very open to collaboration and welcome new ideas.

We are here today to prepare for the forthcoming global review of the International Drug Control System – an extremely important issue, as I'm sure you will agree. I would also like to mention that the Beckley Foundation is in the early stages of preparing a Cannabis Commission for the UNGASS meeting, and would very much appreciate your input.

Good luck for the day.