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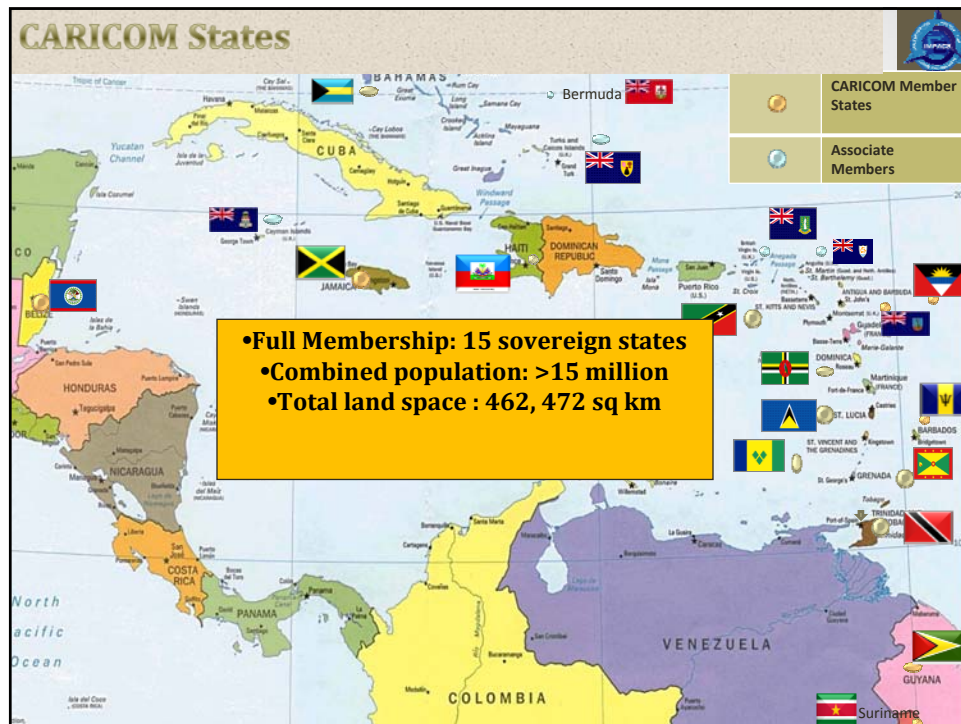
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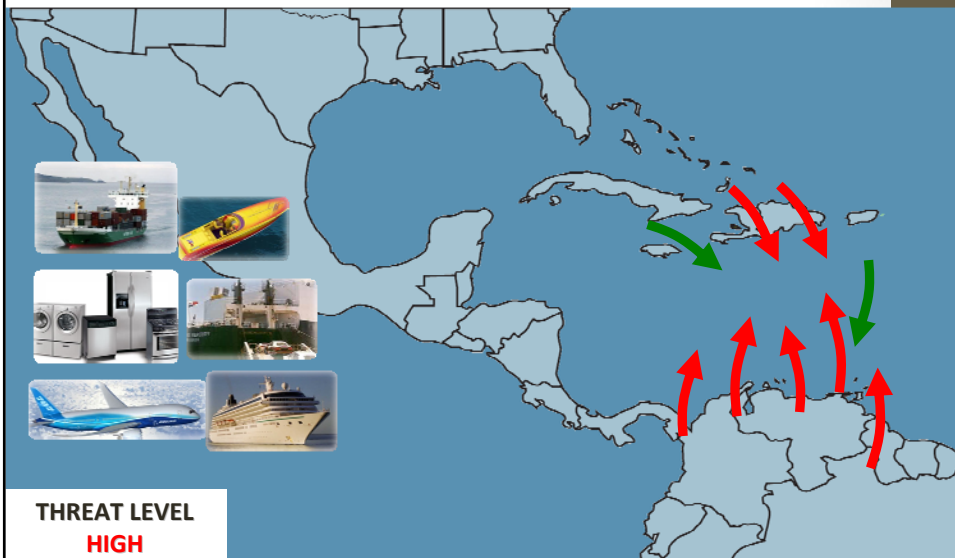
## CURRENT CONTEXT

## COMMON THREAT AREAS OF MEMBER STATES

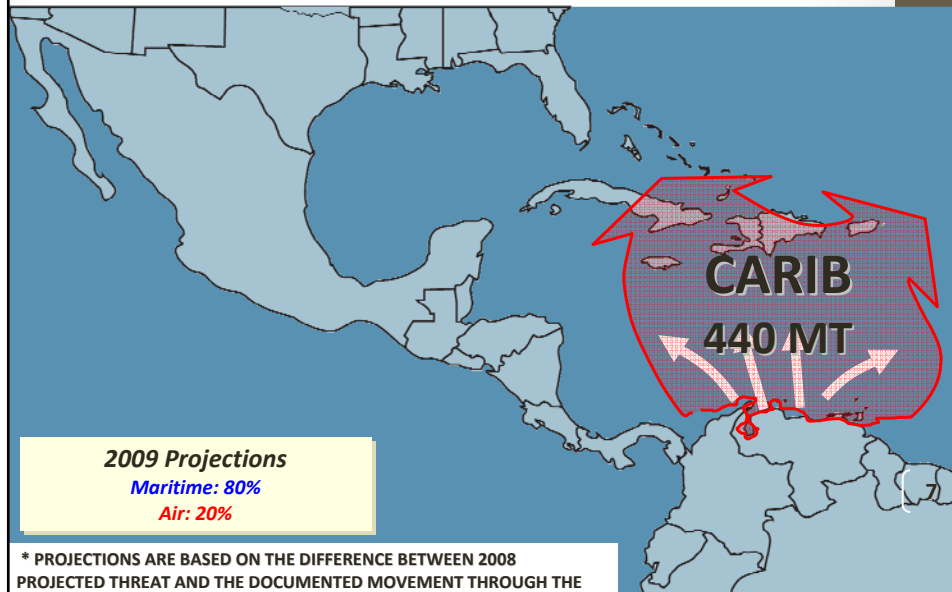
- 1 • DRUGS AND ARMS TRAFFICKING
- 2 • SERIOUS ORGANIZED CRIME (MURDERS, KIDNAPPING, COUNTERFEITING, GANG CULTURE)
- 3 • PUBLIC SAFETY AND TERRORISM
- 4 • HUMAN TRAFFICKING
- 5 • ILLEGAL AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION
- 6 • FINANCIAL AND ELECTRONIC CRIME
- 7 • CORRUPTION



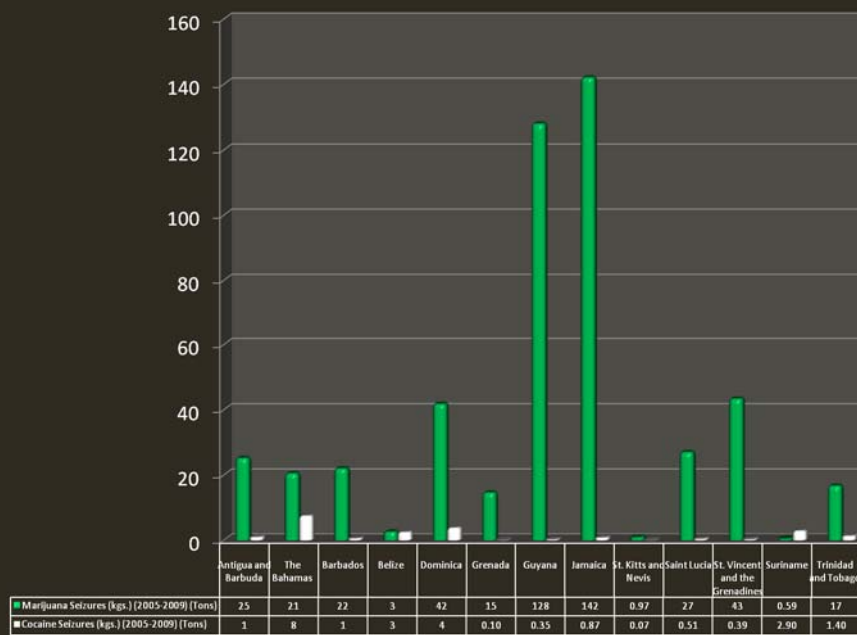
## NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING



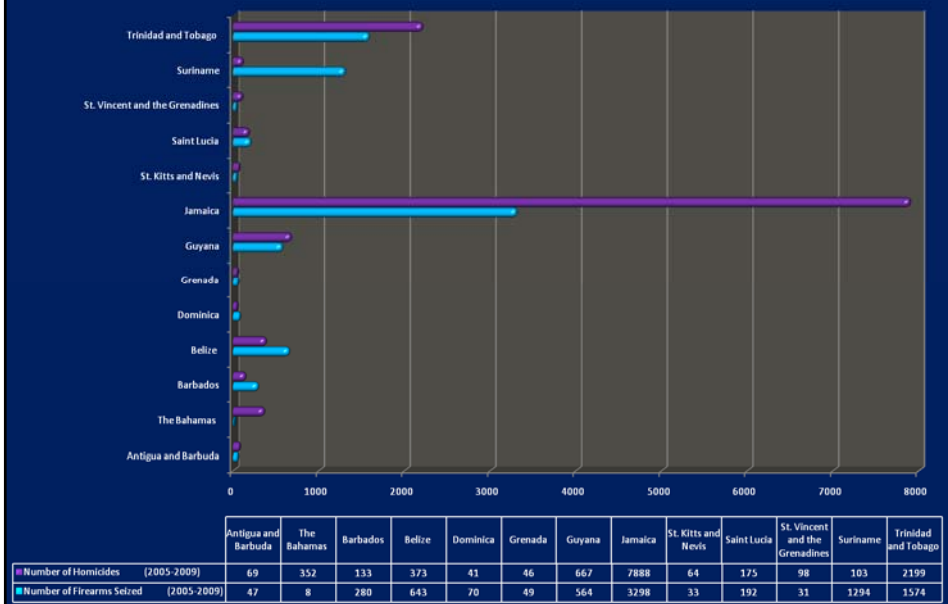
## 2009 COCAINE THREAT PROJECTION CARIBBEAN CORRIDOR, ALL CONVEYANCES



## MARIJUANA AND COCAINE SEIZURES (2006 – 2009) (TONS)



### FIREARMS SEIZURES AND HOMICIDES (2006 – 2009)



## IMPLICATIONS OF DRUG TRADE

Compromises the national security of small and large countries

Produces a corrosive effect on the national societies of each country

Presents a persistent problem for law enforcement

Undermines political stability and economic development

Increased vulnerability to crime, arms trafficking and corruption

Undermines the environment required to sustain viable tourism industries

Increasing need to commit military and paramilitary forces in the war against drugs

Particular implications for the sovereignty of most small countries unable to cope with the transnational nature of drug trafficking



# POLICY AND STRATEGIC APPROACHES

**CURRENT PRIORITIES,  
PLANS, INTENTIONS**

## MEMBER STATES' ANTI-CRIME INITIATIVES



In March 2010, the governments of Guyana and Suriname signed The Nieuw Nickerie Declaration which contains aspirations by the two neighbouring states to cooperate fully to combat common challenges associated with crime and security.



*"Restore Belize"* is an anti-crime initiative launched by the Prime Minister of Belize in June 2010, involving public education campaigns and devising strategies for public/private partnerships as well as cataloguing and coordination of existing programs



*"Rising crime rates, harassment of visitors and drug trafficking are critical issues threatening the sustainability of Caribbean tourism". He added: "In recent years, uncertainty about the safety of travel to particular destinations has led to significant fluctuations in visitor flows"* –CBSI High Level Dialogue May 2010

## MEMBER STATES' ANTI-CRIME INITIATIVES



On August 10, 2010, the government of Jamaica launched an initiative with private-sector agencies titled *"Real Man Things: Pon Di Corner"* to support crime prevention and community safety using young inner-city men to promote positive messages to persons contemplating a life of crime



On Nov 17, 2010, the government of Trinidad and Tobago moved to establish a three-strike law to deal with illegal guns so that criminals found guilty of possessing arms and ammunition will now face a life sentence upon their third conviction.



*....the criminal world has no borders, no bureaucracy, and a will to operate with relative impunity. The common threats faced by Caribbean States... dictate regional cooperation and international cooperation... We now have to respond to the threats of that borderless world through partnerships.... In this regard....(there is) requisite commitment to advance a framework of collective action. – Message from Chair, CONSLE - IMPACS INFORMATION BULLETIN (Sep '10)*

## CARICOM MOTIVATORS

Acknowledgement that criminal world has no borders, no bureaucracy, and a will to operate with relative impunity



Common threats faced by Caribbean States dictate regional cooperation and international partnership



Advancement of framework for collective action



CARICOM Establishment of Regional Framework for the Management of Crime and Security (2006)



Willing and ready to share in the responsibility for hemispheric security

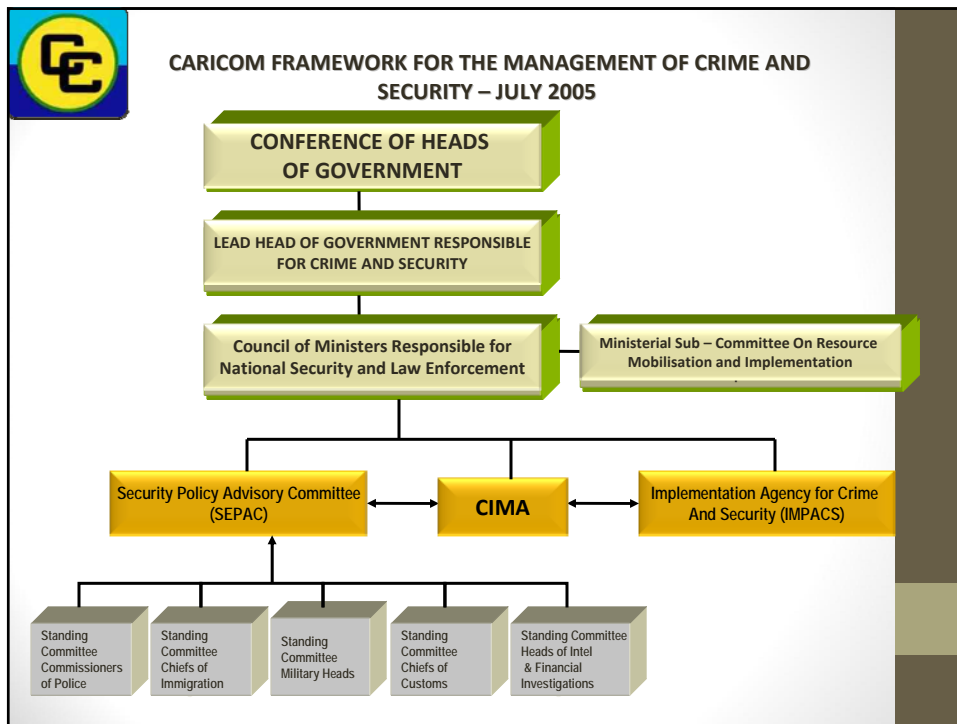


On-going efforts to intensify arrests of illicit trafficking offenders and seizure of their illicit cargoes



Intention for collective approach to result in the institutionalization of a relevant, coherent, balanced, inclusive, multi-level and regional solution to current and future threats



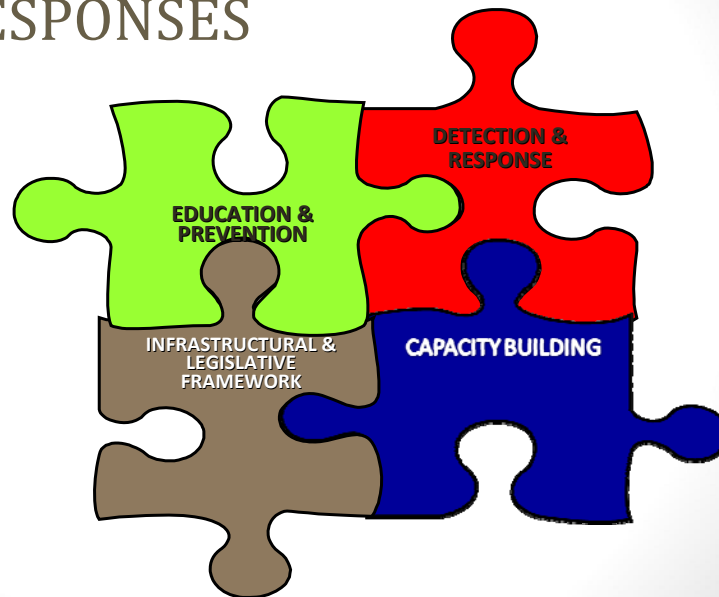


## STRATEGIC APPROACH

- P**ool regional resources
- U**nify focus on shared and emerging threats
- S**tandardize levels of proficiency of human resource capacity
- H**armonize operations and legislative framework



# HOLISTIC ANTI-CRIME RESPONSES



## Recommendations at the Extraordinary Joint Meeting of the CARICOM Standing Committees of Commissioners of Police and Military Chiefs (March 2008):-

Issue	Objective	Action
Illegal Firearms	To reduce the supply of illegal firearms within the region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪Enforce existing regulations that pertain to the use and storage of firearms and ammunition;</li> <li>▪Develop a regional database of firearms which is accessible by all regional law enforcement agencies;</li> <li>▪Increase the capacity of detection and surveillance methods in relation to the movement of firearms;</li> <li>▪Introduce the measures to improve systems, procedures intelligence and training with a view to enhancing border security</li> </ul>
Drug Trafficking	To reduce the supply and availability of illegal drugs throughout the region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪Increase the capability and coordination among law enforcement agencies to develop intelligence and enhance enforcement of laws;</li> <li>▪Maximize the use of available technology in detection, deterrence and seizure of illegal drugs transiting the region;</li> <li>▪Ensure the implementation of systems, procedures, intelligence and training to enhance border security</li> </ul>
Murder	To reduce the incidence of murder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪Utilize forensics including DNA and crime scene management;</li> <li>▪Use remote video by high risk witnesses in major cases;</li> <li>▪Introduce video ID parades;</li> <li>▪Use the Regional Investigative Management Team (RIMT) to support difficult and protracted investigations</li> </ul>

## Strategic Goal

**SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCE THE  
FLOW OF ILLICIT DRUGS, DRUG  
PROCEEDS, AND ASSOCIATED  
VIOLENCE ACROSS CARICOM  
MEMBER STATES**

## Strategic Objectives

**1**

- **ENHANCE INTELLIGENCE CAPABILITIES AT REGIONAL BORDERS TO MAXIMIZE LAW ENFORCEMENT'S CAPACITY TO INTERDICT DRUGS, DRUGS PROCEEDS AND ASSOCIATED INSTRUMENTS OF VIOLENCE AT PORTS OF ENTRY.**

**2**

- **ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM THAT ENSURES THE PROSECUTION OF ALL SIGNIFICANT DRUG TRAFFICKING, MONEY LAUNDERING AND WEAPONS SMUGGLING/TRAFFICKING CASES.**

**3**

- **IMPROVE COUNTERDRUG TECHNOLOGIES FOR DRUG DETECTION AND INTERDICTION AND BUILD THE CAPACITY TO DISRUPT AND DISMANTLE DRUG TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATIONS THROUGH TARGETED AND VERIFIED GROUND-BASED ERADICATION.**

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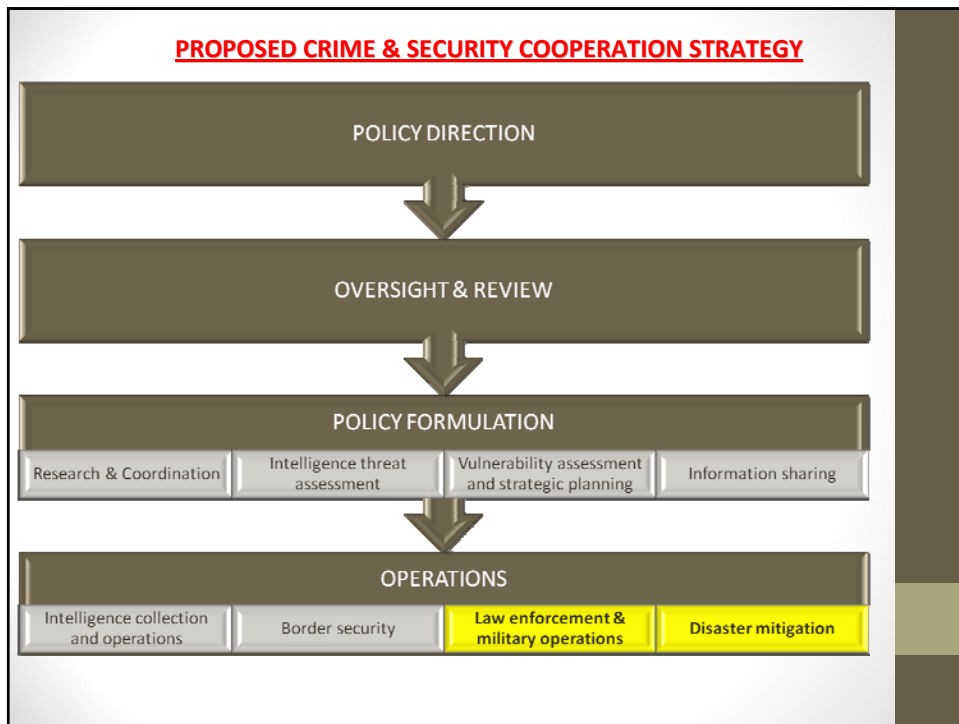
- **DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT MAINSTREAMED EVIDENCE-BASED DRUG DEMAND REDUCTION PROGRAMMES AND EVALUATE THE IMPACT OF THESE.**

## Strategic Objectives

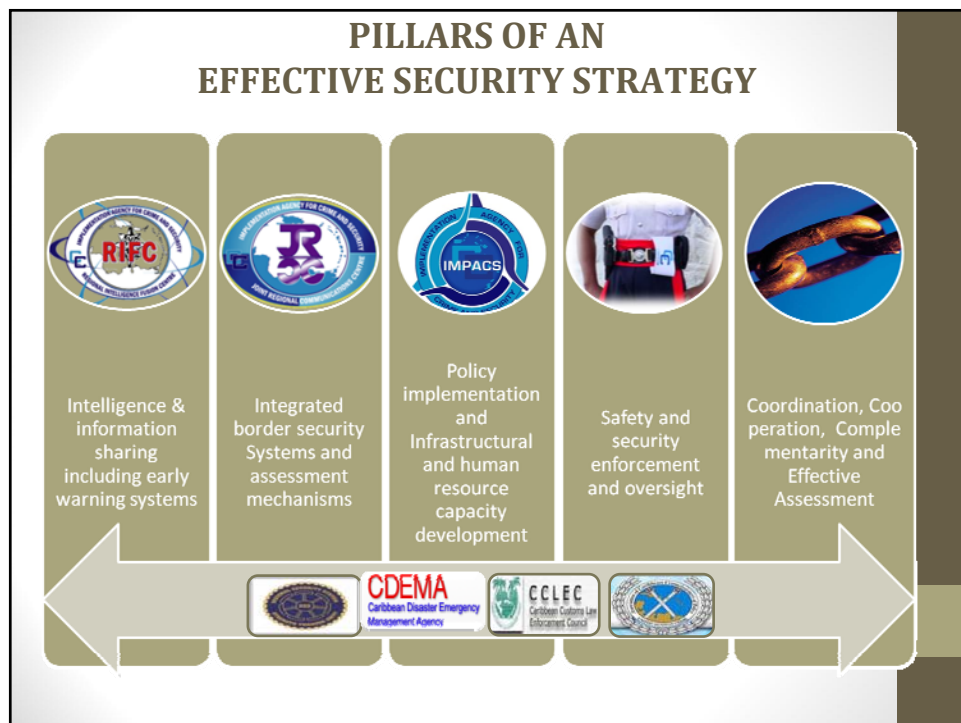
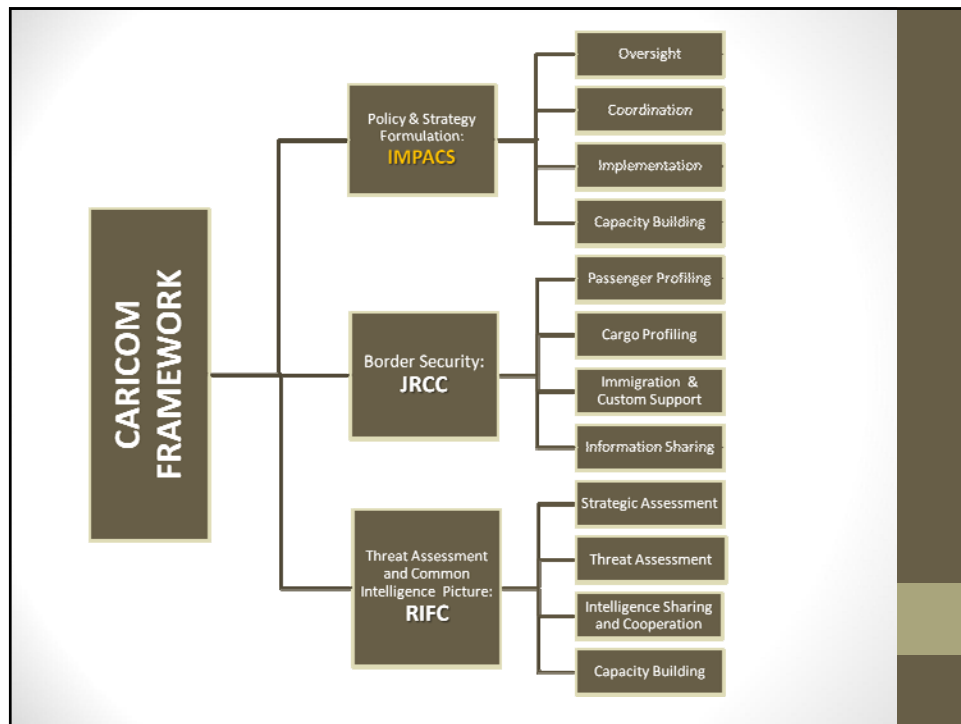
- 5 • ENHANCE INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL COOPERATION TO DISRUPT THE FLOW OF NARCOTICS IN THE REGION AND **ELIMINATE SAFE HAVENS FOR DRUG SMUGGLERS.**
- 6 • **ESTABLISH AND/OR STRENGTHEN NATIONAL AND REGIONAL DRUG AUTHORITIES,** PLACING THEM AT A HIGH POLITICAL LEVEL, WITH THE MISSION TO COORDINATE THE EFFECTIVE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL AND REGIONAL DRUG POLICIES.
- 7 • **INFORM, EDUCATE AND DISSUADE THE POPULATION FROM THE INVOLVEMENT IN THE ILLICIT DRUGS-TRADE, CULTIVATION OR ABUSE OF ILLEGAL NARCOTICS.**
- 8 • **STRENGTHEN AND DIVERSIFY ALTERNATIVE LEGAL LIVELIHOODS** THAT FREE CULTIVATORS AND OTHER RURAL WORKERS FROM DEPENDENCE ON MARIJUANA CULTIVATION AND ENCOURAGE THE GROWTH OF THE LICIT ECONOMY.

## Strategic Priorities

- 1 • **DISRUPT THE DRUGS TRADE BY TARGETING TRAFFICKERS AND THEIR BACKERS AND ELIMINATING THE BASIS FOR THE DRUGS TRADE.**
- 2 • **IMPROVE INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL COOPERATION TO DISRUPT THE FLOW OF ILLICIT DRUGS THROUGH THE REGION.**
- 3 • **STRENGTHEN AND DIVERSIFY LEGAL ALTERNATIVE LIVELIHOODS AND DEVELOP CITIZEN AWARENESS.**
- 4 • **STRENGTHEN NATIONAL AND REGIONAL INSTITUTIONS INCLUDING INTELLIGENCE, LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN MEMBER STATES.**



EXISTING CAPACITY



# Regional Drug Control Activities

INTELLIGENCE/INFORMATION SHARING

CRIMINAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

CUSTOMS LAW ENFORCEMENT

ANTI-MONEY-LAUNDERING ACTIVITIES

TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION

EDUCATION

ESTABLISHING THE REQUISITE  
LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

MUTUAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE TREATIES

MARITIME COOPERATION

STRENGTHENING OF THE CRIMINAL  
JUSTICE SYSTEM

IMPROVEMENT OF FORENSIC SCIENCES  
SERVICES

DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING

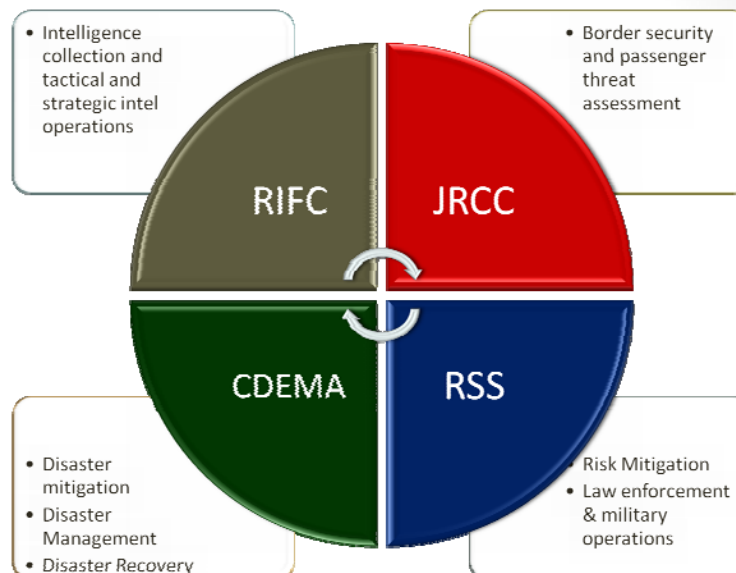
PRECURSOR CHEMICALS CONTROL

REGIONAL JUSTICE PROTECTION

NATIONAL DRUG COUNCILS

REGIONAL COORDINATION

## PROPOSED REGIONAL OPERATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS



## AERIAL AND MARITIME DOMAIN AWARENESS

### Effective Legislative Framework

### Collect comprehensive information on the air and maritime threat

- Common Intelligence Picture
- Improved radar capacity
- Establish a Common Operating Picture

### Enhance bilateral air and maritime cooperation

### Sustained air and maritime presence

## HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES FOR ASSETS OF CARICOM MEMBER STATES (FY 2009)



Capacity building for intelligence units

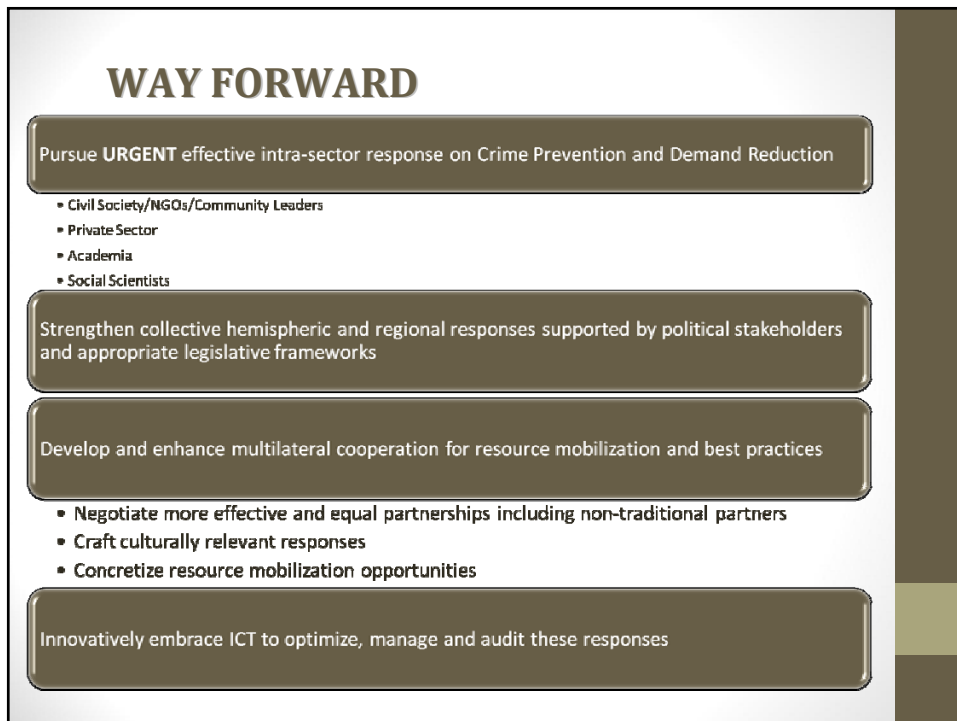
- Advanced intelligence analysis
- Advanced intelligence tradecraft
- Threat and Risk assessment
- Cyber crime intelligence and investigations
- Scenario Planning
- Predictive Analysis
- Border Security Systems Operations and Analysis



Capacity building in law enforcement:

- Joint Operations
- Homicide Investigations
- Counter and Anti Kidnapping operations
- Counter Trafficking Operations
- Ballistics Identification
- Forensic Interviewing and Polygraph Examinations
- Forensic Sciences
- Drug Demand Reduction
- Drug Supply Reduction





## SUMMARY IMPERATIVES

Enhancement of international, regional and intra-regional coordination and cooperation

Advancement of bi-directional information sharing

- Development of regulatory instruments
- Agreement on protocols to be observed by all parties

Optimisation of existing capacity to complement partner assets

Concurrence on Gap Analysis

- Compatibility of communications systems
- Need to complete Radar picture
- Aerial and Maritime deficiencies

Capacity Building for seamless joint operations

COORDINATION, COORDINATION, COORDINATION

## COMMITMENT OF CARICOM

Ensure ratification and implementation of International conventions and treaties

Ensure Member States adhere to global standards in their effort towards transnational crimes

Coordinate the development of Member States capacities to meet international obligations

Strengthen the Regional Security Mechanism to deal with emerging threats

Oversee the framework for coordinated actions



*Thank You*  
*for your attention*

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