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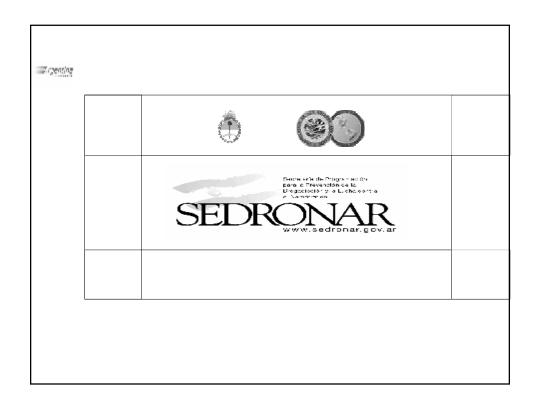


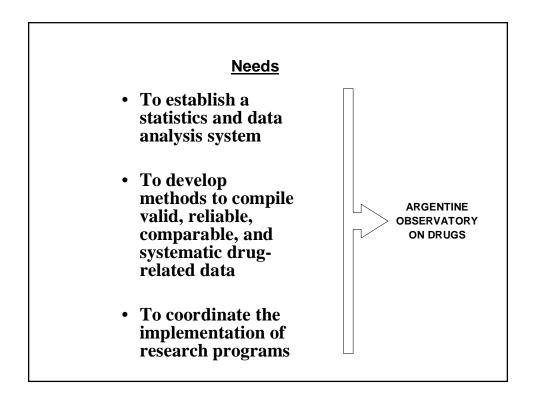
INTER-AMERICAN DRUG ABUSE CONTROL COMMISSION



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ACTIVITIES OF THE ARGENTINE OBSERVATORY ON DRUGS





Competences

- To serve as a permanent data coordination, compilation, and analysis body
- To liaise with provincial drug observatories and regional observatories
- To promote appropriate methods

Specific objectives

- 1. To organize information available in Argentina from public and private entities involved in this issue
- 2. To finalize and promote research into relevant areas of knowledge
- 3. To promote the generation of key information from the community on topics related to drug abuse prevention and treatment

Medium-term objectives

- To implement the Argentine Observatory on Drugs (OAD), promoting and coordinating the establishment of provincial observatories to provide information at the provincial and national levels
- 2. To systematize information available in Argentina provided by state and private institutions involved in drug trafficking and use-related issues, ensuring the reliability, comparability, systematic examination, and return of data
- 3. To finalize and promote thematic research on topics pertaining to the use, treatment, and control of the supply of psychoactive drugs
- 4. To serve as support in evaluating prevention programs and other public policy strategies

Inclusion in international programs

- Inter-American Uniform Drug Use Data
 System (SIDUC/CICAD/OAS)
- Program to continue the subregional drug abuse information, training, and research system. ONODC – Bolivia, Peru, Chile, Uruguay, and Argentina
- 3. Uniform Statistical System on Drug Enforcement (CICDAT/CICAD)

Studies completed

A. Direct administration of the Argentine Observatory on Drugs:

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- 1. National study of secondary school students
- 2. Qualitative study: Alcohol use among secondary school students
- 3. Study of drug use among street children
- 4. Qualitative workplace study
- 5. Ongoing registration of patients in treatment: Phase II
- 6. Second study of emergency room patients
- 7. Study of the costs of the drug problem
- 8. The relationship between drugs and crime: Study of the relationship between drugs and crime among prisoners. Police station study.
- 9. Census of treatment centers

Studies in 2006

- General household survey
- Qualitative study of psychotropic drug use
- Study of drug use among street children
- Quantitative workplace study
- Specific study of coca paste productiontrafficking-use

Work teams by province and studies

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Proposal 2006-2007

- To establish consistent contact between the Observatory and the prevention and care sectors
- To examine demand and trafficking-related information in greater depth
- To begin to examine studies of the impact of prevention actions

Proposals to CICAD

- To establish closer ties between Observatory-related sectors and the information of the MEM
- To promote coordination mechanisms between the different players and the international financial backers, joining financial and technical assistance efforts

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