

## HIGH LEVEL WORKSHOP - WORKING GROUP ON ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION

### AGENDA

**Within the framework of the Working Group on Alternatives to Incarceration led by the Government of Colombia, through the Ministry of Justice, as President of the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD) of the Organization of American States (OAS)**

Antigua, Guatemala. 17 to 19 June 2014

The "Working Group on Alternatives to Incarceration" was proposed by the Colombian government in the framework of CICAD 54, held in December 2013 in Bogotá, Colombia, and subsequently approved at CICAD 55 in Washington, DC in April 2014.

The Government of Colombia, as Chair of CICAD, in collaboration with the Executive Secretariat of the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD), Secretariat for Multidimensional Security of the Organization of American States (OAS) seeks through this initiative to create a Working Group on "alternatives to incarceration" in the framework of CICAD, to prepare a technical report on existing and possible alternatives to incarceration for drug-related offenses in accordance with international drug conventions, taking into account the reality of offenses, patterns of drug use, the regulatory frameworks of each country, and the contents of the Hemispheric Strategy and Action Plan 2011-2015. The Working Group will submit its progress at CICAD 56 and a final report at CICAD 57.

## TUESDAY 17 JUNE 2014

**Location:** Training Center AECID, ROOM 12.

**08:30-09:00** Registration and disbursement of materials

### 09:00-09:45 WORKSHOP OPENING

- Deputy Minister **Miguel Samper Strouss**, Deputy Minister of Criminal and Restorative Justice Policy, Ministry of Justice and Law, Colombia.
- Ambassador **Paul E. Simons**, Executive Secretary of the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD), Secretariat for Multidimensional Security of the Organization of American States (OAS).
- **Luis Fernández Fanjul**, Deputy director of Treatment Villabona Penitentiary Center Asturias, Spain
- Training Center Director of AECID in Antigua-Guatemala, AECID, Spain.

### 09:45-11:00 PROGRAM PRESENTATION: OBJECTIVES, METHODOLOGY, AND PARTICIPANTS

- **Samuel Urueta**, Acting Director of Drug Policy and related activities, Ministry of Justice and Law, Colombia.
- **Adriana Henao**, Program Manager Alternatives to Incarceration of the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD), Secretariat for Multidimensional Security of the Organization of American States (OAS).

**11:00-11:30** Coffee Break

**11:30-12:30** **SESSION 1 DESCRIPTION OF THE PROBLEM:** This session will provide an overview of how drug laws are applied in the hemisphere, its impacts and results. We will analyze the use of the penal system as a means to respond to the drug problem, including other themes such as proportionality, and use of preventive detention and its impact on incarceration. In addition, some options and alternatives to incarceration will be highlighted.

- **Diana Guzmán**, Researcher, Center for Law, Justice and Society, DeJusticia, Colombia.
- **Israel Alvarado**, National Institute of Criminal Science, Mexico.
- **Bryce Pardo**, LEDA Manager, Drug Legislation in the Americas of the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD), Secretariat for Multidimensional Security of the Organization of American States (OAS) program.

**12:30-13:00** Opportunity for questions and comments on the first session

**13:00-14:00** Lunch Break

**14:00-15:00**

**SESSION 2 ALTERNATIVES BEFORE ENTERING THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM:** This session will discuss some options for drug-related offenders to prevent their entry into the criminal justice system, pointing out the main advantages and challenges of implementing these alternatives and their results.

- **Amy Crawford**, Deputy Director of "John Jay College, National Network for Safe Communities", Center for Crime Prevention and Control, United States.
- **James Pugel**, Racial Disparity Project/Seattle Police Department (retired), United States
- **Brandon Hughes**, European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addition (EMCDDA)
- **Mike Trace**, IDPC (International Drug Policy Consortium) Chair.

**15:00-15:30**

**Opportunity for questions and comments on the second session**

**15:30-16:00**

Coffee Break

**16:00-18:00**

Group work: Feasibility of options available to drug-related offenders prior to entry into the criminal justice system in Member States.

**18:00**

**End of first day**

## WEDNESDAY 18 JUNE 2014

**Location:** Training Center AECID, ROOM 12.

**09:00-10:00**

**SESSION 3 ALTERNATIVES IN THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM PRIOR TO CONVICTION:** This session will discuss some options for drug-law offenders within the criminal justice system who have not been convicted, though may be in pre-trial detention, identifying advantages and disadvantages as well as results.

- **Mark Kleiman, Professor**, UCLA School of Public Affairs, United States

**10:00-10:30**

**Opportunity for questions and comments about the third session**

**10:30-11:00**

Coffee Break



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**11:00-13:00**

Group work: Feasibility of options related to Alternatives within the judicial system in the Member States.

**13:00-14:00**

Lunch Break

**14:00-15:00**

**SESSION 4 ALTERNATIVE SANCTIONS IN THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM:** This session will discuss some options for drug-related offenders within the criminal justice system who have been convicted, identifying advantages and disadvantages as well as results.

- **Angela Hawken**, Associate Professor of Public Policy University Pepperdine.
- **Beau Kilmer**, Co-Director RAND Drug Policy Research Center
- **Alberto Amiot**, Second Court Judge Santiago, Chile
- **Julius Lang**, Director of Training and Technical Assistance, Center for Court Innovation, United States

**15:00-15:30**

Opportunity for questions and comments on the fourth session

**15:30-16:00**

Coffee Break

**16:00-18:00**

Group work: Feasibility of options and alternative sentences to imprisonment in Member States.

## THURSDAY 19 JUNE 2014

**Location:** Training Center AECID, ROOM 12.

**09:00-10:00**

**SESSION 5 ALTERNATIVES FOR PRISON POPULATIONS:** This session will discuss some options to reduce prison populations and prevent recidivism, taking into account strategies with a view to offenders' re-entry into society, identifying advantages and disadvantages as well as results obtained in practice.

- **Jonathan Wroblewski**, Director, Office of Policy and Legislation, Department of Justice, United States
- **Luis Fernández Fanjul**, Deputy director of Treatment Villabona Penitentiary Center Asturias, Spain
- **Dra. Doris Ma. Arias Madrigal**, Magistrada Sala Tercera Corte Suprema de Justicia República de Costa Rica.

**10:00-10:30**

**Opportunity for questions and comments about the fifth session**

**10:30-11:00**

Coffee Break

**11:00-13:00**

Group work: Viability of alternative options to prison populations in Member States.

**12:30-14:00**

Lunch Break

**14:00-15:00**

**SESSION 6 SPECIALIZED GROUPS:** This session will discuss some options for special groups such as children, those suffering from mental illness, women, and other excluded groups

- **Corina Giacomello**, author of the report 'Women, drug offenses and prison systems in Latin America' Mexico.
- **Ana Cecilia Escobar M**, Consultant in mental health, alcohol and substance abuse PAHO / WHO Guatemala
- **Ingegerd Nilsson**, Goteborg, Sweden

**15:00-15:30**

**Opportunity for questions and comments about the sixth session**

**15:30-16:00**

Coffee Break

**16:00-17:30**

## **TOWARDS A COHERENT STRATEGY**

- **Rodrigo Uprimny**, Director of Dejusticia and Professor, National University, Colombia
- **Mauricio Boraschi**, Deputy Prosecutor, Deputy Prosecutor Against Trafficking in Persons and Smuggling of Migrants Traffic, Costa Rica
- **OAS Representative To be confirmed**

**17:30**

## **Official Closing Ceremony of the Workshop**

- **Antonio Lomba**, Acting Head of Section for Institutional Strengthening and Comprehensive Programs, Program Manager Drug Treatment Courts Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD) Secretariat for Multidimensional Security, Organization of American States (OAS).
- **Luis Fernández Fanjul**, Deputy director of Treatment Villabona Penitentiary Center Asturias, Spain
- Training Center Director of AECID in Antigua-Guatemala, AECID, Spain.

**FRIDAY 20 JUNE 2014**

***Place:** Hotel Camino Real.*

**8:00-9:30**

Breakfast meeting

**9:30-12:30**

Workshop Support Group, CICAD and team from Ministry of Justice

**Participants:** The Technical Support Team, CICAD, Team from Colombian Ministry of Justice

**12:30-14:00**

Working lunch hosted by the Ministry of Justice in Colombia

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