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**CICAD EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT WORK PLAN 2018**

# CICAD Executive Secretariat

## Work Plan 2018



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# Statutory Obligations

The functions of the Commission shall be...

- To consider and approve the programs to be executed by the Executive Secretariat.
- To study the reports, plans and annual work programs presented to it by the Executive Secretary.
- To give assignments to the Executive Secretary that are consistent with the latter's mandates.

# Statutory Obligations (Cont.)

The Executive Secretary shall ...

- Prepare the programs to be executed by the Executive Secretariat.
- Submit reports to the Commission on the activities of the Executive Secretariat.
- Serve as Secretary of the Commission during its sessions.
- Perform the technical and administrative activities that the Commission entrusts.

# Hemispheric Drug Strategy (HDS) 2010

## Paragraph 7

- “CICAD is the competent regional forum to follow up on the implementation of this Strategy”.
- “Its Executive Secretariat will execute programs and actions in support of this Strategy as requested by the Commission, in coordination, if necessary with other specialized organizations.”

## Executive Secretariat of CICAD

**Institutional  
Strengthening  
Unit**

**Demand  
Reduction Unit**

**Supply  
Reduction  
Unit**

**Drug Control Capacity Building and Technical  
Assistance Section**

**Multilateral  
Evaluation  
Mechanism (MEM)  
Unit**

**Inter-American  
Observatory on  
Drugs (OID)**

**Evidence-Based Drug Policy Section: Information,  
Design, Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation  
and Data Collection and Analysis**

# Drug Control Capacity Building and Technical Assistance Section

- **Institutional Strengthening Unit**
- **Demand Reduction Unit**
- **Supply Reduction Unit**

# Institutional Strengthening Unit

## Mission

Provide technical assistance to support the strengthening of Member States' institutions and their capabilities, and the design and implementation of drug policies.



# Institutional Strengthening Unit

## What we do: Thematic Areas & Projects

### Formulation and Implementation Drug Policies & Strategies

#### National Level

- Strategies
- Plans of Actions

#### Local Drug Policies (SAVIA)

- Decentralization process
- Social Integration
- Local Management Tools
- Measuring Local Policies

### Alternatives to Incarceration

#### Policy Discussion & Dialogue

- Feasibility Studies
- Gap Analysis
- Social Integration
- Indicators

#### Exploration / Implementation

- Community Courts
- Drug Treatment Courts (DTC)
- Juvenile DTC
- Re-Entry Courts
- Diversion Programs
- Proportionality
- Pardons
- Case Management

### Alternative Development

#### Policy Discussion

- Extension of concept
- Rural / Urban Coverage
- Production, traffic, consumption
- New substances
- Groups in situation of Vulnerability

#### Thematic Groups:

- Systematization
- New indicators

MONITORING AND EVALUTION PROCESSES

CIVIL SOCIETY PARTICIPATION - Side events

LEGISLATION IN THE AMERICAS (LEDA)

INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS AND NEW POLICY DEBATES



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# National Drug Policies and Strategies

Provide technical assistance to support the development of a national drug policy and the design and implementation of national drug strategies/plans and actions, supporting development of monitoring and evaluation tools.

**Estimated Expenditures:** US\$ 93,000

**Beneficiaries:** OAS Member States (particularly at the Caribbean).

## **Expected Results:**

- Review of National Drug Strategies and action plans in the Caribbean in 14 Member States in coordination with other units of ES / CICAD and CARICOM (ref. Kitts & Nevis) .
- Training executive high-level authorities for the development of National Strategies in Caribbean countries that do not have strategies at present. Route design.
- Review indicators of strategies with a view to the 7th Round of the MEM.
- Update of the "How to design national drug policies" version of the 2009 version.

## **Link to HDS and Plan of Action:**

- Strategy: Guidelines 10, 14, 25, 51 and 52.
- Area 1: **Institutional Strengthening**. Objectives: 1, 2, 3 and 4. Actions: 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4., 2.5, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, and 4.4

# Local Drug Policies

## SAVIA: Health and Life in the Americas

This program, financed and promoted by the Spanish Government (AECID-FEPO), focuses on local drug policies that derive from national strategies and plans implemented in the territories (decentralization), or policies established by guidelines of local governments in response to the drug problem in accordance to their competences. In 2018 will be develop a new project to defines indicators and tools for the monitoring and evaluation of drug policies at the local level.

**Estimated Expenditures:** US\$ 214,577

**Beneficiaries:** National drug authorities, associations of municipalities and local governments in Ecuador, Peru, Uruguay, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala and other Latin American countries

### Expected Results:

- Local Drug Management Handbook updated and disseminated in the beneficiary countries.
- Report on decentralized drug policies, disseminated and socialized.
- Guide on criteria / indicators for the evaluation of local drug policies.
- Diagnoses, local plans and coordination mechanisms, technically assisted.
- Follow-up Work plans with municipalities and territorial management units.
- Technicians / officials from the countries trained and technically assisted in workshops and exchange sessions.

### Link to HDS and Plan of Action:

Strategy: Guidelines 10, 14, 25, 51 and 52.

- Area 1: **Institutional Strengthening:** Objectives: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. Actions: 1.2, 1.4, 2.2,2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 4.4, 5.2, 6.1 and 6.2
- Area 3: **Supply Reduction:** Objectives: 3 and 5. Actions: 3.1 to 3.9 and 5.1
- Area 5: **International Cooperation:** Objective 1. Actions 1.1, 1.4, 1.5 and 1.6

# Alternatives to Incarceration

Includes all measures such as legal reforms, as well as strategies / programs / policies that support the social integration of drug related offenders, reduce criminal prosecution, limit incarceration in the event of prosecution, and decrease prison time in the event of incarceration. ES/CICAD will support member states with the analysis of several alternatives and the development and implementation of specialized intervention strategies (pre-trial, during trial, and post-trial).

**Estimated Expenditures:** US\$ 1,983,736

**Beneficiaries:** OAS Member States. Currently working with and by the request of Argentina, Barbados, Belize, Colombia, Costa Rica, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Dominican Republic, and Trinidad & Tobago

## **Expected Results:**

- Feasibility study of the Community Cortes model in 5 countries.
- Completion of process evaluation of DTC model in 6 countries.
- Generation of a monitoring and evaluation mechanism of the DTC model for the hemisphere
- Exploration of an alternative to incarceration (DTC) pilot for juveniles in Lima, Peru
- Supporting the DTC expansion in Argentina
- Data collection. Exploring evidence on alternatives to incarceration as they relate to gender.
- Generation of case management pilots within alternatives to incarceration models.
- Finalization of Mexican therapeutic justice model and planning/commencement of implementation in new states

## **Link to HDS and Plan of Action:**

- Area 1: **Institutional Strengthening** : Objective 1: Action 1.2, Objective 2: Action 2.5, Objective 5: Action 5.1. and 5.2, Objective 6: Actions 6.1. and 6.2. Objective 7 Actions 7.1. and 7.2.
- Area 2: **Demand Reduction** : Objective 3. Action 3.4 and 3.5
- Area 3: **International Cooperation** : Objective 1. Actions 1.1, 1.2, 1.6, 3.1., and 3.3

# Expert Group on Comprehensive and Sustainable Alternative Development

Contribute to the development of a comprehensive and inclusive conceptual framework of Integral and Sustainable Alternative Development (DAIS, in Spanish) in the drug agendas of the Americas. The ES/CICAD will provide technical assistance to participating Member States in the development of various activities to follow up on the implementation of programs and projects under this integral development approach in different urban and rural contexts.

**Chair:** Ecuador

**Estimated Expenditures:** US\$ 17,435

**Beneficiaries:** OAS Member States

## **Expected Results:**

- Reference Framework for the expansion of integral and sustainable alternative development in the Americas, socialized and disseminated globally.
- Officials from the OAS Member States are more aware of the need to promote development and social integration strategies for vulnerable groups that are involved in the production, transformation, distribution, trafficking and consumption of drugs (rural areas and urban).
- Implementation of pilot tests of the systematization methodology.

## **Link to HDS and Plan of Action:**

Strategy: Guidelines 10, 14, 25, 51 and 52.

- Area 1: **Institutional Strengthening** : Objectives 3 and 6. Actions 3.1,3.2,3.3, 3.5, 6.1, 6.2.
- Area 2: **Supply Reduction** : Objectives 3 and 5. Actions 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4 , 3.5, 3.6, 3.7, 3.8, 3.9, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 5.1 and 5.2

# Demand Reduction Unit

## Mission

To strengthen the human and institutional capacities of OAS Member States to prevent drug abuse.

# Demand Reduction Expert Group

The Demand Reduction Expert Group is the technical-political forum represented by technical experts of the OAS Member States. Its purpose is to provide expertise, facilitate collaboration among countries and make recommendations to the Commission on the implementation of the Hemisphere Drug Strategy.

**Chair: Chile**

**Estimated Expenditures:** US\$ 68,228

**Beneficiaries:** OAS Member States

**Expected Results:**

- Development of the products to be formulated within the Framework of CICAD Demand Reduction Experts Group. May 15 -16, 2018
- XIX GREX meeting August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
  - Recommendations for approaching trauma in the treatment of problematic drug use, with emphasis on the trauma treatment in women, adults and children.
  - Recommendations to assist adolescents through selective and designated prevention.
  - Recommendations for Evaluating Therapeutic Results through Treatment Indicators.

**Link to HDS and Plan of Action:**

- Area: **Demand Reduction**
  - Objective 1, Actions: 1.1, 1.3 & 1.5



# Universal Prevention Curricula (UPC) Universal Treatment Curricula (UTC) Curricula for Special Populations

ES/CICAD will coordinate the dissemination of the Universal Prevention Curricula (UPC) and the Universal Treatment Curricula (UTC) in coordination with National Drug Commissions.

**Estimated Expenditures:** US\$ 437,920

**Beneficiaries:** OAS Member States and the Latin American Federation of Therapeutic Communities (FLACT).

**Expected Results:** 4 cadres of regional trainers (UTC/UPC-Spanish/English). A cadre of national trainers for UTC in 5 Member states and a cadre of national trainers for UPC in 1 Member State. Dissemination of the training for 700 service providers.

## Link to HDS and Plan of Action:

- Area: **Demand Reduction**
  - Objective 1 Action 1.1, 1.4 and 1.5
  - Objective 2 Actions 2.1, 2.3, 2.4 and 2.5
  - Objective 4 Actions 4.1 and 4.2





# Training for National Health Systems

ES/ CICAD will train healthcare generalist professionals in the treatment of drug use disorders.

**Estimated Expenditures:** US\$ 507,048

**Potential Beneficiaries:** OAS Member States

**Expected Results 2018:** Training of six selected Latin American Member States, materials and electronic platform translated into English and peer-reviewed and implemented in selected English speaking OAS Member States

**Link to HDS and Plan of Action:**

- Area: **Demand Reduction**
  - Objective 4 Actions 4.8 and 4.10



# Regional Cooperation CICAD-PAHO

Regional drug demand reduction initiatives to strengthen Member States capacity in the development and implementation of the public policies with health approach.

**Beneficiaries:** OAS member states

**Expected Results 2018:** Project development “Quality Assurance” for drug treatment services .

**Link to HDS and Plan of Action:**

- Area: **Demand Reduction**
  - Objective 1. Actions 1.1 y 1.2



# Coordination with the International Consortium of Universities for Drug Demand Reduction in the Western Hemisphere (ICUDDR-WH)

ES/CICAD will foster addiction science research and drug demand reduction, training and international cooperation among universities of the Western Hemisphere in drug demand reduction and promote the cooperation between the National Drug Commissions, Ministries of Health and other key institutions in each country.

**Estimated Expenditures:** US\$ 50,867

**Beneficiaries:** Chile, Colombia, El Salvador, Guatemala, Panama, Paraguay and Peru.

**Expected Results:** 10 universities in the ICUDDR-WH. UTC training for all the universities members of the Consortium. Plan of Action of the Consortium in coordination with the global ICUDDR.

## Link to HDS and Plan of Action:

- Area: **Demand Reduction**
  - Objective 1 Action 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4 and 1.5
  - Objective 2 Actions 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4 and 2.5
  - Objective 4 Actions 4.1 and 4.2

# Collaboration with the International Society of Substance Use Professionals (ISSUP)

ES/CICAD will collaborate with ISSUP in its global initiative for the professionalization of prevention and treatment service providers through universal training and international accreditation. It involves the participation of USINL, UNODC, WHO, African Union and Plan Colombo. All international agencies participate in the Board of Directors and in the ISSUP Expert Advisory Groups.

**Estimated Expenditures:** US\$ 112,720

**Beneficiaries:** 34 Member States

**Expected Results:** Coordinate workshops and trainings in national meetings that will take place in Brazil and Chile. Trainings for treatment and prevention will also be coordinated at the annual meeting in Kenya.

## Link to HDS and Plan of Action:

- Area: **Demand Reduction**
  - Objective 2 Actions 2.1, 2.2, 2.3
  - Objective 3 Actions 3.1 and 3.2



# Training curricula for professional and non-professional personnel of juvenile detention centers in Panama

Project developed within the framework of the SECOPA Program (*Security Cooperation in Panama*), financed by the European Union through the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB). The project is executed in coordination with the Institute of Interdisciplinary Studies (IEI) and the Integral Security Office of the Ministry of Public Security (OSEGI) of Panama.

**Estimated Expenditures:** US\$ 96,942

**Beneficiaries:** Panama.

**Expected Results:** Two specialized training curricula and two national training teams in Panama

## Link to HDS and Plan of Action:

- Area: **Demand Reduction**
  - Objective 1 Action 1.1, 1.4 and 1.5
  - Objective 2 Actions 2.1, 2.3, 2.4 and 2.5
  - Objective 4 Actions 4.1 and 4.2

# Supply Reduction Unit

## Mission

Strengthen the capacity of member states to control the production, trafficking and distribution of illicit drugs and reduce the availability of chemical precursors used to produce these substances.

# Counterdrug Intelligence

Program to increase the capacity, knowledge and competence of officers from participating member states in specialized techniques related to the development, analysis and information sharing of counterdrug intelligence enhancing their ability to respond to threats and challenges related to drug trafficking and production.

- Regional and national courses and training seminars on strategic, operational and prospective counterdrug intelligence analysis and investigations for member states in Latin America continue under the umbrella of the Counterdrug Intelligence School of the Americas (ERCAIAD).
- Regional courses on operational intelligence and source handling for Caribbean member states at the Regional Counterdrug Intelligence Training School (RCITS) in Trinidad and Tobago for English-speaking Caribbean member states.

**Estimated expenditure:** US\$ 158,000

**Beneficiaries:** OAS member states

**Expected Results:** Approximately 300 counterdrug intelligence analysts and investigators will receive training and have an increased capacity in the development, analysis and information sharing of counterdrug intelligence in their efforts to investigate and interdict the illicit production, trafficking and distribution of illicit drugs.

**Link to HDS and Plan of Action:**

- Area: **Control Measures**
  - Objective 6, Actions b, c, d
  - Objective 9, Actions a, c, d, e, f

# Precursor Chemical Control

Program for officers from agencies dealing with the control of chemicals (police, customs, regulatory, administrative control, chemists, judges, prosecutors and others) to enhance their knowledge and skills in the administrative processes and specialized operational techniques to safely and effectively monitor, investigate, detect and control the diversion of chemicals that can be used to produce illicit drugs.

- Three national seminars in precursor chemical diversion control and investigation are planned for Caribbean member states in 2018.

**Estimated expenditures:** US\$ 70,000

**Beneficiaries:** OAS member states

**Expected Results:** Approximately 80 precursor chemical control personnel will receive training in diversion investigation, illicit drug production methods, dismantling clandestine labs, and officer safety thereby enhancing their awareness and capacity to effectively apply new investigative and regulatory methods and promote a common approach to controlling illicit chemical production and diversion.

## Link to HDS and Plan of Action:

### ○ Area: **Control Measures**

- Objective 1, Actions a, e
- Objective 6, Actions b, c, d, f
- Objective 8, Actions b, c

Objective 2, Actions a, c, d, e, f, g, h, i  
Objective 7, Actions b, c  
Objective 9, Actions d, e, f, g



# Synthetic Drugs

Program for law enforcement and regulatory/administrative officers as well as chemists, prosecutors, judges and others concerned with the control of synthetic drugs - including New Psychoactive Substances (NPS) – to increase the capacity to safely identify, monitor, and interdict the production and trafficking of these drugs and respond to new drugs, production techniques and trafficking methods.

- An assessment of forensic capacities and gaps in identifying synthetic drugs and their precursor chemicals will be conducted in selected Caribbean member states.

**Estimated Expenditures:** US\$ 20,000

**Beneficiaries:** OAS Caribbean member states

**Expected Results:** Increased knowledge of the forensic laboratories' capacities and challenges to identify and detect the chemical elements of seized synthetic drugs and NPS.

**Link to HDS and Plan of Action:**

- Area: **Control Measures**
  - Objective 1, Action e

# Group of Experts on Chemical Substances and Pharmaceutical Products

The Group of Experts on Chemical Substances and Pharmaceutical Products is the hemispheric technical forum for the exchange of updated information, experiences and best practices on the control of chemical precursors used to manufacture illicit drugs. In addition, the group develops reference tools and materials that support member states to strengthen their regulatory and legislative frameworks based on international agreements on the topic.

**Chair:** Panama (CONAPRED)

**Location and Date:** Panama City. May 29 – 31, 2018.

**Estimated Expenditures:** US\$ 20,000

**Beneficiaries:** OAS member states

**Expected Results:** identification of emerging and persistent threats on the use of chemical precursors for the manufacture of synthetic drugs, such as fentanyl and its analogues; strengthen capacities to investigate and control the diversion of such substances; increased inter-institutional and regional collaboration.

**Link to HDS and Plan of Action:**

- Area: **Control Measures**
  - Objective 1, Action e

# Maritime Narcotrafficking and Border Control

Program for maritime authorities, law enforcement, customs and other agencies working in the maritime domain, land borders, airports and sea ports to increase their knowledge, skills and capacity to monitor, investigate, detect and interdict the movement of illicit drugs and related contraband.

- II operational and legal regional seminar against maritime narcotrafficking will be held to enhance the cooperation/coordination in counterdrug interdiction procedures/operations.

**Estimated Expenditures:** US\$ 30,000

**Beneficiaries:** OAS member states

**Expected Results:** Increased operational capacity of maritime authorities to investigate, detect and interdict the movement of illicit drugs by sea.

**Link to HDS and Plan of Action:**

○ Area: **Control Measures**

- Objective 6, Actions b, c, d, f
  - Objective 8, Actions b, c
- Objective 7, Actions b, c  
Objective 9, Actions d, e, f, g

# Group of Experts on Maritime Narcotrafficking

The Expert Group on Maritime Narcotrafficking main purpose is to provide a forum for member states to exchange information and best practices on maritime drug trafficking trends, on-going multilateral interdiction operations and procedural challenges faced during the investigation and prosecution of cases.

**Chair:** United States (Coast Guard)

**Location and Date:** Miami. September 26 – 28, 2018.

**Estimated Expenditures:** US\$ 40,000

**Beneficiaries:** OAS member states

**Expected Results:** Increased counterdrug coordination efforts; sharing of best practices; and enhanced knowledge on trends and procedures on maritime drug interdiction at the Hemispheric level.

**Link to HDS and Plan of Action:**

- Area: **Control Measures**
  - Objective 6, Actions b, c, d, f      Objective 7, Actions b, c
  - Objective 8, Actions b, c      Objective 9, Actions d, e, f, g

# Inter-American Program for Strengthening Gender Equality in Drug Law Enforcement Agencies (GENLEA)

Program to strengthen the capacity of member states to increase their effectiveness for dismantling criminal organizations involved in drug trafficking, by emphasizing gender mainstreaming as a factor that improves performance in counterdrug intelligence operations.

- Carry out a comprehensive regional assessment on existing gender equality structures, policies and mechanisms in selected counterdrug law enforcement agencies in the Americas.
- Provide technical assistance and deliver national gender mainstreaming workshops in member states aimed at supporting national counterdrug institutions to become more gender equitable and effective.

**Estimated Expenditures:** US\$ 100,000

**Beneficiaries:** OAS member states

**Expected Results:** One regional assessment on existing gender equality structures, policies and mechanisms in selected counterdrug agencies. Increased capacity of CICAD member states to counter the problem of illicit drug trafficking throughout the Western Hemisphere by enhancing gender mainstreaming in counterdrug law enforcement national entities.

**Link to HDS and Plan of Action:**

- Area: **Control Measures**
  - Objective 1, Actions a, c, g

# Evidence-Based Drug Policy Section: Information, Design, Implementation, Monitoring, Evaluation, and Data Collection and Analysis

- **Inter-American Observatory on Drugs**
- **Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism (MEM) Unit**

# Inter-American Observatory on Drugs (OID)

## Mission

The OID is CICAD's scientific research and information branch. Its mission is to help member states better understand, design and implement policies to confront the drug phenomenon in all its forms through the use of scientific information that is objective, reliable, up-to-date, and comparable across countries.

# Executive Secretariat Support for Drug Observatories

- Report on Drug Use in the Americas 2018.
- Technical support to the National Drug Observatories (NDO's) in Member States.
- International collaboration with the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction, NIDA, UNODC, WHO/PAHO and COPOLAD.



# Drug Information Networks (DINs)

Developing Capacities to Gather, Analyze and Report Information on Drugs by Creating National Drug Information and Networks (DIN's) in the Caribbean and Latin America.

## Beneficiaries:

- OAS Member States in Central America
- OAS Member States in the Caribbean

## Expected Results:

- Sub-regional and national training seminars – 3 national, 2 sub-regional.
- Publishing of protocol for standardized indicators – Spanish Version.
- Publishing of comparative analysis of treatment data from the Caribbean
- Document on how to create an information system in the field of treatment.

## Link to HDS and Plan of Action:

- Area: **Institutional Strengthening**
  - Objective 2, Actions a
  - Objective 3, Actions a, b, c.

# Drug Information Networks (DINs)

## Phase 2

The OID is seeking funding for a **new phase** of this program to support DINs among countries in the Hemisphere that need to further develop their human and institutional capacity to manage their networks. The goal is to create self-sustaining national networks that routinely collect and regularly report on drug production, drug consumption, consequences, and policy responses and actions.

The information produced by these networks will enhance the monitoring of the drug situation and support national drug policies. These DIN's and their respective NDO's form the OID's regional drug information network.

### Beneficiaries:

- OAS Member States in the Caribbean
- OAS Member States in Latin America

### Link to HDS and Plan of Action:

- Area: **Institutional Strengthening**
  - Objective 2, Actions a
  - Objective 3, Actions a, b, c.

# Inter-American Drug Use Data System (SIDUC)

The Inter-American Drug Use Data System (SIDUC) in Latin America and the Caribbean is a set of protocols that allow member states to measure the prevalence, incidence and problematic drug consumption in various segments of the population in the hemisphere.

## Beneficiaries:

- OAS Member States in the Caribbean
- OAS Member States in Latin America

## Expected Results:

- Publication of the report on drug use in the Americas 2018
- Support the conduct of university Surveys: Chile, Argentina and Guatemala
- Publication on standardized indicators for national drug information networks in Latin America
- Manual for the design, monitoring and evaluation of an information system in the field of drug treatment: generation of information

## Link to HDS and Plan of Action:

- Area: **Demand Reduction**
  - Objective 2, Action a
  - Objective 6, Actions c, e

Area: **Institutional Strengthening**  
Objective 2, Action a  
Objective 3, Actions a, b, c

# Smokable Cocaine in the Southern Cone

This program, which is coming to an end in mid year 2018, has carried out in-depth research on the use and health impact of smokable cocaine substances in the Southern Cone. The proposed final project within this program is performing a patient-follow up study on treatment outcomes in long-term smokable cocaine users. Also includes a study of brain imaging which reports on the Organic damage of the use of smokable cocaine in the long term.

**Beneficiaries:** OAS Member States in the Southern Cone

## **Expected Results:**

- Ending and publication, of a follow-up study of treatment results in long-term cocaine smokers, June 2018.
- Ending and publication of the study of cerebral images June, 2018

## **Link to HDS and Plan of Action:**

- Area: **Demand Reduction**
  - Objective 3, Actions A, B, C
  - Objective 5, Actions A, B
  - Objective 6, Actions A, B, C, D, E

Objective 9, Actions A, B, C  
Objective 10, Actions A, B  
Objective 11, Actions A, B, C

# Educational Development: International Research Capacity-Building Program for Health-Related Professionals to Study the Drug Phenomenon

This program is an initiative of the ES/CICAD, in partnership with the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH)-Toronto, Canada (2006). This is a multi-disciplinary curriculum that has trained over 100 health-related professionals from 20 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean. This program closes in June 2018. The OID is seeking to create a Spanish language version of this same training.

**Beneficiaries:** OAS Member States

## **Expected Results:**

- Publication of the final report and scientific research cohort of 2015/2016. June 2018.
- Collaboration with other international entities on topics of epidemiological research

## ○ **Link to HDS and Plan of Action:**

### ○ **Area: Demand Reduction**

- Objective 3, Action A
- Objective 9, Actions A, B, C

Objective 10, Actions A, B

Objective 11, Actions A, B, C

# Program of emerging drug problems in the Americas: heroin, opioids and new psychoactive substances

The OIA through this program will contribute to the formulation of evidence-based policies to address the use of heroin, opiates and NPS in participating countries. In addition to supporting the generation of timely information on new psychoactive substances and the emergence of previously unknown drugs in Latin America.

## Beneficiaries:

- OAS Member States in Latin America

## Expected Results:

- Creation of the first phase of a Regional Early Warning System (REWS) on drug use in the Americas.
- Implementation of a chemical composition study with recommendations on identified substances
- Implementation of a diagnostic study on treatment with recommendations of measures to improve access and quality of treatment services.
- Implementation of a report on the magnitude of heroin use with recommendations on improving surveillance of this population
- Implementation of a report on the study of patient outcomes with recommendations to improve monitoring over time.

## Link to HDS and Plan of Action:

- Area: **Demand Reduction**
  - Objective 2, Actions b, c, e
  - Objective 3, Actions a, b, c

Area: **Supply Reduction**  
Objective 1, Actions b, c, e, f  
Objective 4, Actions a, b

# Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism (MEM) Unit

## Mission

Provide technical support for the design, revision, and execution of the multilateral evaluation process of CICAD's drug policy, and guide OAS member states on measuring their fulfillment of the objectives for CICAD's Hemispheric Drug Strategy and Plan of Action.

# MEM Process – 2018

- MEM – mandate from the Summit of the Americas in 1998. Unique tool to evaluate the progress and the challenges of the member states' public policies on drugs. Based on 5 thematic areas from CICAD's Hemispheric Plan of Action on Drugs, 2016-2020.
- In 2018, the MEM begins its 7<sup>th</sup> Evaluation Round for all member states, through the Governmental Experts Group (GEG), with the aim of publishing national and hemispheric reports in 2019.
- The 7<sup>th</sup> Round takes into account the operational recommendations from UNGASS 2016 and the Sustainable Development Objectives from the 2030 Agenda. It also encompasses overarching themes such as human rights, gender, and social inclusion.

**Estimated cost:** US\$ 1,100,000

**Beneficiaries:** OAS member states

**Link to HDS and Plan of Action:** Based on the Hemispheric Plan of Action on Drugs 2016-2020, and supporting member states in the implementation of its objectives and priority actions.



# MEM Process – Expected Results – 2018

- **January 2018:** The MEM evaluation questionnaire was sent to all countries. In March, a training workshop was held for the MEM National Coordinating Entities who are collecting the information to be evaluated.
- **April 2018:** Member states designate national experts for the GEG and provide information in response to the evaluation questionnaire
- **June 2018:** Information provided by member states is organized into narrative reports and revised by the GEG before the evaluation debates
- **June 2018:** The GEG nominates its coordinators and organizes into working groups to start the evaluations
- **July – August 2018:** GEG working groups create preliminary drafts to be revised in their first plenary session
- **September 2018:** The first drafts of MEM national reports are approved in the first GEG plenary session
- **October – November 2018:** Member states respond to the GEG queries and update their respective evaluation reports
- **December 2018:** GEG coordinators analyze the new information provided by countries and coordinate the next steps for evaluation