BARBADOS
PROGRAM SUMMARY

The Department of Public Security (DPS) has created the Inter-American Network for Police Development and Professionalization as a mechanism for international cooperation to strengthen the police capacity to address security challenges. The Police Network seeks to generate police skills adapted to new security situations in the region and to promote the exchange of best practices and lessons learned. The structure of the Police Network is based on a needs-assessment carried out by DPS, with the support of AMERIPOL, which allowed the identification and understanding of the main challenges and knowledge gaps regarding police training.

The Interamerican Police Network is structured in four main pillars: (i) development and implementation of a training curriculum, with on-site courses and virtual courses, that seeks to answer the knowledge needs identified in the needs-assessment and to reduce the asymmetries among the police forces in the Americas; (ii) creation of a permanent network for cooperation with the goal of strengthening the training process through the continuous exchange of information and knowledge between police officers and the training institutions and instructors; (iii) horizontal cooperation that promotes the exchange of information, experiences, and best practices among police institutions (iv) certification of police forces in excellence management.

The Interamerican Police Network has partnered with universities of the Hemisphere, coordinated by the University of São Paulo, with the goal of promoting the exchange between academic knowledge and police practices.

OBJECTIVES

To contribute in a systematic and ongoing manner to the strengthening of professional development of OAS Member States’ police institutions. Its specific goals are: (i) to develop a police knowledge management system based on on-site and virtual training; (ii) to promote a comprehensive and holistic approach that includes continuous training and exchange of knowledge and best practices among police institutions, as well as certification in police management; (iii) to generate greater coordination among Member States to address present and future public security challenges; and (iv) to add scientific value in the professional development of police officers through accreditation of the courses by renowned universities.

RESULTS

In the framework of the Interamerican Police Network, with the support of strategic partners, the DPS has carried out a needs assessment to identify the main challenges and gaps in police training; an educational guide for the on-site police training was developed based on the conclusions of the needs-assessment. The curriculum and the material for this training are being finalized and they will be validated by the strategic partners of the Police Network. Simultaneously, the first edition of the training is being organized and it is expected to take place at the Police Academy of Honduras in 2017. The DPS has also elaborated a mapping of the police institutions and their processes certified in quality management in the hemisphere.

It is expected that in the following years the Interamerican Police Network trains at least 340 police officers to promote the program in the OAS Member States during a one-month on site police course and 200,000 officers on the virtual platform, who will be connected through a network for police cooperation and exchange of experiences. The police network also aims to add scientific value in police professional development through accreditation of the courses offered by renowned universities and foster horizontal cooperation among police institutions in the Americas.
PROGRAM SUMMARY

The Program was created in order to support Member States in promoting citizen security through a comprehensive and multidimensional prevention strategy aimed at reducing and mitigating risk factors of violence and crime, especially among Youth. All of its actions are supported by intersectoral articulation, evidence base, community participation, youth leadership, and the promotion of peace, from a gender and human rights perspective.

The Program seeks the constant mobilization of different sectors of society for the optimization of its results, with the ultimate goal of pushing a prevention approach in the countries agendas. It has four phases of implementation. The first one is an evaluation of the prevention entities in the jurisdiction where the Program is to be implemented (executive, judicial and legislative powers, and the civil society). The second one is the elaboration of a series of recommendations for the public sector aimed at optimizing the work of the evaluated prevention entities, including the selection of possible interventions for implementation (from the Program’s catalog of a regularly updated evidence based interventions). The third one is the development of an action plan in collaboration with local actors, taking into account their priorities and the recommendations made. The last one is the implementation of the chosen interventions adapted to the local context, with a comprehensive monitoring and evaluation plan.

All of the Program’s actions are supported and disseminated an ongoing communications strategy. The information obtained at the end of each execution cycle is used for the elaboration of a series of final recommendations and for the optimization of the Program’s later editions.

OBJECTIVES

To develop a hemispheric strategy for the prevention of violence and crime through an integrated and complementary set of actions aimed at strengthening the capacity of Member States to act in a coordinated manner, fostering international cooperation.

RESULTS

The Program’s interventions are implemented in three areas: institutional, situational and community.

At the institutional level, it seeks to strengthen coordination among agencies working on violence and crime prevention, and to build capacity of public administrators, especially from the security, justice, health and education sectors.

In the situational context, the aim is to reduce criminal opportunities in urban spaces by improving areas for community coexistence and through interventions in premises that sell alcohol.

At the community level, it seeks to increase protective factors for violence in communities, particularly within vulnerable groups. Its particular focus is on youth: social empowerment, life skills development, and strengthening of links with their environment, especially school and family.

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PROGRAM SUMMARY

The CICTE Aviation Security Program aims at building the capacity of Member States to comply with the standards and recommended practices established by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and its annexes (particularly Annex 17) with respect to safeguarding international civil aviation and its facilities, to prevent and combat potential acts of terrorism as well as others of unlawful interference. In that regard, the CICTE Secretariat supports Member States by identifying and providing technical assistance and training with regards to security-related aviation procedures and improvements, in order to help them meet International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) standards.

The November 2010 attempt on a U.S. bound cargo plane highlighted the need for greater attention to cargo as a global emerging threat. CICTE has at this point delivered training with its partners throughout Central America, South America, and the Caribbean to increase their capacity to effectively manage a secure cargo operation and to become aware of the most up-to-date ICAO standards related to cargo. However, ICAO cargo security standards have evolved and TSA has discovered within its assessments that inspectors of cargo operations in the region need more training in identifying risks posed by the cargo supply chain and recommending mitigation methods. Now that CICTE has built awareness within the region of the importance and complexity of protecting the cargo supply chain, this project seeks to assist OAS Member States at a national level to understand the newest standards and the ways in which they could be implemented, according to the specific context that exists within their international airports.

OBJECTIVES

The Air Cargo Workshop had the objective of maximizing the participants’ capacity to effectively oversee the implementation of required air cargo security measures to ensure the protection, safety, and security of the cargo. This Workshop also guided the participants on the creation of the framework for a National Air Cargo Security Program (NCSP).

RESULTS

22 civil aviation and law enforcement officials (7 female and 15 male) from Barbados increased their knowledge on the most up-to-date ICAO standards and recommended practices in accordance with Annex 17, Doc 8977, as well as their local Standard Operations Procedures (SOPs). Participants were also instructed on how to develop and optimize their National Air Cargo Program.
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Given that tourist destinations are by their own nature considered soft targets, this Program seeks to contribute to the strengthening of the capacities of strategic-level and operational-level public-private sector actors in the tourism industry. Furthermore, the Program aims to promote collaboration between the public and private sectors in the prevention and response to incidents that threaten the security of tourism.

In this regard, CICTE offered the government of Antigua and Barbuda to perform a Needs Assessment and follow-up Workshop on Risk Management for Tourism Destinations.

**OBJECTIVES**

This component of the Program included: a two-day Needs Assessment Mission, in preparation for the five-day Risk Management Workshop. The objective was to contribute to strengthen the capacities on tourism security and safety and public-private partnerships.

These activities were be carried out by staff from the OAS and UNICRI, along with subject-matter experts from the tourism industry and the international law enforcement community. Among the partner institutions that attended the workshops were: Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), UNICRI, CARICOM, and private companies with expertise on maritime port security, interviewing techniques and behavioral analysis (Hudson Trident and Rovertech International).

**RESULTS**

Among the results of these activities in Antigua and Barbuda, relevant and precise information was gathered on the vulnerabilities and threats to the specific destination, as well as the existing processes and level of coordination; and relevant partners and audiences were identified to participate in the follow-up Workshop.

Based on the outcomes of the Needs Assessment, the project team designed the agenda for the Workshop, targeted for professionals from specific audiences from the public and private sector. The Workshop was structured in order to address practical skills that allow strengthening capacities on prevention and tourist incident response.

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The Group of Experts for the Control of Money Laundering of the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD) decided to establish an asset recovery inter-agency network (ARIN) for the Caribbean, with the purpose to improve cross-border and inter-agency cooperation, in order to facilitate the identification and localization of criminally derived assets, as well as asset recovery information exchange to disrupt crime through the contacts designated by each State of the Caribbean Region.

This project is aimed to consolidate a network in order to facilitate international co-operation relating to the best practices in their efforts relating to asset tracing, seeking and enforcing freezing and seizure orders, managing assets and seeking and enforcing confiscation and forfeiture orders, and to facilitate legal mutual assistance and by self-initiative, share good practices, knowledge and experiences; as well as feedback in order to collaborate with criminal investigations.

OBJECTIVES

Strengthen the technical capacity of Member States of The Caribbean in asset investigation, as well as identifying, tracing, seizing, and confiscating the profits of crime, and the proper administration and disposition of the profits from transnational organized crime, with the purpose of dismantling their financial structures.

More specifically, it is expected that the implementation of Network supports Member States from GAFIC with respect to the level of consciousness of practitioners regarding the importance of information exchange, to be able to trace assets in different jurisdictions; the effectiveness of the solicitations of mutual legal assistance in investigation in money laundering; the improvement of the information exchange system and communication channels with other regional networks in asset recovery; and the implementation of the best practices in the exchange of information in money laundry investigations.

RESULTS

On 15-16 November 2016, a Practitioner Meeting was held in Bridgetown, Barbados. This was the first phase in the process of establishing an informal asset recovery inter-agency network (ARIN) in the Caribbean. The meeting was co-organized by the OAS, the RSS ARU, and the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, Barbados. Representatives from 27 Caribbean jurisdictions, as well as regional and international organizations such as: CARICOM, CFAFF, Europol, UNODC, CARIN, ARIN-SA and RRAG, were invited to actively participate at the meeting. Some relevant issues about the convenience of creating a Network of this nature in the region were discussed, for instance its composition, structure, strategic and operative development. Delegates agreed that the Caribbean should establish its own informal asset recovery inter-agency network, which was launched in June 2017.

In Port-Of-Spain, Trinidad & Tobago, February 7 – 8, 2017, it was held the Steering Group Meeting with 25 participants, this was the second phase in the process of establishing an asset recovery inter-agency network (ARIN) in the Caribbean. The main objective of the meeting was to draft a comprehensive document outlining the membership and functioning of the network, based on the outcomes of the initial Practitioner Meeting. This will become the ARIN-CARIB draft Statement of Intent, and will be circulated to all practitioners attending the initial Practitioner Meeting. It will be ultimately approved at the inaugural ARIN-CARIB official launch meeting which will take place on Wednesday 28 and Thursday 29 June 2017 in Miami.
PROGRAM SUMMARY

The Inter-American Network for the Prevention of Violence and Crime was created following the Resolution 2866 approved during the 44th General Assembly of the Organization of American States, held in Paraguay, in 2014. The Resolution reaffirms that the prevention of violence and crime is a strategic priority for the region and instructed the General Secretariat to establish a Network to provide assistance to Member States on the enforcement and implementation of public polices, programs and initiatives in the area of violence and crime prevention. Since then, the OAS Department of Public Security has been working on the creation and implementation of the Network and its activities, which has been officially launched on November 29th, 2017.

The interaction among the members of the Network takes place on in-person meetings that are carried out across the Americas and through its Website, where members can exchange experience and knowledge in the discussion forums, chats and learn more about different initiatives, policies and program in the area of crime and violence prevention around the world. The Website also features a variety of multimedia resources such as news, blog posts, videos, etc., available to its members.

Following the same Resolution a Fund for voluntary contributions was created to cover direct and indirect costs, which will not generate interest and is non-refundable. The Fund is managed by the DPS.

OBJECTIVES

To establish a dialogue and consultation mechanism, and foster the exchange of experiences, information, best practices, data and points of view among member states and different stakeholders on the issue of crime and violence prevention.

To facilitate the interaction and cooperation among different sectors to increase knowledge and promote the development of more efficient and effective policies, initiatives and programs to prevent violence and crime and to create safer and more peaceful societies in the hemisphere.

RESULTS

In 2016, the Network was officially launched during the event “Latin America and the Caribbean in action to reduce homicides” that took place at the OAS Headquarters. Additionally, in the same occasion, the Website of the Network, where the members have the opportunity to access a variety of publications, best practices, news, videos, among other materials and interact with other experts, professionals and people interested in the area of crime and violence prevention was made available through the OAS Website.

In the next months and years, it is expected, through the Network, to provide technical assistance to member states for the development and evaluation of actions, policies, and programs; provide inputs for the formulation of actions, policies, and programs; increase horizontal cooperation among States in the framework of prevention and promote interaction and exchange of knowledge and practices among different actors and stakeholders.