

CICAD Meeting with the Universities of the Americas Concerning the Drug Phenomenon Focusing on the Use of Scientific Evidence

Integrated Interdisciplinary Drug Demand Reduction Project

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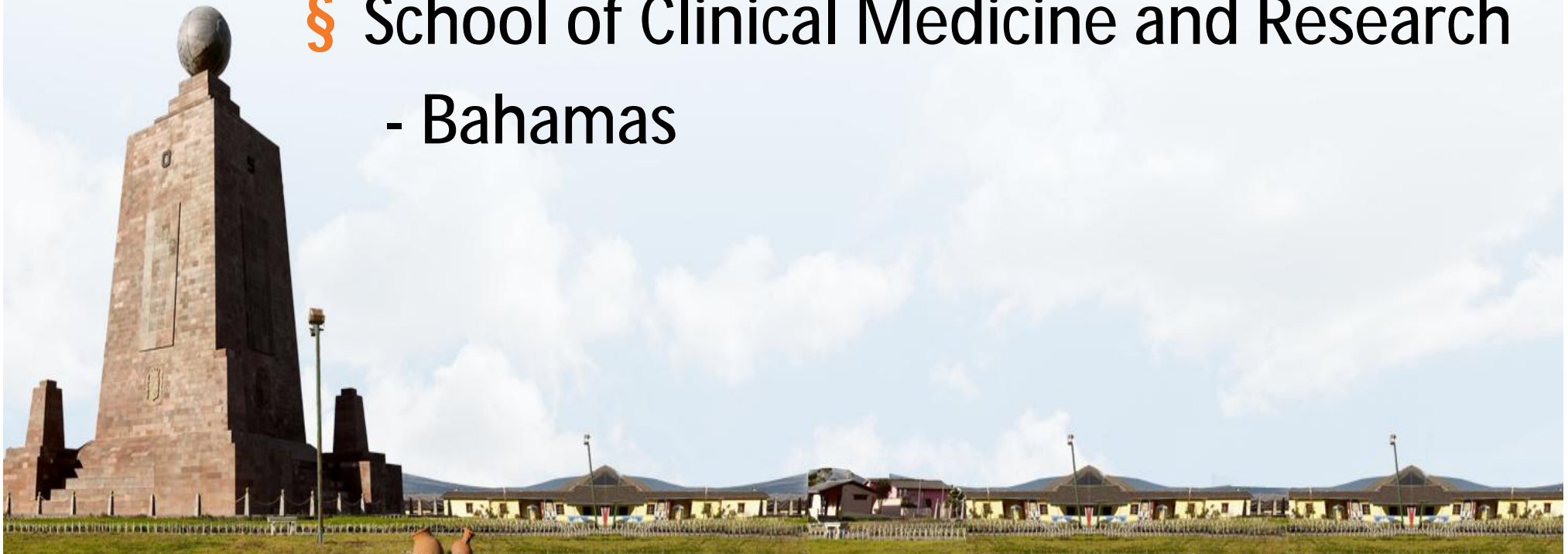
The University of the West Indies





UWI Sites

- § Mona Campus – Jamaica
- § St. Augustine Campus
– Trinidad and Tobago
- § Cave Hill Campus – Barbados
- § School of Clinical Medicine and Research
- Bahamas



Beneficiaries



§ Faculty

§ Graduate and undergraduate students

§ Community





Faculties

- § Schools of Medicine
- § Law
- § Psychology
- § Social Work
- § Nursing
- § Humanities and Education
- § Others





Main Components

Education:

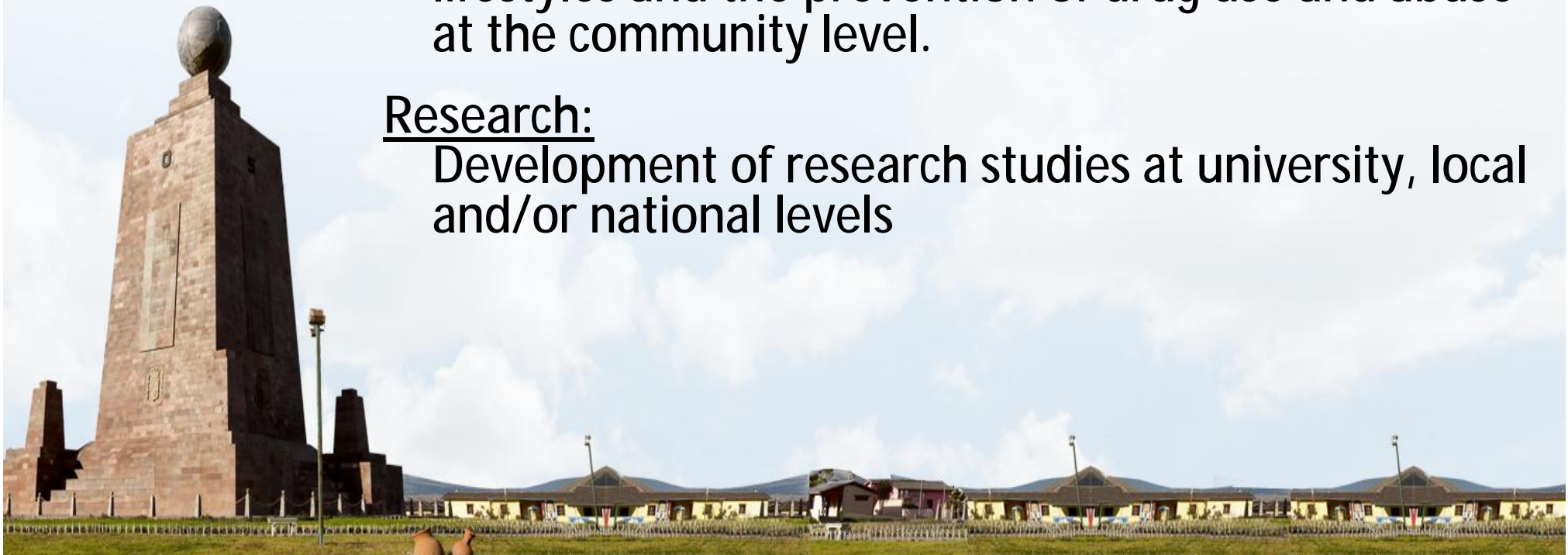
Faculty training, inclusion of drug content within under and graduate Curricula and Monitoring and evaluation systems.

Outreach:

Development of programmes promoting healthy lifestyles and the prevention of drug use and abuse at the community level.

Research:

Development of research studies at university, local and/or national levels





Stages

- § Coordinators
- § Academic committee
- § **Funding secured** (March 2011 – January 2012)
- § Buy in by all
- § Curriculum Development
- § Regular Meetings
- § Workshops (completion by Dec. 2013)





Implementation Phase

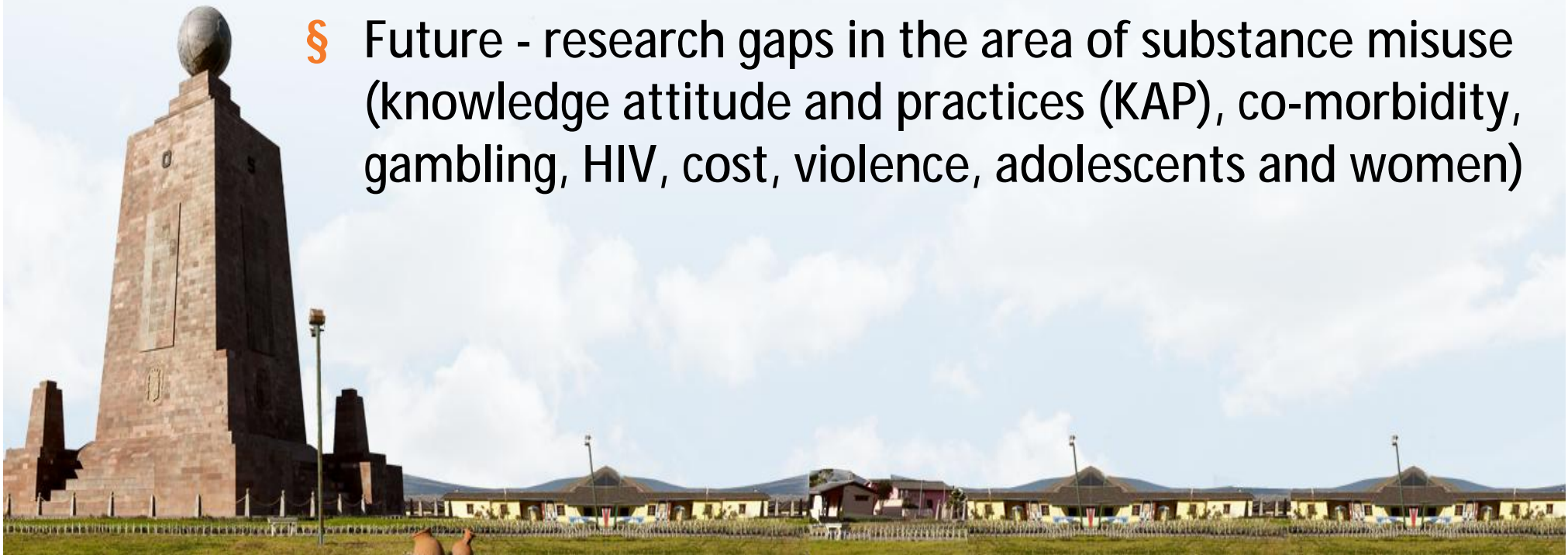
- §Assessment of drug situation at university level
- §Training of faculty in the drug phenomena
- §Inclusion of drug content in undergraduate and graduate curricula
- §Implementation of curriculum with drug content
- §Implementation of research and extension activities
- §Implementation of monitoring and evaluation systems of graduates
- §Knowledge, collaborative efforts and the dissemination of research findings





Technical group

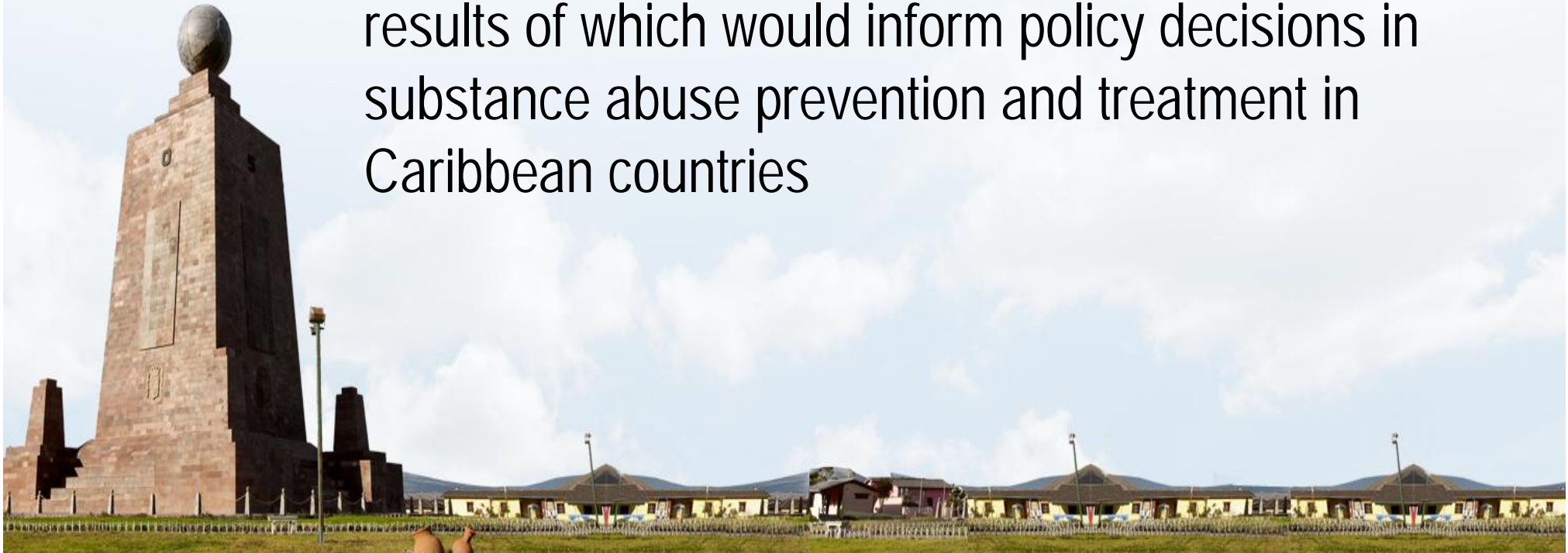
- § CICAD/CAMH programme in Toronto
- § Fulbright Humphrey Fellows
- § Group with scientific knowledge and technical skills to impact policy design, decision making, research projects implementation and management, and project evaluation
- § Future - research gaps in the area of substance misuse (knowledge attitude and practices (KAP), co-morbidity, gambling, HIV, cost, violence, adolescents and women)





Conclusion

- § Significant work being done in substance abuse education, research and outreach
- § Increased number of trained professionals
 - CICAD-CAMH training programme
- § Excellent opportunity for substance abuse research, results of which would inform policy decisions in substance abuse prevention and treatment in Caribbean countries





Conclusion

- § An integrated, interdisciplinary approach to education research on the drug phenomenon in the region
- § Reduction of drugs, crime and violence in the region
- § Professional network in the Caribbean Region
- § **Significant role of OAS/CICAD and CAMH in the development of Drug Demand Reduction in the Caribbean Region**





Thank you