

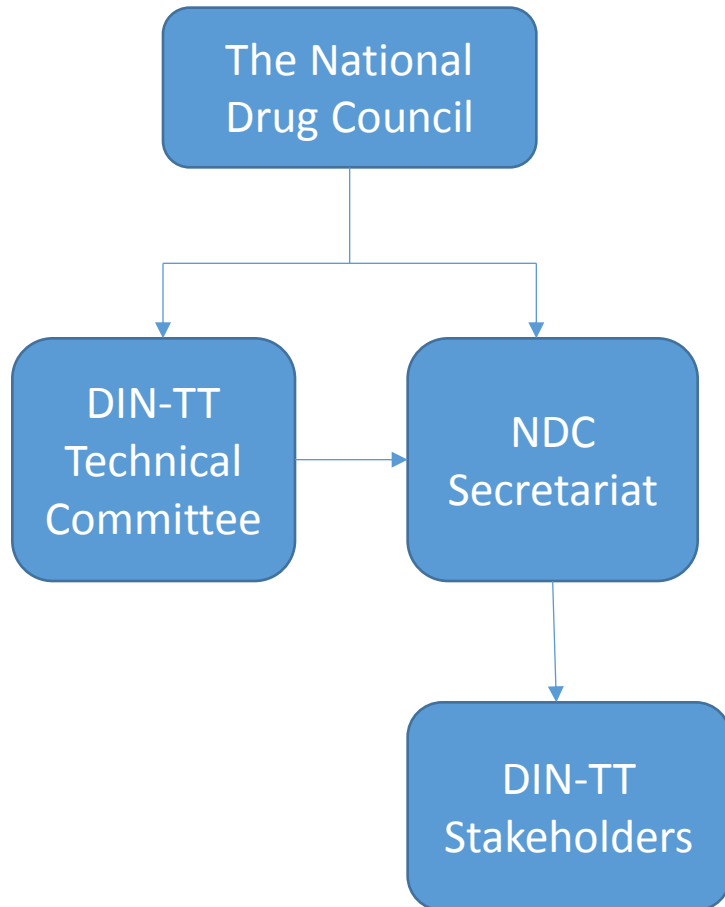


TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

"A check-in with Regional Observatories"

Regional Seminar for National Drug
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STRUCTURE OF THE OBSERVATORY



The Observatory comprises a multi-tiered organizational structure, which supports transparency, accountability, and reliability:

- The National Drug Council (NDC) of the Ministry of National Security forms the overarching body that oversees and authorizes the activities within the Observatory. It is made up of the senior decision makers of drug control and drug-related agencies.
- The DIN-TT Technical Committee is a body comprising representatives of agencies involved in drug control. The Technical Committee serves as an advisory body that strategizes on activities of the system.
- The National Drug Council Secretariat facilitates and coordinates the activities and outputs of the DIN-TT. This involves collecting, collating and analysing data; producing and disseminating information products; and coordinating the support activities of the DIN-TT. The Secretariat operates under the guidance of the Technical Committee.
- The DIN-TT comprises a network of members who are involved in demand and supply reduction, treatment and rehabilitation, law enforcement, education, and financial areas of drug control. Representatives of these agencies attend quarterly meetings as scheduled by the NDC and serve as contacts for the DIN-TT.

STATUS & REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

AREA OF FOCUS	2016	2017
Communication with Stakeholders	<p>Four quarterly meetings with Technical Team</p> <p>Three quarterly meetings with Stakeholder Team</p>	<p>Three quarterly meetings with Technical Team</p> <p>Three quarterly meetings with Stakeholder Team</p>
Formalization of Data Processes	Operations Manual created on the processes involved as it relates to data collection, analysis and information product design	
Re-Branding	<p>Redesigning of NDC Webpage to include its Drug Information Network</p> <p>Trademarking of DIN-TT Logo</p>	Finalisation of Trademarking Process
Technological Development	<p>Equipping of Notebooks to Treatment Centres</p> <p>Acquisition of SPSS</p>	

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Data Collection:*** <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creation of Standardized Data Collection Forms 	Organised Crime Intelligence Unit (OCIU) Outreach Data Collection Form	Financial Intelligence Unit Immigration Division
Information Products	DIN-TT Annual Report 2016 Completed	DIN-TT Annual Report 2017 in Draft Phase

*** To date Standardized Data Collection Forms have been created for the following as well:

- Trinidad and Tobago Prisons Service
- Crime and Problem Analysis Branch (CAPA)
- Youth Training Centre (YTC)
- Research Data Collection Form

ACTIVITY OF THE DIN

Based on the review of activities in the preceding slides, Trinidad and Tobago's DIN continues to be active. There is still work currently being done by the Observatory to make the Network more efficient so that it can continue to integrate specialised and general sources of information.

EMERGENCE OF NEW DRUGS

The Integrated Threat Assessment Centre (ITAC), National Security Council in partnership with the National Drug Council has been mandated to develop Trinidad and Tobago's Early Warning System (EWS). Trinidad and Tobago is now in the embryo stages of development and therefore a concept paper has been drafted and stakeholders are currently being sensitized.

CHALLENGES FACED BY THE OBSERVATORY

- Resource challenges at stakeholder agencies:
 - Technical
 - Human
- Institutional Bureaucracies
- Delayed feedback from stakeholder agencies on information request