

During the week of April 22-27, 2019, CICAD in collaboration with SECCATID and Colombo Plan coordinated the first of three sessions of the Training of Trainers on the Universal Prevention Curriculum (UPC) for Latin America in Guatemala City. UPC has been developed by prevention researchers and provides a comprehensive training package covering the main fields and theories of prevention, based on scientific research and evidence and an ethical stance on how prevention should be undertaken. This material was designed for coordinators, managers and practitioners wishing to undertake an in-depth study of drug prevention.

The six-day training covered Course 1 "Introduction to Prevention Science" of the Coordinator Series and the last two days were focused on teach backs. A pre and post test was distributed to measure their technical knowledge in the field of prevention. A total of eighteen prevention experts from six countries participated in this session, nine international and nine national. The countries represented in this training were Colombia, Guatemala, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay and Peru.

A new mechanism was developed and piloted to evaluate the trainees during their teach backs. We are currently finalizing the evaluations to prepare a final report with the results.

Once trained in the nine courses of the UPC Coordinator Series, participants will disseminate the curriculum throughout the Hemisphere at a national level.