



Report on Drug Supply and the Drug Market in the Americas

Group 2 – Caribbean Countries

Belize, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, St. Lucia, Trinidad & Tobago

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Recommended Topics

❖ Production

- ✓ Drugs produced – location and quantity
- ✓ Methods of production
- ✓ Chemical precursors – Scope of the problem and control mechanisms

❖ Trafficking

- ✓ Routes and changes overtime - source, trans-shipment and destination countries
- ✓ Methods – vehicles, boats etc.
- ✓ Micro-trafficking
- ✓ Prices and purity
- ✓ Highlight significant developments such as the return of cocaine
- ✓ Highlight factors affecting drug market – trafficking in persons, migration

❖ Country Responses

- ✓ Institutional capacity
- ✓ Description of supply agencies in the region
- ✓ Description of existing regional and international agreements, their scope and impact

Recommended Topics

❖ **Country Responses contd.**

- ✓ Seizures, arrests, prosecutions, laboratories discovered, eradication
- ✓ Trends
- ✓ Essential component of the report – description of the context

❖ **Legislative frameworks**

- ✓ Significant changes, new laws, regulations, treaties
- ✓ Marijuana legalization/decriminalization
- ✓ Implications/outcomes if any have been determined

❖ **Emerging Threats**

- ✓ New Psychoactive Substances – fentanyl
- ✓ Creepy and heroin
- ✓ Use of technology – social media etc.

Recommended Topics

❖ Consequences of the Illicit Trade

- ✓ Drug related crime and violence
- ✓ Financial crimes

❖ Diversion of pharmaceuticals

- ✓ Scope of the problem
- ✓ Control mechanisms

❖ Case studies

- ✓ Short synopsis of country specific initiatives/advances/best practice throughout the report (special component)

❖ Key informant & expert views

- ✓ Throughout chapters

Scope of the Report

- ❖ Introduction
- ❖ Objectives
- ❖ Methods
- ❖ Chapter 1 - Production & Trafficking
- ❖ Chapter 2 – Country Responses
- ❖ Chapter 3 – Emerging Threats
- ❖ Chapter 4 – Legislative Responses
- ❖ Chapter 5 - Special issue – Resurgence of cocaine
- ❖ Conclusion
- ❖ Recommendations

Methods

❖ Data sources:

- ✓ Primary data: Cross-sectional survey 1-3 key informants per country
- ✓ Secondary data: MEM, National supply reports, Forensic laboratories
- ✓ Collaboration with UNODC (ARQ, Global SMART)

❖ Data collection:

- ✓ Define indicators
- ✓ Determine time-period 2017-2019
- ✓ Develop data gathering mechanism

❖ Types of analysis:

- ✓ Contextual – more than numbers
- ✓ Strategic
 - Qualitative
 - Quantitative

Opportunities

- ❖ First report of its kind for the Americas
 - ✓ Flexibility to determine its composition
 - ✓ Value in analysing supply data and the illicit drug market
 - ✓ Fosters greater understanding of the illicit drug market in the Americas
- ❖ Improvement of quality and availability of supply data
 - ✓ Identifying indicators
 - ✓ Filling data gaps
 - ✓ Developing data collection mechanisms
 - ✓ Wider dissemination of supply information

Opportunities

- ❖ Biennial (2yrs) update of report chapters and addition of relevant components based on changes/advances in the region
 - ✓ Countries can recommend topics of interest/importance
 - ✓ Focus on special topic for each report
- ❖ Highlighting case studies
 - ✓ Sharing best practices across the region
 - ✓ Facilitates country collaboration to develop/improve initiatives
- ❖ Collaboration with international agencies (UNODC)

Challenges

- ❖ Inclusion or exclusion of recommended topics
 - ✓ Satisfying the various suggestions for relevant sections
- ❖ Country dynamics
 - ✓ Level of participation and commitment
 - ✓ Access to and availability of data
 - ✓ Timeliness of data gathering – collection & submission
 - ✓ Heterogeneity of countries' data systems, regulatory systems and capacities
 - ✓ Acceptance of report by stakeholders

Challenges

- ❖ Capacity to undertake chemical composition analysis
- ❖ Harmonization of indicators and definitions
- ❖ Comparability without competition – using percentages vs. raw numbers
- ❖ Resources – people, time etc.
- ❖ Translation of knowledge to policy and practice

Level of Interest in Report

- ❖ High level of interest for the development and utility of the report

How this Information will be Used

- ❖ Facilitates a comprehensive understanding of regional context re drug supply and market
- ❖ Provides a basis for greater collaboration – inter-institutional and cross country
- ❖ Strengthens evidence-based policies and decision making
- ❖ Develop appropriate actions to address emerging threats



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