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**CICAD EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT  
WORK PLAN 2023**

# CICAD Executive Secretariat

## Work Plan 2023



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# Statutory Obligations

The functions of the Commission shall be...

- To consider and approve the programs to be executed by the Executive Secretariat.
- To study the reports, plans, and annual work programs presented to it by the Executive Secretariat.
- To give assignments to the Executive Secretariat that are consistent with the latter's mandates.
- The Commission shall hold two regular sessions per year, one an ordinary session, the other to address specific technical topics determined by the Commission or such other matters that require its special attention.

# Statutory Obligations (Cont.)

The Executive Secretary shall ...

- Prepare the programs to be executed by the Executive Secretariat.
- Submit reports to the Commission on the activities of the Executive Secretariat.
- Serve as Secretary of the Commission during its sessions.
- Perform the technical and administrative activities that the Commission entrusts.

# Executive Secretariat of CICAD (ES-CICAD)

**Institutional  
Strengthening  
Unit**

**Demand  
Reduction Unit**

**Supply  
Reduction  
Unit**

**Multilateral  
Evaluation  
Mechanism (MEM)  
Unit**

**Inter-American  
Observatory on  
Drugs (OID)**

**Drug Control Capacity Building and Technical  
Assistance Section**

**Evidence-Based Drug Policy Section: Information,  
Design, Implementation, Monitoring, Evaluation, and  
Data Collection and Analysis**

# Drug Control Capacity Building and Technical Assistance Section

- **Institutional Strengthening Unit**
- **Demand Reduction Unit**
- **Supply Reduction Unit**

# Institutional Strengthening Unit

## Mission

Provide technical assistance to support the strengthening of member states' institutions and their capabilities, and the design and implementation of drug policies.

# National Strategies and Plans of Action

Provide technical assistance to support and strengthen the development of national drug policies, strategies, and plans of action, including monitoring and evaluation tools, in line with the OAS Hemispheric Drug Strategy (HDS) 2020 and its corresponding Plan of Action (POA) on Drugs 2021-2025.

## Creation of a Universal Curriculum for the Development of Drug Strategies

**Budget:** US\$ 619,000

**Beneficiaries:** OAS member states

### **Expected Results:**

- Improved access to training tools/guides/protocols for the development of national drug strategies and plans of action in line with the HDS and POA.
- Enhanced effectiveness in the delivery of training for the development of national drug strategies and plans of action in line with the HDS and POA.

## Technical Assistance for the Development, Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation of Drug Strategies

**Budget:** US\$ 243,262

**Beneficiaries:** OAS member states

### **Expected Results:**

- Improved ability to access information/data to inform the development of national drug strategies and plans of action, including gender-related information and statistics.
- Increased knowledge and skills of drug policymakers in national drug agencies in the development of national drug strategies and plans of action and related monitoring and evaluation frameworks, incorporating a gender perspective.
- Increased ability of national drug agencies to secure approval and funding for implementation of the national drug strategy plan of action.



# Alternatives to Incarceration

Foster the development and strengthening of policies, strategies, and programs -- including legal reforms -- that support the socio-occupational integration of individuals in contact with the criminal justice system for drug-related offenses, reduce criminal prosecution, and limit incarceration in the event of prosecution. ES-CICAD will continue to support member states with the analysis of various alternatives to incarceration programs, as well as with the development and implementation of specialized intervention strategies for the pre-trial, trial, and post-trial phases of criminal proceedings.

## Exploration and Implementation of Alternatives to Incarceration for Adult and Adolescent Populations

This initiative supports member states in designing, adopting, and consolidating alternatives to incarceration programs and provides technical assistance for the development, and implementation of alternatives to incarceration for both adult and adolescent populations in conflict with the law for drug-related offenses.

**Budget:** US\$ 1,985,000

**Beneficiaries:** Colombia, Dominican Republic, Guyana, Jamaica, Mexico, Peru, Saint Lucia

### **Expected Result:**

- Improved ability of criminal justice, health, and social integration institutions to design, adopt, and operate effective alternative to incarceration programs for justice-involved adults and adolescents with substance use disorders.

# Alternatives to Incarceration

## Development of Evaluation Tools to Strengthen the Application of Eligibility Criteria in Alternatives to Incarceration Programs and Establishing Monitoring and Evaluation Mechanisms to Measure Impact

This program seeks to develop juridical tools to assist operators of the judicial staff to make more informed decisions and supports the strengthening of monitoring and evaluation mechanisms (M&E) for alternatives to incarceration programs.

**Budget:** US\$ 697,000

**Beneficiaries:** Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Guyana, Jamaica, Panama, Peru, Trinidad and Tobago

### **Expected Results:**

- Reduced prison overcrowding and recidivism by optimizing the use of alternatives to incarceration.
- Strengthened application of evidence-based practices in drug treatment court programs and other alternatives to incarceration models.

## Case Care Management

This program supports multidisciplinary and interinstitutional coordination between the justice system and health and social services for persons with substance use disorders in contact with the criminal justice system, to facilitate treatment and social integration.

**Budget:** US\$ 317,178

**Beneficiaries:** Colombia, Dominican Republic, Guyana, Jamaica, Peru, Trinidad and Tobago.

### **Expected Result:**

- Improved inter-institutional coordination and delivery of health and social services for persons with substance use disorders in contact with the criminal justice system.

# Comprehensive and Sustainable Alternative Development

## Promote a technical discussion on how to mitigate and reduce the impact of illicit crops and drug production on the environment

Share information and discuss best practices and limitations to mitigate and reduce the impact of illicit crops and drug production on the environment.

**Budget:** US\$ 43,014

**Beneficiaries:** OAS member states

### **Expected Results:**

- Discussion on how to mitigate and reduce the impact of illicit crops and drug production on the environment.
- Increased cooperation among member states.

## Group of Experts on Comprehensive and Sustainable Alternative Development (GEDAIS, by its Spanish-language acronym)

GEDAIS is a high-level technical space to address, according to the realities and needs of each country, the different experiences, principles, new trends, threats, and problems facing comprehensive and sustainable alternative development, with a focus on human development.

**Budget:** In-kind contributions

**Beneficiaries:** OAS member states

### **Expected Results:**

- GEDAIS Meeting Group of Experts held.
- Increased awareness among OAS member states of the benefits of comprehensive and sustainable alternative development.
- Enhanced collaboration and knowledge-sharing between OAS member states, experts, and international organizations.

# Demand Reduction Unit

## Mission

Strengthen the human and institutional capacities of the OAS member states to prevent drug use problems and provide treatment for people with substance use disorders.

# Prevention

## Evaluation of community preventive strategies and preparation of technical documents with recommendations for the region

- Assess the outcomes of community preventive strategies implemented selected countries.
- Disseminate best practices and recommendations for the region.

**Budget:** US\$ 870,000

**Beneficiaries:** OAS member states

### **Expected Results:**

- Enhanced capacity to support effective prevention programs.
- Systems of information on demand reduction optimized.

## Building a system to support country level implementation of sustainable evidence-based prevention interventions

- Building capability to provide structured mentoring to support effective implementation of substance use prevention programs across Latin America.
- Develop manuals, instruments, and mentoring strategies to support the implementation and monitoring of prevention programs.

**Budget:** US\$ 175,000

**Beneficiaries:** OAS member states

### **Expected Results:**

- Prevention programs developed and established in accordance with international quality standards.
- Capacities of countries to implement sustainable preventive interventions improved.

# Prevention

## Universal Prevention Curriculum (UPC) Implementer Series Online Trainings

- Digitalization of the Universal Prevention Curriculum( UPC) to continue with online training.
- UPC train the trainer in Spanish and English for Latin America and the Caribbean member states.

**Budget:** US\$ 200,000

**Beneficiaries:** OAS member states in Latin America and the Caribbean.

### **Expected Results:**

- Improved knowledge, capacities, and skills in the area of prevention in Latin America and Caribbean member states.

## Pilot project to support youth-led drug use prevention and mental health initiatives

- Phase II of the CICAD-Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) pilot program for supporting youth-led drug use prevention and mental health initiatives implemented in school and community settings.

**Budget:** US\$ 60,000

**Beneficiaries:** OAS Caribbean member states

### **Expected Results:**

- Youth prepared to lead initiatives that promote resilience and positive life decisions.
- Communities and schools prepared to implement initiatives aimed at improving mental health.

# Prevention

## Youth Forum on Drug Use Prevention

- The main focus of this Youth Forum is to promote youth leadership in drug demand reduction by supporting youth-led prevention initiatives.

**Budget:** US\$ 240,000

**Beneficiaries:** OAS member states

### **Expected Results:**

- Increased awareness on the issue of drug use among youth increased.
- Youth motivated and inspired to take leadership roles in drug demand reduction initiatives in their communities.

## Youth in Prevention Hemispheric Network

- Development of a Hemispheric Youth Network and Training Support.

**Budget:** US\$ 66,720

**Beneficiaries:** OAS member states

### **Expected Results:**

- Young people from around the Hemisphere connected and empowered to become active prevention influencers in their schools, communities, and countries.
- Youth participating and becoming active members of a community of young people committed to supporting the health and well-being of their peers.

# Treatment

## **Enhancing Treatment Services for People who Use Substances (ENTRUST)**

This project aims to aid countries in preparing individualized operational plans to deal with the consequences of substance use disorders and walk along with them throughout the preparation, implementation, and evaluation processes.

**Budget:** US\$ 41,500

**Beneficiaries:** OAS member states

### **Expected Result:**

- Enhanced capacities of countries to address the consequences of substance use disorders.

## **Training on the Universal Treatment Curriculum**

Training of Universal Treatment Curriculum (UTC) in Portuguese, Spanish, and English for Latin American and Caribbean member states.

**Budget:** US\$ 250,000

**Beneficiaries:** OAS member states

### **Expected Result:**

- Improved knowledge, capacities, and skills of the workforce in the area of treatment in Latin American and Caribbean member states.



# Treatment

## Network on women's treatment centers for Latin America and the Caribbean

Establish a strong network of women's residential treatment centers.

- Exchange information in areas such as types of programs offered, accreditations, excellence of rehabilitation programs, or data on relapse through the creation of a directory on women's substance use disorder treatment services.

**Budget:** US\$ 78,720

**Potential Beneficiaries:** OAS member states

### **Expected Results:**

- Women's substance use disorder treatment services improved in Latin America and the Caribbean.
- Expanded and improved availability of treatment services for women in Latin America and the Caribbean.

# Treatment

## **Curriculum for Treating Adolescents with Substance Use Disorders**

The curriculum for Treating Adolescents with Substance Use Disorders was developed by the ES-CICAD, specifically for the Caribbean region in 2014. In 2021/2022 the curriculum was reviewed and revised and in November is being peer reviewed by international experts and is pending approval by the Treatment Experts Advisory Group (TEAG). Once approved, the curriculum will be adapted and disseminated in the OAS member states.

**Budget:** US\$ 120,000

**Beneficiaries:** OAS member states

### **Expected Results:**

- Increased availability of training in drug demand reduction.
- Improved knowledge, capacities, and skills of the workforce in the area of treating adolescents with substance use disorders in Latin American and Caribbean member states.

# Recovery

## **Recovery Symposium for Latin America**

Within the Memorandum of Understanding between OAS/CICAD and ISSUP, CICAD will conduct a three-day Regional Recovery Symposium.

- To train the needs and skills of communities and organize plenary sessions with inspirational speakers and trained people in the Universal Recovery Curriculum (URC).

**Budget:** US\$ 77,920

**Beneficiaries:** OAS member states

### **Expected Result:**

- Recovery network in Latin America strengthened, with increased capacity to exchange experiences and implement best practices.

# Cross cutting (Prevention and Treatment)

## **Demand Reduction Experts Group**

The Demand Reduction Experts Group is composed of technical experts from OAS member states.

- To provide technical expertise, facilitate cooperation among countries, and submit recommendations to the Commission on implementing the lines of action that derive from Hemispheric Drugs Strategy.

**Budget:** US\$ 50,000

**Beneficiaries:** OAS member states

### **Expected Results:**

- Increased capacity to implement the lines of action that derive from the Hemispheric Drug Strategy.
- Improved horizontal cooperation and exchange of experiences and good practices in drug demand reduction.

## **DDR Demonstration Project: Support to the Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Programming in Pereira, Colombia**

To demonstrate the impact of intensive Demand Reduction programming.

- Providing technical assistance to the Prevention, Treatment, and Rehabilitation working groups for the program's planning, implementation, and evaluation phases and coordinate the project programming with national and local authorities.

**Budget:** US\$ 184,114

**Beneficiaries:** OAS member states

### **Expected Results:**

- Improved prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation initiatives and programs in the Hemisphere.
- Improved knowledge, capacities, and skills of the workforce in drug demand reduction.

# Cross cutting (Prevention and Treatment)

## Drug Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Training for Faith-Based Organizations and Leaders in Latin America and the Caribbean

Piloting an introductory course to provide a basic understanding of drug use disorders, and to provide the resources available to address the forms of participation to face the problem.

- Pilot with faith-based organizations from different Latin American countries.

**Budget:** US\$ 19,006

**Beneficiaries:** OAS member states

### **Expected Result:**

- Strengthened capacity of faith-based organizations to address the problematic use of drugs, with evidence-based strategies.

# Collaboration with Civil Society

## **International Consortium of Universities for Drug Demand Reduction (ICUDDR)**

Foster coordinated activities of research, training, and international cooperation in the field of drug demand reduction among universities in the Western Hemisphere as the Regional Coordinator of the ICUDDR.

**Budget:** US\$ 55,000

**Beneficiaries:** OAS member states

### **Expected Results:**

- Strengthened capacity to implement drug demand reduction initiatives and programs in collaboration with academia.

## **Advanced Certificate Program in Media-Based Prevention Science**

A program led by Claremont Graduate University teaches drug prevention specialists how evidence-based principles of persuasion can be applied in media-based interventions for the prevention of substance use.

- Participants will develop their own media-based prevention campaigns specific to the domestic issues they encounter in their countries.
- The course will be carried out virtually and the capstone will be in-person.

**Budget:** US\$ 135,000

**Beneficiaries** OAS member states

### **Expected Results:**

- Improved content and effectiveness of prevention campaigns using traditional communication media and social networks.

# Collaboration with Civil Society

## **International Society of Substance Use Professionals (ISSUP)**

Support the work of the ISSUP national chapters in the region.

**Budget:** US\$ 155,856

**Beneficiaries:** OAS member states

### **Expected Results:**

- Increased capacity to implement evidence-based prevention and treatment programs and projects in the region, with the support of substance use professionals.
- Expanded the network of substance use professionals in the region, with special emphasis on Caribbean member states.

## **Cooperation with civil society organizations: Latin American Federation of Therapeutic Communities (FLACT) and the Ibero-American Network of NGOs working on Drugs and Addictions (RIOD)**

- In accordance with the international quality standards for treatment and care, Implementation guide, procedures and monitoring of therapeutic community services in Latin America.
- Participation of civil society organizations in the annual meeting of CICAD's Demand Reduction Experts Group.

**Budget:** US\$ 15,000

**Beneficiaries:** OAS member states in Latin America

### **Expected Result:**

- Strengthened evidence-based programs, procedures, and monitoring systems, according with the international quality standards for treatment and care.

# Collaboration with Civil Society

## Global Dialogue

Continue participating in a working group with the African Union and Colombo Plan, to explore further collaboration between the regions.

**Budget:** US\$ 32,368

**Beneficiaries:** OAS member states

### **Expected Results:**

- Increased global network of partners and capacity to develop and implement evidence-based drug demand reduction programs and projects in OAS member states.
- Strengthened global exchange of experiences and good practices in the area of drug demand reduction.



# Supply Reduction Unit

## Mission

Strengthen the capacity of member states to disrupt the illicit production, trafficking, and sale of drugs, as well as to prevent the diversion of chemical precursors used in their manufacture.

# Counterdrug Intelligence

Program to increase the capacity of analysts and investigators from member states in specialized techniques related to the development and analysis of counterdrug intelligence, enhancing their ability to effectively investigate and dismantle organized criminal groups involved in drug trafficking.

- Capacity-building courses (virtual and in-person) and technical assistance within the framework of the Counterdrug Intelligence School of the Americas (ERCAIAD, by its Spanish-language acronym).
- Capacity-building courses (virtual and in-person) and technical assistance within the framework of the Caribbean Counterdrug Intelligence Training School (CCITS).

**Budget:** US\$ 225,000

**Beneficiaries:** OAS member states

## **Expected results:**

- Increased knowledge of counterdrug analysts and investigators from Latin America and the Caribbean in operational, strategic, and prospective intelligence.
- Enhanced effectiveness of investigations and operations against drug trafficking.

# Control of Chemical Precursors, Synthetic Drugs, and New Psychoactive Substances (NPS)

Program to strengthen the capacities of OAS member states to counter the illicit use of precursor chemicals in the production and manufacture of natural and synthetic drugs, including new psychoactive substances (NPS)..

- Technical assistance for the implementation of CICAD's *Model Regulations for the Control of Chemical Substances Used in the Illicit Manufacture of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances*.
- Regional assessment and capacity-building on the disposal of seized precursor chemicals.
- National training seminars for the detection and identification of synthetic drugs, including NPS and their precursor chemicals.
- Online training courses promoting the adequate access to controlled substances for medical and scientific purposes, while preventing their diversion to illicit purposes, in collaboration with the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB).
- Regional conference on the profiling, detection, and interception of illicit drug shipments (including fentanyl, NPS, and other synthetic drugs) through public/private postal and parcel services.
- Meeting of the Group of Experts on Chemical Substances and Pharmaceutical Products.

**Budget:** US\$ 200,000

**Beneficiaries:** OAS member states

**Expected results:**

- Strengthened capacity to prevent the diversion of precursor chemicals used in the illicit manufacture of drugs.
- Increased knowledge and capacity of member states on the safe handling and disposal of seized precursor chemicals.
- Facilitated information exchange and best practices to counter the proliferation of synthetic drugs, including through public/private postal and parcel services.
- Increased access to controlled substances for medical and scientific purposes, while preventing their diversion to illicit purposes.

# Counterdrug Maritime Cooperation and Maritime/Port Narcotrafficking Control

Program to support law enforcement, port authorities, customs, and other agencies to investigate, detect, and interdict drug trafficking in the maritime, riverine, and port domains.

- Capacity-building to counter maritime and riverine illicit drug trafficking.
- Regional conference to promote operational and legal cooperation in drug interdiction operations in the maritime domain.
- Meeting of the Group of Experts on Maritime Narcotrafficking.

**Budget:** US\$ 100,000

**Beneficiaries:** OAS member states

## **Expected results:**

- Strengthened operational capacity of maritime authorities, law enforcement, and customs agencies to investigate, detect, and interdict drug trafficking in the maritime, riverine, and port domains.
- Enhanced inter-agency, regional and international cooperation in maritime counterdrug multilateral operations.

# Aerial Drug Trafficking Control

Program to strengthen the capacity of OAS member states to counter drug trafficking by air and increase regional cooperation.

- Capacity-building, training and technical assistance to counter aerial drug trafficking.
- Sub-regional meetings of CICAD's Working Group on Aerial Drug Trafficking.

**Budget:** US\$ 95,000

**Beneficiaries:** OAS member states

**Expected results:**

- Strengthened operational capacity of competent authorities to investigate, detect, and interdict aerial drug trafficking.
- Enhanced inter-agency cooperation at the national and hemispheric level.
- Main trends in aerial drug trafficking in the region identified.

# Promotion of Gender Equality in Counterdrug Law Enforcement Agencies

The Inter-American Program for Strengthening Gender Equality in Counterdrug Law Enforcement Agencies (GENLEA) supports OAS member states' counterdrug law enforcement agencies to strengthen gender equality with the aim of increasing their capacity to counter drug trafficking.

- Technical assistance and action plans for the implementation of the *GENLEA Handbook: Strategies and Good Practices for Strengthening Gender Equality in Counterdrug Law Enforcement Agencies*.
- Seminars and roundtables on gender mainstreaming in counterdrug law enforcement agencies.
- Capacity-building courses (virtual and in-person) on counterdrug investigations and operations with a gender perspective.

**Budget:** US\$ 200,000

**Beneficiaries:** OAS member states

**Expected results:**

- Strengthened gender equality in the region's counterdrug law enforcement agencies.
- Increased knowledge and capacity to counter drug trafficking.

# Evidence-Based Drug Policy Section: Information, Design, Implementation, Monitoring, Evaluation, and Data Collection and Analysis

- **Inter-American Observatory on Drugs (OID)**
- **Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism (MEM) Unit**

# Inter-American Observatory on Drugs (OID)

## Mission

The OID is the scientific research and information unit at CICAD. Its mission is to support member states to understand, design, and implement policies that address the drug phenomenon in all its forms, through the use of information based on evidence that is objective, reliable, current and comparable across countries.



# Early Warning Systems in Response to Opioids and New Psychoactive Substances (NPS) in Latin America and the Caribbean

This project contributes to the development of evidence-based policies to address the use of heroin, fentanyl, other synthetic opioids, and NPS in participating countries, supporting research and information collection on these drugs and other emerging drug phenomena in Latin America and the Caribbean.

- National capacity-building seminars (virtual and in-person) and technical assistance on different aspects of gathering information and research on emerging drugs.
- Regional and subregional capacity-building seminars (virtual and in-person) and technical assistance on different aspects of gathering information and research on emerging drugs.

**Budget:** US\$ 550,000

**Beneficiaries:** OAS member states in Latin America and the Caribbean

## **Expected Results:**

- Increased knowledge of emerging drug threats at the national, subregional, and regional levels.
- Enhanced capacity in member states to implement or strengthen national early warning systems in response to emerging threats.
- Greater understanding in member states on the application of innovative methods, such as wastewater testing, to detect and respond to emerging drug threats.

# Strengthening Drug Information Systems

This project increases the capacity of member states to collect, analyze, and report drug information by strengthening national observatories, and also assists member states to create/strengthen drug information networks (DINs) and early warning systems (EWS).

- Regional, subregional, and national capacity-building seminars (virtual and in-person) on data collection, systematization, and analysis.
- Gather information and data from national EWS and develop subregional and regional analyses on emerging drug threats through the SATA.

**Budget:** US\$ 665,000

**Beneficiaries:** OAS member states in Latin America and the Caribbean

## **Expected Results:**

- Increased awareness of long-term national, subregional, and regional drug trends.
- Increased awareness of emerging drug threats at the regional level.
- Strengthened capacity in member states to monitor long-term drug trends through their DIN.
- Increased understanding on how to combine information from DINs and EWS in statistical analysis.
- Strengthening the Early Warning System of the Americas (SATA, by its Spanish-language acronym).
- Improved information exchange and best practices in drug research, trends analysis, and monitoring.

# Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism (MEM) Unit

## Mission

Provide technical support for the design, review, and execution of this peer review process of member states' drug policies, ensuring fulfillment of the OAS Hemispheric Drug Strategy and its Plan of Action.

# MEM Eighth Round

The MEM is the 1998 Summit of the Americas mandate that works as a unique tool to measure member states' progress and challenges to address the drug problem and related crimes. Evaluations based on the OAS Hemispheric Plan of Action on Drugs' thematic areas.

According to the new methodology, the eighth round (2021-2024), will feature annual thematic evaluations in the first three years and a comprehensive evaluation in the fourth year. 2023 is the third year of the round.

- Awareness meetings with national authorities on MEM results.
- National dissemination of country thematic evaluation results.
- Trainings for MEM National Coordinating Entities (NCEs) and Governmental Expert Group (GEG).
- Two GEG Plenary Drafting Sessions.
- Publication of hemispheric brief on "Measures to Control and Counter the Illicit Cultivation, Production, Trafficking, and Distribution of Drugs, and to Address their Causes and Consequences" (supply reduction).
- Publication of national evaluation reports on: Institutional Strengthening; Research, Information, Monitoring, and Evaluation; and International Cooperation.

**Budget:** US\$ 818,000

**Beneficiaries:** OAS member states

## **Expected Results:**

- Increased capacity of member states to address supply reduction issues.
- Greater awareness of hemispheric, sub-regional, and national challenges in addressing illicit drug trafficking, new psychoactive substances (NPSs) identification, chemical substances and pharmaceutical products control, exchange of intelligence information, addressing money laundering related to drug trafficking, and implementation of alternative development programs.
- Strengthening hemispheric cooperation and dialogue to confront the diverse aspects of the drug problem with greater efficacy.
- Development of technical assistance and training programs and the exchange of experiences and best practices according to the needs of each member state.