



Reducing Drug Supply: Why it Matters?

The Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD, by its Spanish-language acronym), which is part of the Secretariat for Multidimensional Security, strengthens OAS member states' capacities in counterdrug police intelligence, precursor chemical control, maritime and air drug trafficking interdiction, and gender equality in counterdrug law enforcement agencies. By disrupting criminal networks and reducing drug availability, CICAD supports member states in combating drug-related crime, supporting public health initiatives, enhancing public safety, and fostering regional stability. A comprehensive strategy is crucial for creating safer, healthier communities across the Americas, recognizing that effective drug control requires a holistic approach that addresses both the supply and demand aspects of the illicit drug market.

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1 Empowering Counterdrug Intelligence: Building Regional Capacity

The OAS, through CICAD's Supply Reduction Unit, enhances member states' counterdrug police intelligence capabilities via two regional schools: the Regional Counterdrug Intelligence School of the Americas, based in Colombia, and the Caribbean Counterdrug Intelligence Training School, based in Trinidad and Tobago.

OUR MISSION

To strengthen counterdrug agencies' abilities to develop, analyze, and share intelligence, fostering regional cooperation to address drug trafficking.

WHAT WE OFFER

- National and regional workshops on strategic, operational, and prospective intelligence.
- Virtual training courses through secure platforms.
- Provide technical assistance to national counterdrug agencies in the Americas.
- Publish reference materials to improve inter-institutional coordination and operational effectiveness.

2 Combating Precursor Chemical Diversion: Strengthening Regional Control

The OAS supports member states in countering the illicit use of precursor chemicals in drug manufacturing by enhancing capabilities and promoting cooperation at national, regional, and international levels, as well as ensuring the adequate availability of internationally controlled substances for medical and scientific purposes while preventing their diversion to illicit activities.

OUR MISSION

To strengthen member states capacities in dismantling clandestine laboratories, controlling precursor chemicals, and detecting and identifying synthetic drugs and new psychoactive substances, while fostering regional cooperation and information exchange.

WHAT WE OFFER

- Convene meetings of CICAD's Group of Experts on Chemical Substances and Pharmaceutical Products.
- Assist in implementing precursor chemical control mechanisms.
- Workshops on inter-agency cooperation and information exchange.
- Training on clandestine laboratories investigation and chemical handling.
- Build capacity for synthetic drugs and new psychoactive substances detection and identification.
- Courses on dismantling online illicit drug markets.
- Develop and publish reference materials, model regulations, and guidelines.



3 Combating Maritime, Riverine, and Port Drug Trafficking

CICAD's Supply Reduction Unit bolsters member states' capabilities to investigate, detect, and interdict drug trafficking across maritime, riverine, and port domains.

OUR MISSION

To enhance maritime drug interdiction capabilities across OAS member states through capacity building, fostering inter-agency cooperation, promoting best practices, and developing key reference tools on the subject matter.

WHAT WE OFFER

- Convene meetings of CICAD's Group of Experts on Maritime Narcotrafficking.
- Conduct operational and legal conferences to improve regional counterdrug coordination.
- Analyze emerging drug trafficking trends in maritime environments.
- Deliver specialized training on risk analysis and profiling techniques.

4 Combating Drug Trafficking by Air

The supply reduction team enhances member states capacities to investigate, detect, and interdict drug trafficking by aerial means. This involves addressing the challenges posed by clandestine airstrips, including their impact on the environment, as well as increasing counterdrug airport security measures through risk analysis, cargo inspection, and passenger profiling.

OUR MISSION

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

WHAT WE OFFER

- Convene sub-regional and regional meetings of CICAD's Working Group on Drug Trafficking by Air.
- Analyze emerging regional trends and challenges posed by aerial drug trafficking.
- Deliver capacity-building activities and technical assistance to OAS member states' agencies in charge of countering drug trafficking by air.

5 Advancing Gender Equality in Counterdrug Enforcement

The OAS team supports member states in strengthening gender equality within counterdrug law enforcement agencies, enhancing their overall effectiveness in combating drug trafficking.

OUR MISSION

To foster gender equality in counterdrug agencies by promoting an equitable institutional culture and implementing inclusive workforce policies and practices.

WHAT WE OFFER

- Facilitate round tables and workshops on gender equality in counterdrug agencies.
- Develop recommendations and action plans for member states to mainstream gender in counterdrug institutions.
- Provide specialized training to enhance female officers' capabilities in drug enforcement and precursor chemical control.

OUR IMPACT

Trained **+5,000 analysts and investigators** in counterdrug intelligence.

15 analysis units across Latin America and the Caribbean strengthened.

+1,600 officials equipped to counter precursor chemical diversion.

Developed key reference tools on precursor chemical control.

+400 personnel from forensic laboratories and law enforcement agencies with enhanced skills on synthetic drug and new psychoactive substance detection and identification.

+1,000 drug control officials from **more than 60 agencies** were sensitized on gender awareness.

HIGHLIGHTED DATA

The Americas are affected by increasing cocaine trafficking, with record production levels of the drug in South America. In 2022, **1,196 tons of cocaine** were seized in South America, accounting for almost **60% of global seizures**.

32 countries in the Americas reported **illicit cannabis cultivation** with cannabis herb seizures in Latin America and the Caribbean surging by almost **112%** between 2012 and 2022.

The level of pure **cocaine manufacture** in South America reached a new record high of **2,757 tons** in 2022.

Most of the **methamphetamine** manufactured in North America is for consumption within that subregion. Seizure data suggest that laboratories may be becoming larger and their output increasing.

In 2022, **98.8% of the total global fentanyl** seizures took place in North America.



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