

INTER-AMERICAN DRUG ABUSE CONTROL COMMISSION

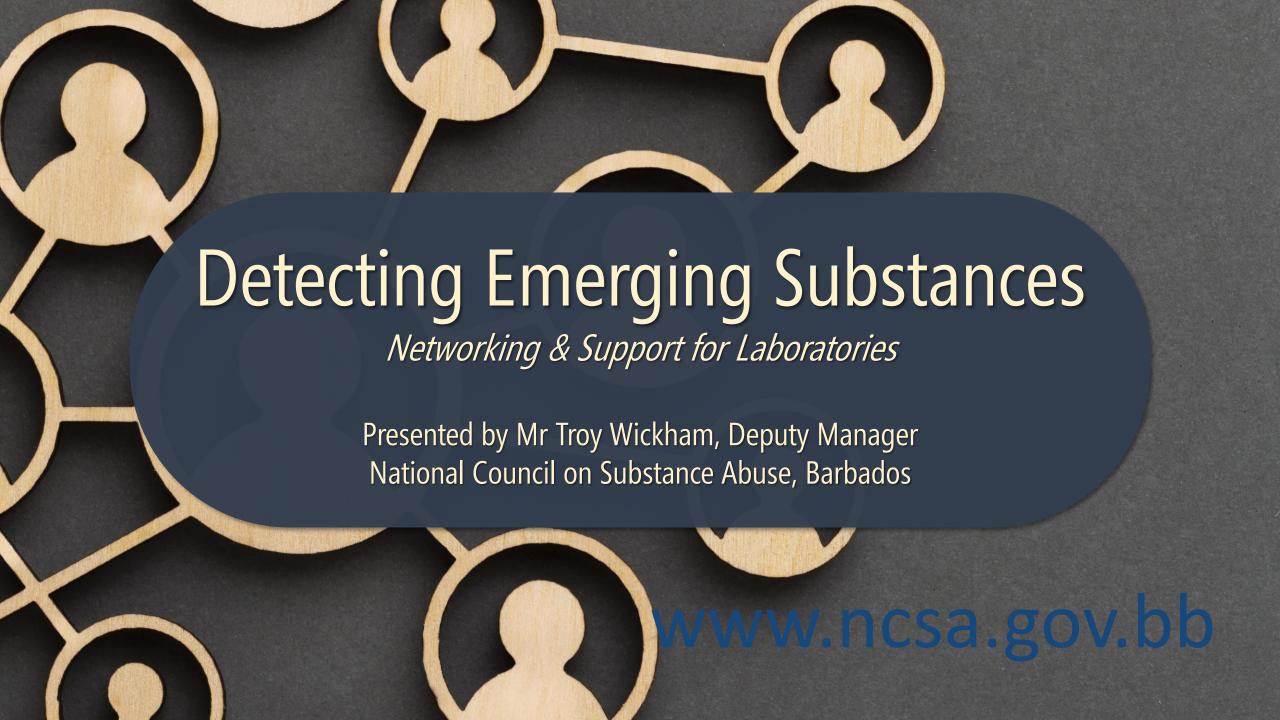
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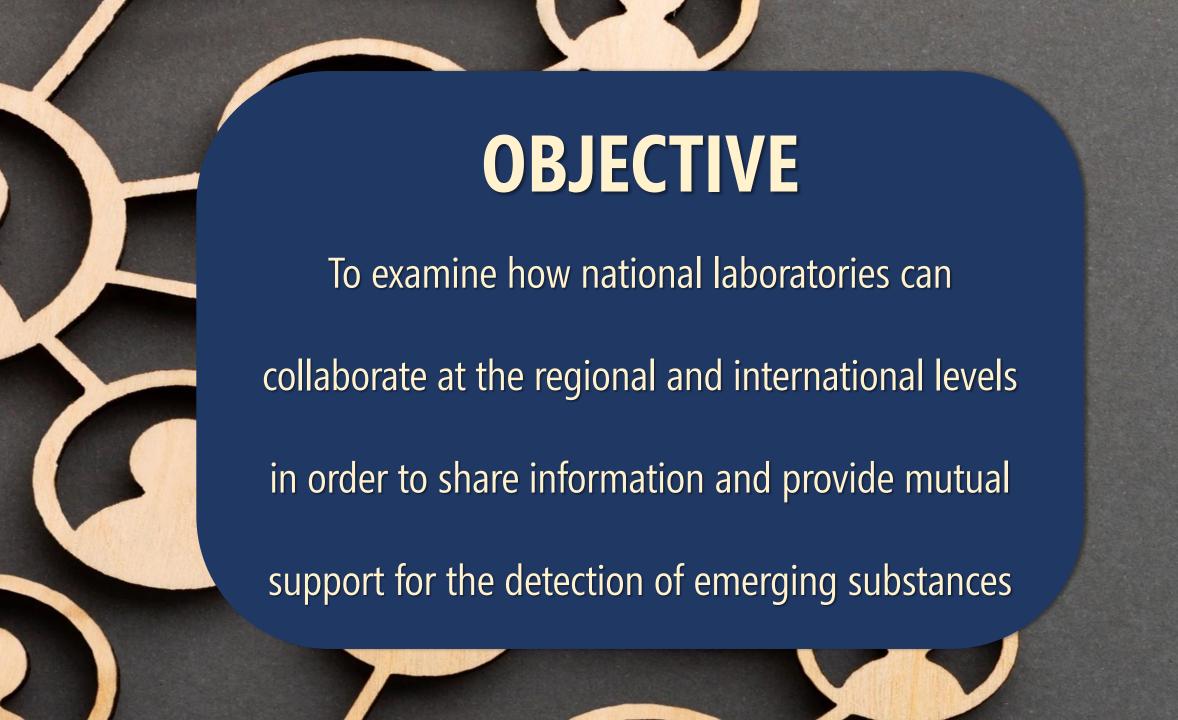
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DETECTING EMERGING SUBSTANCES NETWORKING & SUPPORT FOR LABORATORIES





EWS

Overview

An inter-agency mechanism designed to disseminate information

Objectives: Protect Public Health & Assist Law Enforcement

Key player: Laboratory

PRIMARY GOALS

- Increase the accuracy and efficiency of information
- Strengthen the communication between labs in the region
- •Increase the interagency interaction





COMMUNICATION AND TRAINING

- Standardized data sharing tools
- Secure messaging systems
- System compatibility
- Regular training sessions

INFORMAL AND FORMAL METHODS

- Minimum Standards
- Regional Networking
- Institutional Strengthening of Laboratories
 - Equipment Upgrades
 - Training & Capacity Building
 - Accreditation
- Sharing Ideas & Methodologies

Regional Audit of Labs Intra-Regional Lab MOUs

POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS

- International Donor Support
- Regional Dissemination of EWS Alerts
- Training Webinars/Workshops (Within Lab)

POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS

- Sharing of Best Practices & Techniques
- Development of Protocols for Labs & Stakeholder Agencies
- Labs to be represented at EWS and other meetings
- Establish a Regional Body for Scientists
- Additional Personnel

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- Life Saving Equipment
- Train the Trainers Utilise Lab Personnel
- Increasing Awareness of NPS Threat
- Use Labs to Help Law Enforcement
- Develop Protocols with Law Enforcement
- Regional Security System (RSS) to Assist in Transportation of Samples
- Regional Assistance with Testing of Substances

KEY TAKE AWAYS

Laboratories vary and may use different techniques

Increase information Sharing and Interaction

Assistance for Countries with no Lab Support

Donor Agencies - Institutional Strengthening