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COPOLAD III
Meeting of the National Drug Observatories
Lisbon (Portugal) – From 22 to 26 May 2023
(CONCEPT NOTE AND AGENDA)

Introduction/context

COPOLAD III

COPOLAD III is an international cooperation programme, funded by the European Union, that promotes technical dialogue on drug policy between Latin America, the Caribbean and Europe. It aims to achieve more humane and effective policies through actions of collaboration, dialogue and mobilization of public expertise between the two regions.

COPOLAD III promotes a privileged space for the interaction of institutional partners of the EU and LAC to analyze and discuss all these challenges linked to the design and implementation of drug control policies, with the possibility of initiating transformative and innovation processes aimed at improving the effectiveness of interventions and, at the same time, avoid negative impacts on the sustainable development results.

The Programme has a special interest in supporting the strengthening of the National Drug Observatories (NDO), both in their technical capacity and in their level of impact in the design and evaluation of drug policies, acting in increasingly complex scenarios. These national realities, although heterogeneous throughout the region, have in common the expansion of populations in conditions of economic and social vulnerability, where drug-related problems, such as problematic consumption, access to care services, increased levels of violence and problems of democratic governance, modify and aggravate the initial conditions. On the other hand, the impact of punitive drug policies has led to higher rates of incarceration, stigmatization of drug users, difficulties or impossibility of access to health services, forced migration or the impoverishment of rural populations, among others. The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic have not yet been comprehensively assessed, but the levels of poverty and social inequality have increased significantly, aggravating social contexts.

The programme considers that the role of NDOs or their similar areas in national drug commissions has a strategic function of putting together a national drug information and research system, which guides the design of policies to be specific; to assess the effectiveness and impact of the drug policies implemented; that has the sensitivity to identify and warn about new threats and emerging problems and that makes visible the populations especially affected by drug dynamics and their problems and incorporates them into the process of analyzing them and searching for more humane and effective solutions and policies.

To contribute to strengthening the capacities of the NDOs to carry out their strategic function, the COPOLAD III Programme proposes five lines of work, based on conceptual and methodological, participatory and collaborative work, such as the EMCDDA and with other agencies (CICAD/OAS, UNODC, PAHO) and civil society organizations and experts, in the framework of the South-South and EU-LAC dialogue. These lines of work are identified as sub-results: **1.1 Strengthening of national drug research systems and regional drug research networks. 1.2 Improving the analytical and advocacy capacity of NDOs, 1.3 Incorporation of the differential and rights-based approach in the information and research systems of the NDOs. 1.4: Evaluation of**



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the impact of drug policies on the dimensions of the SDGs, and 1.5: Development and strengthening of national Early Warning Systems.

The first international meeting of LAC NDOs to be held in Lisbon, from 22 to 26 May 2023, will be a space for meeting, dialogue and sharing of the progress made so far in each line of work, with the aim of encouraging NDOs to carry out research and management processes that imply a qualitative advance in their trajectory. They will also be able to participate in the Extended Meeting of the European Information Network on Drugs and Drug Addiction (REITOX), as an important input for the comprehensive understanding of the advantages of cooperation and coordination at infra national or local and supranational level.

Participants

Aside from the participants invited as speakers, one representative of each of the interested LAC and EU countries has been invited.

The invited countries are: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Dominican Republic, Uruguay, Venezuela, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saint Lucia, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Spain, Poland, Portugal.

Meeting of the National Drug Observatories

Agenda

DAY 1° – Monday 22/05/2023			
Address: European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA), Cais do Sodré, 1249-206			
HOUR	SESSION	SPEAKERS	OBJECTIVES OF THE SESSION
08:30-09:00	Registration of participants// Accreditations		Registration of participants
09:00-09:30	Opening of the workshop on behalf of authorities	Alexis Goosdeel, EMCDDA Director João Castel-Branco Goulão, SICAD Director Marya Hynes, Head of the Inter-American Observatory on Drugs (OID)/CICAD/OAS Javier Sagredo, COPOLAD Director	Opening of the session and highlighting the importance of the meeting
09:30-10:00	Session 1: Perspectives for the future EU Drug Agency	Alexis Goosdeel – EMCDDA Director	Present the new agency and discuss the challenges that drug policies have in the EU
10:00-10:30	Session 2: Presentation on the situation of the drug phenomenon in LAC	Marya Hynes, Head of OID/CICAD/OAS	Learn about the state of the situation and challenges of drug problems in LAC
10:30-10:45	Coffee-break		
10:45-11:30	Session 3: Guidelines and objectives of the COPOLAD III Program	Javier Sagredo, Director, COPOLAD III	Present the strategic objectives of the COPOLAD III Program
11:30-11:50	Session 4: Presentation of the lines of work of the National Drug Observatories component in COPOLAD III	Graciela Ahumada, Task Force NDO - COPOLAD III	Present the lines of work to strengthen the NDOs
11:50-12:30	Presentation of participants: expectations		



12:30-14:00	Lunch		
14:00-15:30	Session 5: Discussion Table: Important aspects of the LAC context for drug research. Reflections on research shortcomings and needs: challenges	Moderation: Diego Ruiz, Director, NDO Argentina M. Pía Pawlowicz, Intercambios AC. Argentina Fabian Chiosso, RIOD Pernell Clarke, Specialist OID/CICAD/OAS	Generate a debate about LAC contexts and research needs
15:30-16:00	Comments/questions from participants Coffee pause		Establish an exchange with NDOs
16:00-17:30	Session 6: Discussion Table: Assessing the impact of drug policies on SDG dimensions: Policy success metrics// Evaluation of interventions	Moderation: Javier Sagredo, COPOLAD III Director Marie Nougier, IDPC Head of Research and Communication Artur Malczewski, Head of Reitox Focal Point NDO-Poland Raúl Zepeda, Expert SG 1.4	Reflect on existing good practices in the NDO dialogue and academia
17:30	Closure		
18:00	Cocktail		

DAY 2 – Tuesday 23/05/2023

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Extended Reitox Meeting

DAY 3 – Wednesday 24/05/2023

Address: Hotel Corinthia, Av. Columbano Bordalo Pinheiro 105, 1099-031

HOUR	SESSION	SPEAKERS	OBJECTIVES OF THE SESSION
9:00-10:30	Session 7: Drug research and information networks: International and regional level	Moderation: Marya Hynes, CICAD Ana Arjona, REDESDAL Maria Moreira, Principal scientific manager Operations, EMCDDA Lucas Marín, CESED	Present the experience: obstacles, impacts of networking on drug policy

10:30-11:00	Session 8: Drug research and information networks: national level	Diego Ruiz, NDO Argentina Nadia Robles, NDO Mexico	
11:00-11:15	Coffee pause		
11:15-12:45	Session 9: Studies and monitoring on incarceration, affected population and impacts of drug policies.	Moderation: Jessica Ramirez (NDO Uruguay) Luis Felipe Cruz, Dejusticia Fabián Chiosso, RIOD	Present the problems of incarceration as a result of punitive policies
12:45-13:00	Round of Q&A		Establish an exchange with NDOs
13:00-14:30	Lunch		
14:30-17:00	Study visit Participants will be divided into two groups and will visit one place: 1) Mobile methadone distribution unit and drug consumption room: Quinta do Lavrado, Picheleira 2) Scientific Police Laboratory: Rua Gomes Freire 174, 1169-007 Lisbon		
14:30-17:00	In parallel: Work of Subgroup 1.4: meeting of the group of experts and the participating countries	Moderation: Graciela Ahumada (TF NDO) Argentina, Brasil, Costa Rica, Jamaica, Uruguay and group of experts	Advance the coordinated work of the core group of experts
17:00	Closure		

DAY 4 – Thursday 25/05/2023

Address: Hotel Corinthia, Av. Columbano Bordalo Pinheiro 105, 1099-031

HOUR	SESSION	SPEAKERS	OBJECTIVES OF THE SESSION
09:00-13:00	SG 1.4: Assessing the impact of drug policies on SDG dimensions		
09:00-09:15	Session 10: Objectives and progress of SG 1.4	Graciela Ahumada, Task Force NDO	Present the line of work of drug policy evaluation
09:15-10:15	Session 11: Presentation of the methodological strategy: conceptual	Raúl Zepeda Gil, Expert SG 1.4 Erika Rodríguez Pinzón, Expert SG 1.4	Present the progress and the work plan

	framework, objectives, dimensions, indicators	Olga Pimentel, Expert SG 1.4 Luis Felipe, Expert SG 1.4 Bruno Cervantes, Experto SG 1.4	
10:15-10:30	Q&A Round		Establish an exchange with NDOs
10:30-10:45	Coffee-break		
10:45-11:45	Session 12: Discussion table: experiences, good practices and incidence/impact of research in policy design	Moderation: Lucas Marín, CESED Duncan Green, Oxfam Senior Strategic Advisor John Collins, Director Investigación GITOC	Reflect on the impact of research on policy design
11.45-12:00	Q&A Round		Establish an exchange with NDOs
12:00-12:30	Session 13: Presentation of the countries that will carry out the evaluation exercise	Argentina, Costa Rica, Jamaica and Uruguay	Present the progress of the NDOs
12:30-13:00	Space for exchange and incorporation of other NDOs to the exercise	Leading countries and Task Force	Establish a dialogue with the NDOs and motivate them to participate
13:00-14:30	Lunch		
14:30-15:30	Session 14: Presentation of the objectives, methodology, schedule and progress in the subgroups: SG 1.2: Improving the analytical and advocacy capacity of NDOs SG 1.5: Development and strengthening of the EWS	Leading countries, Task Force & EMCDDA	Present the programming and progress of the lines of work coordinated by the EMCDDA
15:30-16:30	Q&A Round Incorporation of other NDOs into the Sg		Establish a dialogue with the NDOs and motivate them to participate

DAY 5 – Friday 26/05/2023

Address: Hotel Corinthia, Av. Columbano Bordalo Pinheiro 105, 1099-031

09:00-13:00	SG 1.1: Setting up national research networks, National Research Agenda and Scientific Advisory Committees.		
09:00-09:15	Session 15: Objectives and progress of SG 1.1	Nadia Robles, Director, NDO-México Uki Atkinson, Research analyst, NDO-Jamaica	Present the line of work on research networks and national agendaS
09:15-10:15	Session 16: Presentation of conceptual and methodological guides: resource mapping, scientific advisory committees and development of national research agenda	Ken-Garfield Douglas, Expert SG 1.1 William Cabanillas, Expert SG 1.1	Raise awareness of the NDOs in the concepts and methodologies for mapping resources and preparing the national agenda
10:15-10:30	Q&A Round		Establish an exchange with NDOs
10:30-10:45	Coffee break		
10:45-11:45	Session 17: Panel discussion: experiences, good practices and incidence/impact of collaborative work with academia and civil society in policy design	Moderation: Uki Atkinson, Research analyst, NDO-Jamaica Ana Arjona, Directora de REDESAL Ludmila Carapinha, Senior Statistics and Research Officer, Ministry of Health, Portugal Lucas Marín, CESED	Reflect on existing good practices in the dialogue with NDO and academia
11:45-12:00	Q&A Round		Establish an exchange with NDOs
12:00-12:45	Session 18: Presentation of countries that will implement the guidelines (mapping, agenda, advisory committee)	Surinam, Ecuador, Mexico, Paraguay, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, Venezuela	Present the progress of NDOs
12:45-13:00	Space for exchange and incorporation of other NDOs to the exercise	Leading countries and Task Force	Establish a dialogue with the NDOs and motivate them to participate
13:00-14:30	Lunch break		
14:30-17:30	SG 1.3: Incorporation of the differential and rights-based approach in the information and research systems of the NDOs		

14:30-14:45	Session 19: Objectives and advances of SG 1.3	Diego Ruiz, Director NDO-Argentina Maureen Lozier, NDO-Chile	Present the line of work on the incorporation of gender and rights perspectives
14:45-15:45	Session 20: Presentation of conceptual and methodological guides (legal and gender perspectives)	Mauricio Sepúlveda Galeas, Expert SG 1.3 María Pía Pawlowicz, Expert SG 1.3	Raise awareness of the NDOs in the concepts and methodologies for the incorporation of the rights and gender perspective
15:45-16:00	Q&A Round		Establish an exchange with NDOs
16:00-16:05	Coffee		
16:05-16:45	Session 21: Panel discussion: experiences, good practices and incidence/impact of research with a differential, rights-based and gender approach in the design of drug policies	Moderation: María Pía Pawlowicz, Expert SG 1.3 Linda Montanari, Principal scientist EMCDDA Nadia Robles, Directora NDO-Mexico Valeria Soto Ramírez, NDO-Costa Rica	Reflection on good practices of the NDOs in the incorporation of the gender and rights perspective
16:45-17:00	Presentation of countries that will implement the guidelines (rights and gender approach)	Argentina, Ecuador, Chile, Costa Rica, México, Paraguay, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, Venezuela	Present the progress of NDOs
17:00-17:15	Space for exchange/incorporation of other NDOs to the exercise	Leading countries and Task Force	Establish a dialogue with the NDOs and motivate them to participate
17:15-17:30	Closing session 22: -Summary of the NDOs' interest in participating in the work lines and drawing up their roadmaps -Steps to follow in the years 2023 –2024 -Conclusions	Leading countries and Task Force	Synthesize the level of progress of the lines of work, the interest of the NDOs and the pending challenges
17:30-17:45	Closing remarks	Javier Sagredo, COPOLAD III Director	Closure of the meeting