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Seminar on Early Warning Systems

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

Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, December 7-8, 2022

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Wednesday, 7th December

Hour	Activity
08:30 - 09:00	Registration of participants.
09:00 - 09:20	<p>Opening.</p> <p>Moderator: Daniela Ocaña, Project Officer, Inter-American Observatory on Drugs (OID), Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Marya Hynes, Chief, OID/CICAD • Ms. Jessica Birks, Chargé d'affaires, High Commission of Canada to Trinidad and Tobago • Mr. Gary Joseph, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of National Security, Trinidad & Tobago
09:30 - 9:45	<p>- Introduction of the participants.</p> <p>- Presentation of the objectives of the meeting and the work methodology.</p> <p>Pernell Clarke, Specialist, Inter-American Observatory on Drugs, CICAD/OAS.</p>
9:45 – 10:15	<p>The importance of Early Warning Systems (EWS) in response to new psychoactive substances and other emerging drugs.</p> <p>Presenter: Juan Carlos Araneda, Project Manager, Inter-American Observatory on Drugs, CICAD/OAS.</p>
10:15 – 11:00	<p>- General aspects of an EWS: objectives, characteristics, and differences between an EWS and a drug information network (DIN).</p> <p>Presenter: Ken-Garfield Douglas, Consultant, OID-CICAD.</p>
11:00 – 11:15	Break - Photograph with all participants.



11:15 – 13:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Indicators and sources of information. - Risk characterization and assessment: group of experts, criteria for establishing risk. - Issuance of alerts. <p>Presenter: Ken-Garfield Douglas, Consultant, OID-CICAD.</p>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 16:00	<p>First panel discussion: Examples of national and regional early warning systems.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cecilia Escobar de Mena, Coordinator, National Drug Observatory, National Anti-drug Commission, El Salvador. • Leticia Keuroglan, National Drug Observatory, Uruguay. • Mr. Anthony Rosales, Manager, Integrated Threat Assessment Centre (ITAC), Office of the Prime Minister, and Head of Trinidad and Tobago EWS. • Gregorio Planchuelo, Database Management Development Officer, Action on New Drugs Sector, Risks to Public Safety and Security Unit, EMCDDA. • Ricardo Gómez-Hecht, Coordinator, Global SMART Programme for Latin America, UNODC. <p>Moderator: Cheryl St. Louis, Director, National Drug Council, Trinidad and Tobago.</p>
16:00 – 16:15	Break
16:15 – 17:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Actions implemented, advice and follow-up. - Quiz. - Questions and comments. <p>Presenter: Ken-Garfield Douglas, Consultant, OID-CICAD.</p>



Thursday, 8th December

Hour	Activity
9:00 – 10:00	<p>Second panel discussion: The role of forensic laboratories in the EWS.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ricardo Gómez-Hecht, Coordinator, Global SMART Programme for Latin America, UNODC. • Amanda Moses-Ferreira, Trinidad and Tobago Forensic Science Centre. • Isaac Urrutia, National Drug Observatory, Ministry of Justice and Law, Colombia. <p>Moderator: Paula Demassi, Project Officer, Inter-American Observatory on Drugs, CICAD/OAS.</p>
10:00 - 11:00	<p>Examples of Drug Information Networks and Epidemiological Working Groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elizabeth Japal, Grenada Drug Epidemiology Network (GRENDEN). • Betty Hunte, Barbados Drug Information Network (BARDIN). • Sarah Look-Loy, The Drug Information Network of Trinidad and Tobago (DIN-TT) • Angela Ventura, Broward County Commission on Behavioral Health and Drug Prevention, Florida. <p>Moderator: Curvelle David, Deputy Programme Manager, CARICOM Secretariat.</p>
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee Break
11:15 – 12:00	<p>Practical guides and documents for the implementation of EWS on drugs in the region.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ricardo Gómez-Hecht, Coordinator, Global SMART Programme for Latin America, UNODC. • Graciela Ahumada, Task Force Coordinator for Strengthening of National Drug Observatories, COPOLAD III. • Nadia Robles, Chief, Mexican Observatory on Mental Health and Drug Use from CONADIC, Mexico. <p>Moderator: Mr. Anthony Rosales, Manager, Integrated Threat Assessment Centre (ITAC), Office of the Prime Minister, and Head of Trinidad and Tobago EWS</p>
12:00 – 13:00	<p>Groupwork</p> <p>Two groups of in-person participants will prepare a work plan to implement or strengthen the EWS in their country.</p> <p>Group 1: Trinidad and Tobago participants Group 2: Participants from all other countries</p>



	<p>Use the following questions as a guide for your group work and for the presentation at the end of the second day of the workshop:</p> <p>Which institution should (or currently does) coordinate the EWS in your country and why?</p> <p>What other institutions should be (or are) involved in the EWS in your country?</p> <p>What legal backing should the EWS have (or currently have)?</p> <p>What kind of data and information should be collected and what are the potential data sources in your country?</p> <p>Who should form the Committee of Experts to decide on the alerts to be issued to the general public?</p> <p>How will alerts and other information be disseminated?</p> <p>Please indicate your country's level of interest (low, medium, high) in developing or improving an EWS. Briefly explain your answer.</p> <p>What are the concrete steps that need to be taken in your country, in the next 6 months, to establish or improve the EWS?</p> <p>Each group should:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Select a group coordinator 2) Select a note-taker 3) Select one or more presenters 4) Prepare a 15-minute (max) PowerPoint presentation
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:00	Working in groups – continued.
15:00 – 16:00	<p>Presentation of the results of the work in groups. PowerPoint presentation - 15 minutes for each group.</p> <p>Discussion</p>
16:00 – 16:15	Evaluation.
16:15 – 16:45	Presentation of certificates of participation.
16:45 – 17:00	<p>Closing remarks. Marya Hynes, Chief, OID/CICAD</p>