CICAD: 25 YEARS OF HEMISPHERIC SOLIDARITY

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**CICAD**

**Initial Assessment**

- Political and Social Impact
- Passion and Commitment
- Institutional Growth

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**CICAD**

**Vision for Executive Secretariat**

- Professional Excellence
- Openness and Transparency
- Fulfillment of Commission’s Mandates
- Flexibility and Adaptability
- Mutual Respect
- Creativity in Resource Mobilization
CICAD Fellowship Program

- Opportunity for professional enrichment for highly performing mid level professionals
- Three to six month fellowships with Executive Secretariat
- Specialized projects or more general policy work
- Cost sharing between home country and Executive Secretariat

CICAD Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission

25 Years of Accomplishment:

- Policy Development
- Multilateral Evaluation
- Institution Building
- Capacity Building
Rio Plan of Action - April 1986

Political milestone:
- Hemispheric cooperation increasingly vital to effective efforts to reduce demand for drugs, prevent drug abuse, and combat unlawful drug trafficking.

Programmatic vision:
- Effective Inter-American response in research, information exchange, training, and mutual assistance

CICAD Executive Secretary Irv Tragen

“Helping to create CICAD was a unique experience. Getting member states to agree that they should work together in confronting a common concern was challenging and drafting the Program of Rio de Janeiro in language that all would accept was daunting.”
Anti-Drug Strategy in the Hemisphere, 1996

- Shared Responsibility
- Global perspective
- International Cooperation
- Balanced approach between demand and supply reduction

CICAD: Hemispheric Inclusiveness

Executive Secretary David Beall

“I got the rest of the states to join CICAD specifically to make the organization complete for the Americas”
Policy Development: Supply Reduction

- Model regulations on chemical control
- Guide for private sector chemical/pharmaceutical support
- Guide on internet diversion of pharmaceuticals
- Model legislation on submersibles and semi submersibles

Impact: 24 CICAD countries have developed norms on precursors and chemical controls

Policy development – Demand Reduction

- Declaration of Principles on Drug Treatment and Rehabilitation in the Hemisphere
- Hemispheric Guidelines on School Prevention and Workplace Prevention

Impact: More than 20 Countries have developed school prevention programs using the Hemispheric Guidelines.
Policy Development: Drug Legislation

- CICAD is developing first compilation of drugs laws in the hemisphere
- CICAD experts conducting comparative studies on legislative and regulatory regimes in place in member countries.

Impact: Data base and studies will provide CICAD members valuable comparative tool to upgrade legislation.

Evidence Based Tools to Guide Policy

- Comparative Study on Drugs in the Americas (2003)
- Final report to estimate the socio economic costs of drugs in the Americas (2005)
- Youth and Drugs in South American Countries: a challenge to drug policies (2006)
- Relationship between Drugs and Crime among Youth Offenders (2010)
- Drug Consumption in incarcerated population and the relationship between crime and drugs (2010)
- Comparative Analysis of Student Drug Use in Caribbean Countries (2010)
- Report on Drug Use in the Americas (2011)
Multilateral Evaluation

- 1998 Summit of the Americas mandates design of a mechanism for multilateral evaluation of country drug policies

Impact: During its first 12 years, MEM has assigned member states a total of 2,053 recommendations.

MEM - 12 years in operation


Most of them have been implemented or in the process of implementation
Multilateral Evaluation

• Impact:
  – 37 ratifications of U.N. and hemispheric conventions by member states.
  – 50 ratifications of U.N. Palermo convention protocols by member states.

MEM investment

• Identify vulnerabilities in hemisphere in policies and programmes
• Brings together national institutions & agencies in Hemisphere
• Improves national coordination on drug control issues
• Enables countries to benefit from similar experiences
• Opportunity for all countries to be equal partners in the evaluation process
Institution Building: Drug Control

Growth of National Drug Control authorities and National Drug policies

Impact: More than 16 Countries have developed national studies, drug information systems, and surveys on drugs.

11 Countries have developed their National Drug Policy following CICAD’s Guidelines

Institution Building: Asset forfeiture

- Comparative studies and best practices manual on forfeiture, confiscation and seized and asset administration (BIDAL project)

Impact:
Action plans on:
- National systems of asset investigation,
- Seized and forfeited asset administration
- New laws and regulation on asset management.
Institution Building: University Outreach

- Introduced drug content into Graduate and Post Graduate curricula
- Expanded university outreach and research on drug related themes.
- Developed multidisciplinary model of partnership with universities in 27 countries in hemisphere.

Impact: Introduction of drug related themes into nursing, medicine, public health, education, psychology, law, and social science faculties.

Institution Building: Observatories

Building a National Drugs Observatory: A Joint Handbook (EMCDDA-CICAD)

Impact: More than 16 Countries have developed national studies, drug information systems, and surveys on drugs with CICAD’s assistance.
**Institution Building: Drug Treatment Courts**

- Court-monitored drug treatment programs as alternative to incarceration
- Consistent with new Hemispheric Drug Strategy
- Seminars and training for judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, and treatment providers.

Impact: Program expanding from base countries (U.S., Canada, Chile, Jamaica, Mexico) to Argentina, Trinidad, Costa Rica and the Dominican Republic.

**Institution Building: Money Laundering**

- Development of model regulations on money laundering

Impact: More than 17 Countries established and/or strengthened Financial Intelligence Units in Latin America with CICAD assistance.
Capacity Building: Money Laundering

- Courses for Judges and Prosecutors, Agents of law enforcement on Money Laundering
- Mock trials and investigation

Impact:
- More investigators
- Better judicial decisions
- More money confiscated

Capacity Building: Law Enforcement

- Andean Regional Counterdrug Intelligence School (ERCAIAD) – only regional counterdrug intelligence facility.

Impact: 1,500 officers trained in last 12 years; program may be expanded to the Caribbean.
- Trainers: Regional and International
  – Expertise
  – Perspective
Capacity Building: Drug Treatment Counselors

- Integrated approach to capacity building through training and certification of drug prevention and treatment counselors.

Impact:
- Expansion from Central America and Mexico to the Caribbean
- 26 Countries participating
- More than 2,500 Treatment institutions
- 3,100 trained (2007-2011)
- Initial assessment in El Salvador suggest “that patients participating in treatment were positively impacted”*

* An outcome evaluation of Drug Abuse Treatment in El Salvador.

Our People: Key to CICAD’s success

Member States:
- CICAD Commission Chair and Vice Chair
- CICAD Expert Group Chairs and delegates
- CICAD MEM GEG and IWG delegates

Impact: Time and resource commitments of member state officials critical to providing technical and political support for CICAD
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Executive Secretariat:

- 40 top-notch professionals drawn from across the drug control spectrum: statisticians, public health professionals, lawyers, social workers, pharmacists, prosecutors, political scientists and economists.

- Multinational, multilingual staff drawn from 13 countries, united in passion and commitment to public service.

Impact: Technical knowledge, program skills, and familiarity with member state concerns

Partnerships

- Delegación del Gobierno, Plan Nacional sobre Drogas de España, Ministerio de Sanidad, Política Social e Igualdad. (PND)
- Agencia Española de Cooperación Internacional para el Desarrollo (AECID)
- UNODC
- IDB
- European Union (EU)
- Andean Community (CAN)
- European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA)
- CARICOM
- Interpol
- GAFISUD
Partnerships

• Business Alliance for Secure Commerce
• Centre Interministériel de Formation Anti-Drogue (CIFAD)
• Caribbean Customs Law Enforcement Council (CCLEC)
• Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP)
• National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)
• Center for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH)
• Canadian Center for Substance Abuse (CCSA)
• Substance Abuse Mental Health Administration (SAHMSA)

The Way Ahead

• Hemispheric Drug Strategy and Plan of Action, 2010-2015
  – Human rights
  – Vulnerable groups
  – Gender
  – Public affairs efforts
  – Drug dependency as a chronic, relapsing disease
  – Evidence-based policies
  – Inclusive, multi-stakeholder approach
The Way Ahead

CICAD Executive Secretary James Mack

“Additional funds are much needed if CICAD is to continue to innovate and expand into new subject matter areas in multidimensional security, such as drug-related crime, the Hemispheric Observatory on Citizen Security, violence prevention, and social integration and aftercare for drug-dependent persons.”

The Way Ahead

Issues for discussion:

• CICAD’s strengths, comparative advantage, and achievements

• CICAD’s areas for improvement

• Expectations for new Executive Secretary
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