ACTIVITIES AND PROGRESS OF THE INTER-AMERICAN OBSERVATORY ON DRUGS (OID)
OID: MISSION
PROMOTE AND DEVELOP A NETWORK THAT OFFERS INFORMATION THAT IS:
- OBJECTIVE,
- RELIABLE,
- TIMELY,
- COMPARABLE WITH OTHER COUNTRIES, and
- ABLE TO EVALUATE TENDENCIES OVER TIME WITHIN THE COUNTRY.

TO BE ABLE TO DESIGN POLICIES AND PROGRAMS IN THE COUNTRIES.
OID FUNCTIONS (1)

- Help Member States to improve their capacity to compile and analyze drug-related statistics

OID FUNCTIONS (2)

- Promote the development and establishment of national observatories on drugs and the use of standardized data and methodologies
OID FUNCTIONS (3)

- PROVIDE TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC TRAINING FOR THE EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCES AMONG THE PROFESSIONALS WORKING IN THE DRUG FIELD.

OID: PRINCIPAL PROGRAMS

- DEVELOPMENT AND STRENGTHENING OF NATIONAL OBSERVATORIES
- STUDIES AND RESEARCH (SIDUC)
- SUPPLY STATISTICS (CICDAT)
- “COST” STUDIES
- DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION
- COOPERATION AMONG OTHER AREAS OF CICAD: Demand Reduction, MEM, etc…
### Status of Assistance Projects
**OID/CICAD 2003-2005 (SIDUC)**

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### Status of Cost Study 2003-2005

- 6 PILOT COUNTRIES
- REPORT FINALIZED
- METHODOLOGY AVAILABLE
FUTURE PROJECTS: OBSERVATORIES

- Evaluate current situation of existing national drug observatories,

- Evaluate the need for the creation and development of local observatories in member states.

FUTURE PROJECTS: OBSERVATORIES

- Disseminate the role of the National Observatories on Drugs:
  - Should be the official and reliable source of information of each country. For this, it should be able to:
    - Generate, process and analyze information of interest, in a timely, reliable, and periodic manner
    - Provide the decision-makers with information and proposals
    - Access other sources of information
FUTURE PROJECTS: OBSERVATORIES

- Work with countries in the aspect of Human Resources:
  - Profile according to the functions of the National Observatories on Drugs
  - Training according to their needs
  - Alliances with Universities – key to have access to new human resources

FUTURE PROJECTS: RESEARCH (SIDUC)

- Complete information on drug consumption in school population in countries that do not have updated information, principally the Caribbean.
  - Explore data bases: Post-graduate degree thesis.
  - Generate methodology to evaluate drug consumption in population at the University-level
FUTURE PROJECTS: RESEARCH (SIDUC)

- Give priority to the following studies:
  - Periodic school surveys,
  - Household surveys in countries, as necessary,
  - Creation of a continuous registry in treatment centers and legal medicine

FUTURE PROJECTS: CICDAT

- Implementation of CICDAT software,
- Training,
- Use CICDAT information for countries’ response to MEM Questionnaire.
FUTURE PROJECTS: COST STUDY

- Addition of new countries to the cost study, according to the mandate of the 2005 Summit.

- Extend coverage to other areas in countries that are already in the program: avoidable costs, and others.

FUTURE PROJECTS: International Relations

- Foster relationships with other institutions: UNODC, NIDA, European Observatory, etc…

  - Optimize financial resources,
  - Share drug-related information on the different countries: MEM, ARQ, etc…
  - Presentation of joint projects.
FUTURE CHALLENGES:
Financial Resources

- Scarce
- Diversify sources
- Gradual advance towards internal funding by countries
- Alliance of CICAD – UNODC – EUROPEAN OBSERVATORY

PUBLICATIONS 2006

- FIRST SEMESTER:
  - COMPARABLE SITUATION ON DRUG CONSUMPTION IN THE SCHOOL POPULATION IN SOUTH AMERICA,
  - COMPARABLE SITUATION ON DRUG CONSUMPTION IN THE GENERAL POPULATION IN 4 COUNTRIES IN CENTRAL AMERICA.

- SECOND SEMESTER:
  - COMPARABLE SITUATION ON DRUG CONSUMPTION IN CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES.