ACTIVITIES OF THE ARGENTINE OBSERVATORY ON DRUGS
Needs

• To establish a statistics and data analysis system

• To develop methods to compile valid, reliable, comparable, and systematic drug-related data

• To coordinate the implementation of research programs
Competences

• To serve as a permanent data coordination, compilation, and analysis body

• To liaise with provincial drug observatories and regional observatories

• To promote appropriate methods

Specific objectives

1. To organize information available in Argentina from public and private entities involved in this issue

2. To finalize and promote research into relevant areas of knowledge

3. To promote the generation of key information from the community on topics related to drug abuse prevention and treatment
Medium-term objectives

1. To implement the Argentine Observatory on Drugs (OAD), promoting and coordinating the establishment of provincial observatories to provide information at the provincial and national levels

2. To systematize information available in Argentina provided by state and private institutions involved in drug trafficking and use-related issues, ensuring the reliability, comparability, systematic examination, and return of data

3. To finalize and promote thematic research on topics pertaining to the use, treatment, and control of the supply of psychoactive drugs

4. To serve as support in evaluating prevention programs and other public policy strategies

Inclusion in international programs

1. Inter-American Uniform Drug Use Data System (SIDUC/CICAD/OAS)

2. Program to continue the subregional drug abuse information, training, and research system. ONODC – Bolivia, Peru, Chile, Uruguay, and Argentina

3. Uniform Statistical System on Drug Enforcement (CICDAT/CICAD)
Studies completed

A. Direct administration of the Argentine Observatory on Drugs:

• 1. National study of secondary school students
• 2. Qualitative study: Alcohol use among secondary school students
• 3. Study of drug use among street children
• 4. Qualitative workplace study
• 5. Ongoing registration of patients in treatment: Phase II
• 6. Second study of emergency room patients
• 7. Study of the costs of the drug problem
• 9. Census of treatment centers

Studies in 2006

• General household survey
• Qualitative study of psychotropic drug use
• Study of drug use among street children
• Quantitative workplace study
• Specific study of coca paste production-trafficking-use
Work teams by province and studies

Persons involved in the different studies
Proposal 2006-2007

• To establish consistent contact between the Observatory and the prevention and care sectors
• To examine demand and trafficking-related information in greater depth
• To begin to examine studies of the impact of prevention actions

Proposals to CICAD

• To establish closer ties between Observatory-related sectors and the information of the MEM
• To promote coordination mechanisms between the different players and the international financial backers, joining financial and technical assistance efforts