

GROUP OF EXPERTS ON CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES  
AND PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS  
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## 1<sup>st</sup> DRAFT- CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

### Tuesday, May 29

08:30-9:00 Registration of Participants

#### INAUGURAL SESSION

09:00-09:30 Welcome remarks:

- Ms. Kenia Porcell, Attorney General, Panama
- Ambassador Adam Namm, Executive Secretary, Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD/OAS)
- Ambassador Pedro Vuskovic Céspedes, Representative, Office of the OAS in Panama

09:30-09:45 Official photo

09:45-10:00 Break

#### FIRST PLENARY SESSION

10:00-10:15 Information briefing by the Executive Secretariat of CICAD

- Mr. Rafael Parada, Chief, Supply Reduction Unit, CICAD/OAS

10:15-11:30 Roundtable: Emerging threats in international control of chemical precursors, synthetic drugs and new psychoactive substances (NPS)

- *During the roundtable delegates will have the opportunity to introduce themselves, and briefly comment on the work undertaken by their institutions to strengthen control of chemical precursors, synthetic drugs, and NPS*
- Moderator: Ms. Luz M. Gonzalez Abrego, Coordinator, Chemical Control Unit, CONAPRED, Panama

11:30-12:30 Presentation/discussion: Capacity to detect and dismantle clandestine synthetic drugs laboratories, including fentanyl and its analogues

12:30-14:00 Lunch

## SECOND PLENARY SESSION

14:00-15:00	<b>Presentation/discussion: Conclusions of the Second Regional Meeting on New Psychoactive Substances (NPS) in the Western Hemisphere</b>
15:00-16:00	<b>Presentation/discussion: Voluntary cooperation agreements between national chemical substance control agencies and the private sector: national experiences and best practices</b>
16:00-16:15	Break
16:15-17:00	<b>Presentation/discussion: Chemical precursors and synthetic drugs control efforts by the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB), and its collaboration with the Universal Postal Union</b>
17:00	<b>End of working session</b>
18:30-20:00	<b>Social Event: Welcome dinner offered by the Government of Panama</b>

## Wednesday, May 30

### THIRD PLENARY SESSION

09:00-10:00	<b>Presentation/discussion: The role of forensic laboratories in control of synthetic drugs, including NPS and its chemical precursors</b>
10:00-11:00	<b>Presentation/discussion: Cooperation and engagement strategies between producer and recipient countries of chemical precursors, and the role of the Experts Group as advisory body to the Executive Secretariat of CICAD</b>
11:00-11:15	Break
11:15-12:30	<b>Presentation/discussion: Production, recycling and diversion of main chemical precursors used to manufacture synthetic and plant-based drugs in the region</b>
12:30-14:00	Lunch

### FOURTH PLENARY SESSION: WORKING GROUPS

14:00-16:00	<b>Working Group 1:</b> Enhance OAS member states' forensic technical capacity to strengthen the control of synthetic drugs, including NPS and its chemical precursors
	<b>Working Group 2:</b> Increase international cooperation to strengthen the control of precursor chemicals among producers and importing countries, to prevent their diversion without affecting the legal/commercial market
16:00-16:15	Break
16:15-17:00	<b>Working Group sessions – Cont.</b>
17:00	<b>End of working session</b>

## Thursday, May 31

### FIFTH PLENARY SESSION

09:00-11:00 **Working Group sessions – Cont.**

11:00-11:15 Break

11:15-12:30 **Working Group sessions – Cont.**

12:30-14:00 Lunch

### SIXTH PLENARY SESSION

14:00-14:30 **Roundtable: Collaboration opportunities to strengthen international chemical precursors control**

- *During the roundtable, OAS member states will explore possible horizontal cooperation opportunities, as well as synergies with regional and international specialized agencies, including the support of the Executive Secretariat of CICAD in the process*

14:30-15:30 **Presentation: Group 1 Working Document**

**Presentation: Group 2 Working Document**

- *The coordinator of each group presents the results of their working sessions to the plenary for comments and feedback by other participants. Coordinators will take note of all input provided, and incorporate it in the final version of the documents, which will be presented at the LXIV regular session of CICAD*

15:30-15:45 Break

15:45-16:00 **Conclusions, commitments and recommendations**

- Mr. Rafael Parada, Chief, Supply Reduction Unit, CICAD/OAS

16:00-16:15 **Closing Session**