The INTER-AMERICAN DRUG ABUSE CONTROL COMMISSION (KNOWN BY ITS SPANISH LANGUAGE ACRONYM, CICAD) is the consultative and advisory body of the OAS on the drug issue. It serves as a forum for OAS member states to discuss and find solutions to the drug problem, and provides them technical assistance to increase their capacity to counter the drug problem. Since its establishment in 1986, CICAD and its Executive Secretariat have responded to the ever-changing challenges of drug control, expanding its efforts to promote regional cooperation and coordination with and among its member states. The OAS’ Hemispheric Drug Strategy, adopted in 2010, approaches the world drug problem as a complex, dynamic, and multi-causal phenomenon, requiring a comprehensive, balanced and multidisciplinary approach. The Strategy acknowledges drug dependence as a disease that should be addressed as a public health matter, and calls for countries to maintain an appropriate balance between demand reduction and supply reduction activities. The Hemispheric Plan of Action on Drugs (2016-2020), a guide for the implementation of the Strategy, sets priority actions for OAS member states, placing individuals at the core of drug policies and including a cross-cutting perspective on human rights, gender, and development, with a focus on evidence-based drug policies. Through its annual programming and wide range of national and regional projects in the Hemisphere, CICAD assists member states in strengthening their drug policies by conducting in-depth research and evaluation regarding drug-related issues and emerging trends, and by providing effective technical assistance and specialized training focused on capacity building. CICAD works closely with partners such as the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the International Narcotics Control Board, the Pan American Health Organization, the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction, and the Regional Security System. CICAD also maintains strong ties with civil society, including the participation of civil society in all CICAD regular sessions.
THE CICAD EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT, LED BY AN EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AND ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, IS COMPOSED OF TWO SECTIONS AND FIVE UNITS:

- **Drug Control Capacity Building and Technical Assistance Section**
- **Evidence-Based Drug Policy Section**: Information, Design, Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation and Data Collection and Analysis

**Units:**
- **Institutional Strengthening Unit**
- **Demand Reduction Unit**
- **Supply Reduction Unit**
- **Inter-American Observatory on Drugs (OID)**
- **Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism (MEM) Unit**
The INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING UNIT promotes the development of institutional capacities in OAS member states, facilitating the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of public policies, plans and strategies in areas such as institutional coordination, alternatives to incarceration, social integration, alternative development, decentralization of policies, and legislation.

**LINES OF ACTION**

- Assistance with the design, development, implementation, and evaluation of national drug policies, plans, and strategies, at both the national and sub-national levels
- Support to member states regarding their legal frameworks on drugs
- Promotion of alternatives to incarceration as part of a public health, human rights, and gender approach, including drug treatment courts, case management, and social integration strategies
- The CICAD Experts Group on Comprehensive and Sustainable Alternative Development, which allows the sharing of technical knowledge and facilitates collaboration among OAS member states
The **DEMAND REDUCTION UNIT** supports OAS member states to strengthen their human and institutional capacity in drug prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation, taking a public health approach with a focus on the individual.

**LINES OF ACTION**

- Training of master trainers in the Universal Treatment Curriculum (UTC) and Universal Prevention Curriculum (UPC), training in the Adolescent Intervention Training Module, and training for healthcare providers
- The Demand Reduction Experts Group, which provides technical knowledge and facilitates collaboration among member states
- Promotion of the implementation of quality standards of care for treatment service providers in member states
- Collaboration with universities and other educational institutions in the areas of training, research and international cooperation for drug demand reduction
**SUPPLY REDUCTION UNIT**

The **SUPPLY REDUCTION UNIT** supports OAS member states to improve security by strengthening their capacity to disrupt the illicit production and distribution of drugs.

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The INTER-AMERICAN OBSERVATORY ON DRUGS, commonly known by its Spanish language acronym, OID, is CICAD’s research unit, providing support to OAS member states in the collection and analysis of data on the drug problem so that they can design more effective national drug policies.

**LINES OF ACTION**

- Prepares and publishes reports on drug use in the Americas and supports national surveys and publications
- Develops and disseminates standardized protocols for the collection of data and the implementation of drug related studies
- Promotes strong national drug observatories that use standardized data collection methods
- Supports the establishment of drug information networks and early warning systems to improve drug-related data collection, analysis, and dissemination
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The **MULTILATERAL EVALUATION MECHANISM (MEM)**, mandated by the 1998 Summit of the Americas, is a peer review process that measures the progress of actions taken by OAS member states to address the drug problem and related crimes. The MEM evaluates member states’ implementation of the Hemispheric Plan of Action, which is aligned with the UNGASS 2016 goals and objectives and the United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development goals. The only multilateral evaluation of its kind in the world, the MEM highlights strengths and weaknesses of OAS member states in its country reports, and encourages national dialogue among policymakers. The MEM also publishes a hemispheric report, which analyzes trends in the region.

**LINES OF EVALUATION**

- Institutional Strengthening
- Demand Reduction
- Supply Reduction
- Control Measures
- International Cooperation
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