**Concept Note**

COPOLAD III Programme seeks to promote spaces for technical and political dialogue and exchange between Latin American and Caribbean countries and the European Union, towards the achievement of more balanced drug policies, based on evidence and respectful of human rights, with the incorporation of development, gender and public health approaches.

COPOLAD III focuses on women and vulnerable populations, in order to develop systems and interventions that better respond to the needs of populations with more difficulties in accessing care services, thus, the program seeks:

* To implement quality standards in treatment, care and harm reduction for women and groups in vulnerable situations, adapt services to their specific needs and facilitate access to care at the territorial and community level (line 2.2).
* To support the development of policies, plans and programs for the social inclusion of people affected by drugs. To this end, it develops the Guide for the Social Inclusion of people with problematic drug use, with a differential and gender approach, which proposes models, tools and routes for implementation in different areas, territorial, institutional and community contexts, in order to reduce the social exclusion that increases the vulnerabilities associated with drug use (line 2.3).
* To promote attention to the social vulnerabilities linked to problematic drug use in highly vulnerable territories, with the presence of illicit economies. To this end, it promotes lines of work in multidimensional/integrated intervention models in highly vulnerable areas, based on the scaling up of community treatment models, the development and consolidation of integrated territorial/local networks of social and health services to address the vulnerabilities associated with drug use (line 2.4).
* Under the coordination of the EMCDDA/OEDT, the aim is to provide the participating countries with training proposals, adapted to the Latin American and Caribbean contexts, on prevention (aimed at decision-makers) and social and health interventions to address drug use problems (line 2.1).

The following countries are participating in the two working groups: Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, St. Lucia, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, Venezuela,

EU Member States: Bulgaria, Spain and Portugal.

**Regional Workshop on "Plans for access to quality care services and social inclusion for people with problematic drug use in Latin America and the Caribbean".**

As in previous phases of COPOLAD, it continues to promote processes to improve the quality, effectiveness and evidence-based services for the care, attention and social inclusion of people who use drugs.

In order to improve the capacity of Latin American and Caribbean countries to implement rights-based and inclusive drug policies on drug use and reduce the associated stigma, COPOLAD III joins efforts with the leading countries in lines 2.2 and 2. 3: Uruguay, Chile and Barbados, with program partners: Spain's National Plan on Drugs and the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA), and with the collaboration of RIOD (Ibero-American Network of Non-Governmental Organizations working on Drugs and Addictions) and UNAD (Addiction Care Network) to carry out this regional workshop that seeks to promote the development of plans to improve access to quality care and social inclusion for people with problematic drug use, with differential and gender perspectives and a focus on social innovation.

This regional workshop will bring together representatives from Latin American and Caribbean countries and the European Union to exchange experiences, deepen good practices and quality standards in the accessibility and provision of services, as well as in the integration of a rights-based and social inclusion approach. It is expected that the Workshop will decisively promote the incorporation of a rights-based and comprehensive approach to problematic drug use in national and local responses to drug use.

**GENERAL OBJECTIVE**

To advance in the consolidation of plans to improve and expand access to care and social inclusion services based on evidence and quality standards for people with problematic drug use.

**SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES**

1. To offer analytical and intervention tools from a rights-based approach: inclusive and gender equality in policies, programs and interventions of care and social inclusion for people with problematic drug use.
2. To exchange good practices and demonstrative experiences in inclusive actions, care, service delivery and stigma reduction with a rights-based approach for women and vulnerable groups.
3. To socialize, validate and test the Social Inclusion Guide and the tools it proposes for its application in different national and local contexts.
4. To define routes to measure progress in the integration of differential, gender and social inclusion perspectives in policies, plans and programs.
5. To consolidate the roadmaps for technical support (technical assistance, internships) by COPOLAD to the countries involved in the areas of care and social inclusion.