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More humane and effective drug policies

20 – 21 February 2024, La Paz - Bolivia

AGENDA

Programa de Cooperación
entre América Latina, el Caribe
y la Unión Europea
en Políticas sobre Drogas

TUESDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2024

08.00- 09.00 Participant registration

09:00 – 10:00 Opening

Moderation: Amb. Elmer Catarina, Vice-Chancellor of the Plurinational State of Bolivia.

- Carlos Eduardo del Castillo. Minister of Government of the Plurinational State of Bolivia.
- Olivier Luyckx. Head of Unit, South America, and Regional Operations 1, INTPA B1.
- Lourdes Sartorius. Director of Operations. Fundación Internacional y para Iberoamérica de Administración y Políticas Públicas (FIIAPP).
- Salvatore Leotta, Director of Analysis Section - Central Directorate of Anti-Drug Services - Ministry of Interior - Rome (Italy). Task Force COPOLAD III – IILA.

10:15 – 11:00 Session 1. Towards more humane and effective drug policies, essential elements in the debate

Moderation: Natalia Riffo. National Director of the National Service for the Prevention and Rehabilitation of Drug and Alcohol Consumption (SENDA), Chile.

Panellists:

- Daniel Radío. Secretary General. Junta Nacional de Drogas, Uruguay.
- Marco Fandiño. General Coordinator. Conferencia de Ministros de Justicia de los Países Iberoamericanos, COMJIB
- Ángel Bodoque. Special Anti-Drug Prosecutor of Spain and RFAI Co-Coordinator, Red de Fiscales Antidrogas Iberoamericanos de la Asociación Iberoamericana de Ministerios Públicos (RFAI – AIAMP).
- Antonio Lomba. Head of the Institutional Strengthening Unit, Executive Secretariat of the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD), Organization of American States (OAS).
- Paula Aguirre. Elementa DDHH - International Drug Policy Consortium Board (IDPC)

11:00 – 11:20 Session 2. Objectives of the meeting and status of the COPOLAD III Programme

- Borja Díaz. COPOLAD III Programme Director. FIIAPP.

11:20 – 11:45 Coffee break

11:45 –12:45 Session 3: Strengthening the technical capacity and institutional role of national drug observatories

In order to strengthen the technical capacity and institutional role of National Drug Observatories (NDO), COPOLAD III contributes to the improvement of their national information and research systems by promoting the creation of national research networks with the participation of all relevant actors, the development of conceptual and methodological guidelines for the incorporation of differential approaches to rights and gender, and for the evaluation of drug policies in different dimensions of human development.

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Moderation: Cécile Martel, Head of Sector, International Cooperation, European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA).

Panellists:

- **Juan Manuel Quijada. National Commissioner for Mental Health and Addictions (Conasama) Ministry of Health, Mexico.** The experience of the Mexican Observatory on Mental Health and Drug Use in the development of COPOLAD III work lines.
- **Cristina Núñez. National Drug Commissioner - Secretary of the Inter-Institutional Committee for Comprehensive Drug Prevention - Ministry of Public Health of Ecuador.** Why is COPOLAD III important in strengthening a NDO?
- **Laurent Laniel. Law Enforcement expert. European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA).** Monitoring and analysis of drug market indicators: progress and challenges.
- **Graciela Ahumada. Task Force responsible for coordinating the Strengthening of National Drug Observatories.** Strengthening of NDO: progress on national roadmaps and presentation of guides and tools developed by COPOLAD.

Q&A (15 min.)

12:45 – 14:15 Lunch break

PROBLEMATIC USE AND VULNERABILITIES: A MORE INTEGRATED AND INCLUSIVE VISION

Addressing problematic drug use is a matter of public health as well as social cohesion. The impacts of drug use mostly affect vulnerable groups and exacerbate inequalities. Poverty and marginalization fuel negative consequences for individuals, families, and communities.

14:15 – 15:15 Session 4: Improving access to quality care and social inclusion services to address drug problems

In order to mitigate these effects, COPOLAD III supports LAC countries in their efforts to improve the quality, effectiveness and evidence base of policies related to drug use, as well as in their initiatives to facilitate the availability and access to care and social inclusion interventions and services.

Moderation: Inés Elvira Mejía, COPOLAD III Task Force on access to quality care services and social inclusion for women and vulnerable groups who use drugs.

Panellists:

- **Gorka Espiau. Agirre Lehendakaria Center, COPOLAD III Task Force on Social Innovation.** The role of innovation in improving access to comprehensive and quality services to address drug use in different contexts and with different populations.
- **Natalia Rizzo. National Director of the National Service for the Prevention and Rehabilitation of Drug and Alcohol Consumption (SENDA), Chile.** Chile's experience in incorporating an innovative approach in the management of services for children and adolescents: Laboratory in the Maule Region.
- **Gloria María Miranda. Director of Drug Policy and Related Activities, Ministry of Justice, and Law of Colombia.** Colombia's experience in incorporating a rights-based approach, harm reduction and vulnerability reduction in communities in three Colombian cities.

Q&A (15 min.)

15:15 - 16:15 Session 5: Addressing drug-related development vulnerabilities in the territory

COPOLAD III is committed to supporting the scaling up of public policy interventions based on the community treatment model, especially developed to intervene within the communities themselves, in areas of high vulnerability with drug problems.

Moderation: Raquel Barros. RAISS, COPOLAD III Task Force to address drug-related vulnerabilities in the territory.

Panellists:

- **Rochelle Basden. Sandilands Rehabilitation Centre, Bahamas.** Reflecting on the importance of territorialisation policies based on local development, The case of Abaco.
- **Novia Carter. The Bahamas National Drug Council.** Broadening the focus of prevention policies in communities to the construction of local networks by valuing local resources and experiences. The Fox Hill case.
- **Paola Tassara. Servicio Nacional para la Prevención y Rehabilitación del Consumo de Drogas y Alcohol (SENDA), Chile.** Advances in the implementation in the department of community intervention - Possible ways forward from territorialisation.

Q&A (15 min).

16:15 – 16:45 Coffee break

REDUCTION OF THE ILLEGAL DRUG MARKET AND ITS MAIN IMPACTS

COPOLAD's III actions to reduce the supply of drugs are based on supporting public policies that offer comprehensive solutions, combining the fight against illicit capital and money laundering and the cooperation in drug trafficking investigation activities, with measures such as citizen security and development, decent employment, social protection, gender equity, legality, and trust in institutions. Along these lines, dialogue, and exchange of experiences among peers are also promoted to review criminal regulations, the proportionality of laws for crimes related to drugs and drug trafficking, as well as to raise awareness about the impact on the environment of drug production and trafficking.

16:45 – 17:45 Session 6. Discussion on the control and disposal of chemical precursors for the manufacture of illegal drugs

Within supply control, it is a priority to work to improve the effectiveness of systems for the control and monitoring of chemical precursors and controlled substances, management, and final disposal systems to minimize risks to safety, health and the environment, and the exchange of information between government agencies and international cooperation in communication and intelligence exchange.

Moderation: Milagros Diego. Task Force COPOLAD III. Control and disposal of precursor chemicals for the manufacture of illegal drugs.

Panellists:

- **Trotsky Gustavo Santamaria. Chief Specialist, Directorate for the Control of Controlled Substances, Ministry of Interior, Ecuador.** Development of IT systems for the analysis of activities and transactions involving scheduled controlled substances.
- **José Luis Reyes. Head of the Narcotics Unit. National Directorate of Medicines. El Salvador.** Management and final disposal of scheduled controlled substances (7 countries).
- **Astrid Mondesir. Ministry of Health, Wellness and Elderly Affairs, Saint Lucia.** Development of a precursor chemical protocol and its implementation.

Q&A (15 min).

WEDNESDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2024

REDUCTION OF THE ILLEGAL DRUG MARKET AND ITS MAIN IMPACTS (CONTINUATION)

09:00 – 10:15 Session 7: Is it time for a change of strategy in the fight against drug trafficking and money laundering?

In its strategy against drug trafficking and money laundering, COPOLAD III prioritises work on the identification and seizure of assets resulting from criminal activities and the social use of those assets, the support for international cooperation in special investigative techniques. An effort is being made to incorporate a gender and human rights perspective for vulnerable groups affected by drug trafficking.

Moderation: Massimo Meccheri. Programme manager, COPOLAD III / IILA.

Panellists:

- Guido Ferrari. Head of Administration and Cooperation Projects of the Latin American Financial Action Task Force (GAFILAT).
- Ángel Bodoque. Special Anti-Drug Prosecutor of Spain and Co-coordinator of the RFAI.
- Francis Clarizza Vargas. Special Projects Manager, Sociedad de Activos Especiales, (SAE) Colombia.
- Ana Linda Solano. Senior expert of the COPOLAD III – AIAMP.
- Ismael Tito Villca Vargas. Colonel. Director General of the Special Force against Drug Trafficking. Ministry of Government, Bolivia.

Q&A (15 min.)

10:15 – 11:15 Session 8: Innovative Alternative Development Approaches

Since UNGASS 2016, the definition of AD has been broadened from “traditional” interventions in rural settings to include interventions aimed at fostering socio-economic development in urban areas, border areas and other “non-traditional” contexts. To support the systematization of implementation experiences requested by LAC countries, COPOLAD III commissioned a study on “Innovative Alternative Development Approaches” to establish best practices that can be used as a reference for governments in the process of drafting AD strategies and implementing projects in non-traditional contexts, thereby promoting a more development-oriented approach to drug supply reduction policies.

Moderation: Sarah David. Coordinator Alternative Development COPOLAD III/GIZ.

Panellists:

- Deborah Alimi. Researcher. Daleth research. Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne. Presentation of the results of the Study on "Innovative Alternative Development Approaches".
- Carlos Figueroa. Executive President. DEVIDA, Peru.
- Andrea Rizzo. International Relations and Cooperation. National Drug Secretariat, Uruguay.
- Grober Quisbert Quilla, Alternative Development Project professional. Ministry of Rural Development and Land / Viceministry of Coca and Integral development, Bolivia.

Q&A (15 min.)

11:15 – 11:45 Coffee break

11:45 – 12:45 Session 9: Discussion on challenges and opportunities for the improvement of proportionality and alternative measures for minor drug offenses

COPOLAD works to improve the responsiveness and proportionality of penal frameworks to drug-related challenges and the development of alternatives to arrest or incarceration that reduce recidivism. The importance of anchoring national demands in regional institutions to give them sustainability has led to the articulation of COPOLAD with COMJIB and AIDEF.

Moderation: Mario Sánchez. Task Force COPOLAD Reform of legal frameworks and penal alternatives.

Panellists:

- **Gerardo Rubén Alfaro.** Magistrate - Rector of Restorative Justice in the Judiciary of Costa Rica. A restorative and integral way for women facing criminal cases for minor drug offenses.
- **Juan Carlos Pérez.** General Coordinator of the Inter-American Association of Public Defenders (AIDEF). Changes in proportionality and penal alternatives through International Organisations and the positive impacts in the region.
- **Cheryl St. Louis.** Manager of the National Drug Council. Trinidad y Tobago. A comprehensive and structured response based on the deterrence commissions model".
- **Camilo Umaña.** Vice-Minister of Criminal Policy and Restorative Justice, Ministerio de Justicia y del Derecho, Colombia.

Q&A (15 min.)

12:45 – 14:15 Lunch break

14:15 – 15:20 Session 10: Strengthening of the EU-LAC political-technical dialogue

Generate a reflection on the nature, scope, and challenges of COPOLAD's support to the CELAC-EU Cooperation and Coordination Mechanism on Drugs to take stock of the achievements to date and improve collaboration to continue strengthening the CELAC -EU political-technical dialogue.

Moderation: Joan Ramón Villalbí, Delegate of the Spanish National Plan on Drugs Delegation, Co-Presidency EU Mechanism, second semester 2023.

Panellists:

- **Valeria Vilaseca.** CELAC Co-Presidency of the UE/CELAC Mechanism, Ambassador of Bolivia to the EU.
- **Kurt Doms.** Head Drug Unit. Secretary of the Interministerial Conference on Public Health. Ministry of Public Health, Belgium. Belgium Co-presidency of the EU/CELAC Mechanism on drugs.
- **Olivier Luyckx.** Head of Unit, South America, and Regional Operations 1, INTPA B1.
- **Marie Aude Tannou.** Policy officer – Drugs, European Commission, DG Home D5: Organised Crime and Drugs
- **Luisa Rueda.** Colombia. Counsellor, Embassy of Colombia to the EU.

Q&A (15 min.)

15:30 – 16:30 Session 11. Conclusions of the Annual Meeting

Moderation: Ignacio Martín. Programme Officer, INTPA B1.

Generate a space for reflection on the main conclusions of the results presented and identify the main milestones of the COPOLAD III roadmap with Latin America and the Caribbean.

- **Juan Manuel Quijada.** Comisionado Nacional de Salud Mental y Adicciones (Conasama) Secretaría de Salud, México. Outcome 1: National Drug Observatories.
- **Nara Araujo.** Director for Prevention and Social Inclusion of SENAD. Brazil. Outcome 2: Demand reduction.
- **Nelson Aguilar.** Director of Cooperation. National Anti-Drug Secretariat (SENAD), Paraguay. Outcome 3: Supply reduction.
- **Elmo Vargas.** Counsellor, Embassy of Perú to the EU in Brussels. Perú. Outcome 4: Support to the EU/CELAC Mechanism.
- **Borja Díaz,** Director COPOLAD III – FIIAPP.

16:30 – 17:00 Session 12. Closure

- **Lourdes Sartorius.** Director of Operations - FIIAPP.
- **Massimo Meccheri.** Programme Officer, COPOLAD III / IILA.
- **Olivier Luyckx.** Head of Unit, South America and Regional Operations, INTPA B1.
- **Jaime Mamani.** Vice-Minister of Social Defence and Controlled Substances, Ministry of Government - Bolivia.