

Shared challenges among EU-CELAC countries in the drugs field

EU – CELAC National Drug Agencies Meetings

Brussels, 8-10 October 2024

AGENDA

DAY 1 - OCTOBER 8TH 2024

SEMINAR ON SHARED CHALLENGES BETWEEN EU AND CELAC REGIONS IN THE FIELD OF DRUGS

Participants: EU-CELAC Mechanism Representatives + Heads of CELAC National Drug Agencies + EU Institutions + Experts + COPOLAD.

Place: ACE Events. Avenue d'Auderghem 22, B-1040 Brussels. (Metro Schuman)

08:00 – 09:00 PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION

09:00 – 09:45 SESSION 1 - WELCOME AND OPENING SESSION

- Félix FERNÁNDEZ SHAW, Director for Latin America & the Caribbean; Relations with Overseas Countries & Territories. DG INTPA B. European Commission.
- Jo DE COCK, Head of Unit - Organised crime and Drugs, DG HOME
- Camila POLO, Ambassador (E) of Colombia to Belgium, Luxemburg, UE and NATO. CELAC Copresidency – EU/CELAC Mechanism on Drugs.
- Ibolya FÜLÖPNÉ, Ibolya FÜLÖPNÉ, Chair of the Horizontal Working Party on Drugs (HDG). EU Co-Presidency of the EU/CELAC Mechanism on drugs.
- Peggy MARTINELLO, Head of Unit. Public Administration and Social Affairs. International and Ibero-American Foundation for Public Administration and Policy, FIIAPP.

09:45 – 13:15 AWARENESS RAISING: NEW PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCES (NPS) AND OTHER SYNTHETIC DRUGS. Challenges and key elements for bi-regional cooperation for their control and the sharing of information between Drug Agencies. Relevance of Early Warning Systems (EWS).

9:45 – 10:35 SESSION 2 - **Overview: Context on NPS and other synthetic drugs, trends and challenges at the bi-regional level.**

Moderation: Borja DÍAZ, COPOLAD III Director, FIIAPP.

- Fabian PEREYRA, Head of the Executive Office, European Union Drugs Agency (EUDA) (15').
- Sabrina LEVISSIANOS, Associate Drug Control Officer (Illicit Synthetic Drugs), Laboratory and Scientific Services. Division for Policy Analysis and Public Affairs. Global Smart Programme – UNODC (15').
- Marya HYNES, Head of the Inter-American Observatory on Drugs (OID-CICAD-OAS) (15').

10:35 – 11:20 SESSION 3 - **National Drugs Observatories and NPS: Importance of EWS**

Moderation: Marya HYNES, Head of the Inter-American Observatory on Drugs (OID-CICAD-OAS).

- Graciela AHUMADA, Expert Task Force COPOLAD III – FIIAPP on strengthening of National Drug Observatories (15').
- Fabian PEREYRA, Head of the Executive Office, European Union Drugs Agency (EUDA) (15').

Exchange with representatives of participating countries (15').

11:20 – 11:40 Coffee break

11:40 – 13:15: SESSION 4 - New threats and challenges regarding NPS and other synthetic drugs, from the perspective of EU/CELAC countries.

Moderation: Elena ÁLVAREZ, Deputy Director General for Institutional Relations, Government Delegation for the National Plan on Drugs, Ministry of Health, Spain.

- Héctor SUÁREZ, National Drugs Observatory, JND, Uruguay (15’).
- Artur MALCZEWSKI, National Center for Addiction Prevention, Poland (15’).
- Uki ATKINSON, Research Analyst, National Council on Drug Abuse, Jamaica (15’).
- Daniel PECH, Mexican Observatory on Mental Health and Addictions, Mexico (15’).
- Exchange with representatives of participating countries (15’).

13:15 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30 – 17:30 USING CONFISCATED ASSETS: EFFECTIVE USE OF ASSETS DERIVED FROM ILLICIT ACTIVITIES

- Lorenzo TORDELLI, European Programmes Coordinator, IILA. Introduction to the afternoon sessions

14:40 – 15:45 SESSION 5 - Financial and asset investigations. Confiscation of assets derived from illicit activities.

Moderation: Massimo MECCHERI, Programme Manager – COPOLAD III/IILA

- Juan Manuel VEGA, Advisor to the Spanish Ministry of Economy, former President of the FATF (15’).
- Oscar SOLÓRZANO, Head of Latin America, International Centre for Asset Recovery (ICAR), Basel Institute on Governance (15’).
- Javier CASTILLEJOS, Team leader – Fight against Organised Crime. DG Home D5: Organised Crime and Drugs (15’).
- Exchange with representatives of participating countries (15’).

15:45 – 16:45 SESSION 6 - Social and community use of confiscated assets

Moderation: Peggy MARTINELLO, Head of Unit. Public Administration and Social Affairs, FIIAPP.

- Dennis CHENG, International Advisor and Consultant. Specialist on Confiscation and Administration of Seized Assets (20’)
- Alexander RIVERA, Director of drug policy, Ministry of Justice and Law, Colombia (20’).
- Exchange with representatives of participating countries (15’)

16:45 – 18:00 SESSION 7 - Social use for drug demand reduction initiatives

Prevention, care and social inclusion. Experiences and ways forward.

Moderation: Mariagrazia PASSAMANO, Consultant COPOLAD III - IILA.

- France. Benoît LEJUSTE, Referent investigator, Agency for the management and recovery of seized and confiscated assets (AGRASC) (15’).
- Italy. Andrea ZAPPAROLI, Head of National Observatory, Addictions and International Relations (15’).
- Spain. Luis MONTERO, Government Delegation for the National Plan on Drugs (15’).
- Exchange with representatives of participating countries (15’).

DAY 2 - OCTOBER 9TH 2024¹

Place: [ACE Events. Avenue d'Auderghem 22, B-1040 Brussels. \(Metro Schuman\)](#)

09:00 – 11:30 CELAC MEETING BETWEEN HEADS OF NATIONAL DRUG AGENCIES AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM EMBASSIES IN BRUSSELS.

Session between representatives of CELAC National Drug Agencies and Permanent Representatives of CELAC Embassies to the EU/CELAC Mechanism, to share visions as a region and exchange on bi-regional cooperation.

Participants: CELAC Representatives at the Mechanism + CELAC National Drug Agencies Representatives.

11:30 – 12:00 Coffee break

12:00 - 13:00 MEETING BETWEEN CELAC COUNTRIES AND THE EU DRUGS AGENCY (EUDA)

Moderation: [Marie Aude TANNOU](#), Team Leader - Drugs Team DG HOME.D.5 - Organised Crime & Drugs.

- [Fabian PEREYRA](#), Head of the Executive Office, European Union Drugs Agency (EUDA).
- Exchange with representatives of participating countries.

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30 – 18:30 MEETING BETWEEN CELAC COUNTRIES AND EU INSTITUTIONS DG INTPA / DG HOME / FPI/ EEAS, Other DG.

Session between the Delegations of the CELAC countries and the European Union Institutions to discuss bi-regional cooperation issues on drugs. Based on the experience and tradition of the EU/CELAC Mechanism, it is an opportunity to exchange on future cooperation instruments and challenges.

Participants: CELAC Representatives at the Mechanism + CELAC National Drug Agencies Representatives + EU Institutions representatives + COPOLAD III.

Moderation: [Olivier LUYCKX](#), Head of Unit, Country Programmes for Latin America and the Caribbean, INTPA B2.

14:30 – 14:45 Opening remarks (15').

- [Martin SEYCHELL](#). DG INTPA - Deputy Director General responsible for Directorates G, R
- [Pelayo CASTRO](#) Deputy Managing Director Americas, European External Action Service, EEAS.
- [CELAC Representative](#), Colombia as Co-presidency of EU-CELAC Mechanism on Drugs.

COOPERATION TO FACE SHARED CHALLENGES

14:45 – 15:45 Cooperating for a balanced approach.

- [Olivier LUYCKX](#), Head of Unit, Country Programmes for Latin America and the Caribbean, INTPA B2.
- [Sabine ZWAENEPOEL](#), Deputy Head of Unit- Resilience, Peace, Security. INTPA.G5
- [Matthew WILDNER-REID](#), Programme Manager - Service for Foreign Policy Instruments, FPI.
- [CELAC Representatives](#)

Discussion among participants

¹ In parallel to this agenda, the EU country representatives will hold their Horizontal Drugs Group meeting throughout the day.

15:45 – 16:25 Joining forces for a common future. Partnering for resilience towards 2025 and beyond.

- Mercedes GARCÍA PÉREZ, Head of Division Migration and Human Security, EEAS.
- CELAC Representative

Discussion among participants

16:25 – 16:40 Coffee Break

16:40 – 17:20 Enhancing Drug Policy Cooperation between the European Commission and Latin America & the Caribbean.

- Jo DE COCK, Head of Unit - Organised crime and Drugs, DG HOME
- CELAC Representative

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17:20 – 17:35 Closing Remarks

- Borja DÍAZ, COPOLAD III Director, FIIAPP.
- Camila POLO, Ambassador (E) of Colombia to Belgium, Luxemburg, UE and NATO. CELAC Copresidency – EU/CELAC Mechanism on Drugs.
- Olivier LUYCKX, Head of Unit, Country Programmes for Latin America and the Caribbean, INTPA B2.

17:35 – 18:30 Open Bilateral Meetings

18:45 – 19:30 COCKTAIL WITH EU AND CELAC REPRESENTATIVES

Participants: CELAC Representatives at the Mechanism + CELAC National Drug Agencies Representatives + EU Member States + EU Institutions representatives + COPOLAD III.

DAY 3 - OCTOBER 10TH 2024

09:30 – 16:30 EU-CELAC COORDINATION AND COOPERATION MECHANISM ON DRUGS. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING, (Extended to CELAC Heads of National Drug Agencies).

Lugar: EU Council, Justus Lipsius building. Room 50.1.

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