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MEETING ON EXPERIENCES IN ADDRESSING DRUG-RELATED VULNERABILITIES IN THE TERRITORY CARRIED OUT IN THE SCOPE OF COPOLAD III 25-27 MARCH 2025. PORT OF SPAIN – TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

COPOLAD III Component on improved coherence, balance and quality of policies related to drug use: Territorializing prevention, comprehensive care, and harm reduction programs and services

- Date:** 25 to 27 March 2025
- Venue:** The BRIX, Autograph Collection. 2-4 Coblentz Avenue, Cascade, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago. <https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/posak-the-brix-autograph-collection/overview/>
- Participants:** Representatives from Bahamas, Belize, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Jamaica, Peru, Dominican Republic, Portugal, Spain, Suriname, Uruguay, Trinidad and Tobago. COPOLAD III, FIIAPP. Other stakeholders.

Objectives of the meeting

- Promote the exchange of plans, good practices and challenges of the territorialisation programmes in the different countries with which COPOLAD III has worked in the line of action of addressing vulnerabilities associated with drugs at the territorial level, highlighting the participation and tools used in the Caribbean.
- Presentation of the work carried out by the teams in each country, their territorialisation plan and how it has been or will be included in the national drug policies.
- Training and capacity building models for professionals and community leaders will be presented, and continuity processes will be defined.
- Build a proposal for a network collaboration between countries in order to generate continuity and sustainability.
- Reinforcing territorialisation and inclusion.

AGENDA

TIME	SESSION	CONTENT
MONDAY 24/03/2025 – ARRIVAL AND INSCRIPTIONS		
	Arrival	Participants arrival – Registration at hotel
05:00pm – 08:00pm	Inscriptions and registry at hotel BRIX	Registration from 5 to 9 pm. Reception of participants
DAY I - 25/03/2025 – COUNTRY EXPERIENCES AND PROGRESS		
08:30 am	Welcome to participants	
09:00 - 09:30	Opening and institutional welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lyra Thompson-Hollingsworth. Coordinator National Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Programme. Ministry of Health, Trinidad & Tobago. • Joey Vermue, Chancellor of the EU Delegation in Trinidad & Tobago. • Mercedes Alonso. Programme Manager COPOLAD III. Responsible for line of action on addressing vulnerabilities at territorial level.
09:30 – 09:35	Presentation of meeting objectives	Presentation of the meeting objectives

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09:35 – 10:10	Session 1 State of the art of the drug situation, and responses to population in vulnerable situations related to drugs in the Caribbean.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mercedes Alonso. COPOLAD III Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laura Guirao. COPOLAD III Panellists <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cheryl St. Louis Felix, Manager, National Drug Council, Secretariat. Ministry of National Security, Trinidad & Tobago.
10:10 – 10:30	Session 2 Presentation of the work carried out by COPOLAD III within the territorialisation approach	Panellists <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raquel Barros, Task Force COPOLAD - RAISSS
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee break	
	Sessions 3 – 7	Moderator: Raquel Barros
10:45 – 11:45	Session 3 Exchange on country developments - Territorialisation approach in action plans	Panellists <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bahamas. Novia Carter. Director National Drug Council. Chile. Francisca Alburquenque. Head of the Area of Detection and Brief Interventions, SENDA. Trinidad & Tobago. Kristy Anatol. Programme Officer School and Community, National Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Programme. Ministry of Health. Exchange among participants
11:45 – 12:45 pm	Session 4 Exchange on country developments - Territorialisation with community devices.	Panellists <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brazil. Lidiane Rebouças - Raphael Calazans – Secretaria Estadual de Políticas de Drogas do Estado do Ceará y SENAD Colombia. Raúl Tovar, Corporación Viviendo. Popular economy. Perú. José Eduardo Cruz. Deputy Director of Drug Prevention and Treatment, DEVIDA. Exchange among participants
12:45 – 02:00	Lunch	
02:00 – 03:00	Session 5 Exchange on country developments - Territorialisation with a focus on women and diverse populations	Panellists <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Costa Rica. Guiselle Madrigal. Prevention Projects Unit, ICID Dominican Republic. Lohadis Ureña. Director of Drug Prevention Strategy and Health Promotion, National Drug Council (CND). Uruguay. Sheila Atahydes, Coordinator, Junta Nacional de Drogas. Exchange among participants
03:00 – 03:50	Session 6 Exchange on country developments - Territorialisation with community capacity development	Panellists <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Belize. Esner Vello Director NDACC. Jamaica. Natoya James, Case Management Coordinator, National Council on Drug Abuse. Exchange among participants
03:55 – 04:15	Coffee break	
04:15 – 05:15	Session 7 Exchange on country developments - Territorialisation in prison settings	Panellists <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brazil. Augusto Cruz de Araújo. Coordinator of the National Network for Attention to Egress People. Directorate of Citizenship and Penal Alternatives (DICAP/SENAPPEN). Ministry of Justice.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portugal. Claudia Costa. Department Integrated Intervention. ICAD. • Suriname. Sabrina Rootharam. Researcher. National Drug Observatory. <p>Exchange among participants</p>
DAY II - 26/03/2025. COMMUNITY WORK		
09:00am – 10:30	Session 8 Social inclusion from a community perspective	Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Guirao. Programme Manager COPOLAD III. Panellists <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inés Mejía. COPOLAD III – Social Inclusion Model for people with problematic drug use. • Cintya Azevedo. Projects linked to Secretaria Nacional de Políticas Penales, FIOCRUZ, Brazil. Inclusion and Social Development. • Alexander Rivera. Director of Drug Policies, Ministry of Justice, Colombia. • Evangelina Curbelo, Universidad de la República de Uruguay. Capacity development.
10:30 – 11:30	Session 9 EU experiences in dealing with populations in vulnerable situations related with drug use at local level.	Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mercedes Alonso, COPOLAD III. Panellists <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graça Vilar, Director, Department of Integrated Intervention, Institute on Addictive Behaviours and Dependencies, Portugal. • Alfonso Ramírez de Arellano, Diputación de Huelva, Spain.
12:00 – 01:15	Lunch	
01:30 – 06:00	Community visit Athletic/gym wear, sneakers (appropriate for aerobic exercise activity) Insect repellent recommended	Community Space - Govindra Roopnarine Recreation Grounds (Metronomes Sports and Cultural Club) Rock Road, Penal. Location: https://g.co/kgs/iVqtDMq 1:30pm Depart POS 3:00pm Arrive at community 3:15pm Community talk - learn about area, club, prevention work 4:00pm Coffee break 4:15pm Immersion in Pilot Programme - Art Activity (participants will join in the activities) 5:30pm Immersion in Pilot Programme - Aerobic Workout (participants will join in the activities) - Penal is a city in southern Trinidad with about 12,000 inhabitants, mostly of East Indian descent, and a growing Venezuelan immigrant population. It has a young population and a rich cultural heritage. Although it benefits from agriculture and good infrastructure, the city faces challenges such as seasonal flooding, limited youth support programmes and economic constraints. Substance abuse among young people, particularly alcohol, marijuana and cocaine, is a major problem. - The Metronomes Sports and Cultural Club, founded in 1958, is a family-run, non-profit organisation based in Penal, dedicated to promoting sports, cultural activities

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		<p>and youth development. The club actively engages the community through free fitness sessions, participation in major sporting events and the organisation of cultural and social gatherings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The people we will meet: Community representatives, Members of the Metronomes Sports and Cultural Club - Coach, Executive Members, Community stakeholders (including medical professionals), Participants of the 'Art of Prevention' pilot programme. <p>Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/Metronomessportsandculturalclub Instagram:https://www.instagram.com/metronomes_sc_club?igsh=MXFzMmlmc2sxbWprZg==</p>
06:30 – 07:30	Dinner at the community Cultural activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dinner offered by the community (to be paid by each participant). • Cultural activity, Exchange fair in which each country will show and exchange as a present a significative object from their community.
07:30	Departure from community	
DAY III - 27/03/2025. WAYS FORWARD		
09:00 – 10:30	Session 10 Training and capacity building models	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irene Parra, Corporación Consentidos, Colombia. • All participants
10:30 – 11:00	Session 11 Proposal for network collaboration between countries in order to generate continuity and sustainability. Collaborative proposals. Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raquel Barros, RAISS – COPOLAD III. • All participants
11:00 – 11:20	Coffee break	
11:20 – 01:00	Session 11 (Cont.) Proposal for network collaboration between countries in order to generate continuity and sustainability. Collaborative proposals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raquel Barros, RAISS – COPOLAD III. • All participants
01:00 – 02:30	Lunch	
02.30 – 04:00	Session 10 (Cont.) Proposal for network collaboration between countries in order to generate continuity and sustainability. Collaborative proposals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raquel Barros, RAISS – COPOLAD III. <p>All participants</p>
04:00 – 04:30	Session 12 Ways forward	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raquel Barros
04:30 – 05:30	Exchange fair	
05:30 – 06:00	Session 13 Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mercedes Alonso. Programme Manager COPOLAD III • Lyra Thompson-Hollingsworth. Coordinator National Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Programme. Ministry of Health, Trinidad & Tobago.

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