

COPOLAD III ANNUAL MEETING

A COMMON CHALLENGE, A SHARED STRATEGY

06 – 07 May 2025
National Stadium,
Aleja Poniatowskiego 1, 03-901 Warsaw, Poland



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

AGENDA

TUESDAY, 6 MAY 2025

08:00–09:00 PARTICIPANTS REGISTRATION

09:00–09:30 OPENING SESSION

- Michal ALEKSANDROWICZ - Head of the Department for Combating Organised Drug Crime, Ministry of Police of Poland. EU Co-Chair of the EU-CELAC Mechanism on Drugs.
- Daniel PRADO, Ambassador of Colombia to the Kingdom of Belgium. Co-chair CELAC EU-CELAC Mechanism on Drugs.
- Antonella CAVALLARI, Secretary General of the International Italo-Latin American Organisation, IILA.
- Francisco TIERRASECA, Director of the International and Ibero-American Foundation for Public Administration and Policy, FIAP.
- Olga BAUS, Head of Unit (A), Country Programmes for Latin America and the Caribbean, INTPA B2.

9:30 – 10:00 SESSION 1. MEETING OBJECTIVES AND PROGRESS OF THE COPOLAD III PROGRAMME

- Borja DÍAZ, COPOLAD III Program Director, FIAP.

10:00 - 11:00 SESSION 2. CURRENT CONTEXT, PROBLEMS, AND PERSPECTIVES IN THE EU/LAC REGION

- Alexis GOOSDEEL, Executive Director of EUDA.
EU-LAC cooperation in times of global drug market reconfiguration and multilateral cooperation.

Panel discussion:

Moderator: Peggy MARTINELLO, Director of the Public Administration and Social Affairs department, FIAP.

- Alexander RIVERA, Director of Drug Policy and Related Activities, Ministry of Justice and Law of Colombia.
- Olga BAUS, Head of Unit (A), Country Programmes for Latin America and the Caribbean, INTPA B2.
- Terrence FOUNTAIN, Director of the National Drug Policy and Planning Agency, Bahamas.
- Ivan BRISCOE, Senior Director for Policy at the International Crisis Group's.

11:00 - 11:20 COFFEE BREAK

11:20 - 12:30 SESSION 3: SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE TO ADDRESS EMERGING CHALLENGES

Improving the quality of information and scientific evidence through the strengthening of National Drug Observatories, their research and exchange networks to strengthen early warning systems and drug policies.

Moderator: Graciela AHUMADA, Task Force COPOLAD III

Panel discussion:

COPOLAD III es un consorcio formado por:



Socios colaboradores:



- Cécile MARTEL, Director International Relations, EUDA.
- Pilar VARONA, Vice-minister of Justice, Cuba.
- Andrea ZAPPAROLI NDO Anti-drugs Policy Directorate. Presidency of the Italian Council of Ministers.
- Héctor SUÁREZ, Director of the Uruguayan Drug Observatory, JND. Uruguay.

Questions and comments (15 min)

12:30 – 13:30 LUNCH

14:00 – 15:00 SESSION 4. SYNTHETIC DRUGS, NEW PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCES AND CHEMICAL PRECURSORS

Address and counteract the manufacture and trafficking of New Psychoactive Substances (NPS), other synthetic drugs, and associated precursor chemicals, their consequences for public safety and their social, health and economic impact on the individuals and communities affected.

Moderator: Roberto Moro. Secretary of Integral Policies on Drugs of Argentina (SEDRONAR).

Panel discussion:

- Marya HYNES. Director Inter-American Observatory on Drugs. CICAD - OAS.
- Artur MALCZEWSKI, Head of the Department of Research, Monitoring and International Cooperation, National Centre for Addiction Prevention, Poland.
- José Luis BALTANÁS, Head of Service, Precursors Area, CITCO.
- Massimo BARBAGLIA, Central Directorate Anti-Drug Services Ministry of the Interior Italy

Questions and comments (15 min).

15:00 – 16:00 SESSION 5: PROBLEMATIC USE AND VULNERABILITIES: TOWARD A MORE INTEGRATED AND INCLUSIVE VISION

Moderator: Inés Elvira Mejía. COPOLAD III Expert

Panel discussion:

- Natalia RIFFO, Director SENDA Chile.
- Gabriel ROSSI, Secretary General, National Drugs Board of Uruguay.
- Sonsoles GUTIÉRREZ, Nurse expert in addictions, Madrid City Council, Spain.
- Alejandra RUBIO, Area Director, CONASAMA, Mexico.

Questions and comments (15 min).

16:00 – 17:00 SESSION 6. BUILDING A CULTURE OF LEGALITY IN TERRITORIES PARTICULARLY AFFECTED BY DRUG TRAFFICKING

The most violent urban and rural territories are those where the control of drug trafficking is embedded in a fabric torn by evident inequality gaps and lack of opportunities. What responses can be offered by local authorities, civil society and the private sector to the challenges of insecurity in the territories?

Moderation: Massimo Meccheri, Programme manager, COPOLAD III - IILA

Panel discussion:

- Stefano CIAVELA, Coordinator of the Office of the Special Commissioner for functional infrastructural and social improvement interventions in highly vulnerable territories. Presidency of the Italian Council of Ministers.
- Jhonny Alejandro MARIN, General coordinator of goods for peace, Permanent Commission on HHRR Colombia.
- Gabriel OLIVEIRA, Superintendent of drug policies and support for vulnerable groups, Bahia State, Brazil.
- Gabriela RODRÍGUEZ, Technical expert GAFILAT (Latin American Financial Action Group)

Questions and comments (15 min). Questions and comments (15 min).

WEDNESDAY, 7 MAY 2025

08:30 – 09:00 PARTICIPANTS REGISTRATION

09:00 – 10:00 SESSION 7: HUMANIZING DRUG POLICY. RESPONSES FROM JUDICIAL SYSTEMS

The need for more equitable and effective justice responds to the realities of women, adolescents, and vulnerable populations affected by minor drug-related offenses. Opportunities that the tools generated by COPOLAD offer for greater humanization of criminal justice for minor drug offenses involving vulnerable groups

- **Moderation:** Américo GEGALOTO, President of the Commission for the dissuasion of drug addiction of Setúbal - Institute for Addictive Behaviour and Dependencies ICAD, Portugal.

Panel discussion:

- Marco FANDIÑO, General Coordinator of COMJIB.
- Javier de Jesús ESQUIVEL, General Defender of the Ministry of Public Defence, Paraguay.
- Kenya ROMERO, Coordinating Judge of the Instruction Courts of the National District, Judicial Power, Dominican Republic.
- Cheryl ST. LOUIS, Ministry of National Security Trinidad & Tobago.

Questions and comments (15 min).

10:00 – 11:00 SESSION 8: ENVIRONMENT AND DRUGS

Promoting a technical and political dialogue on the nexus between drugs and the environment, making visible the responses that are emerging from Latin America and Europe in the face of this shared challenge. The session will seek to generate ideas for a joint strategy, articulating prosecutors' offices, environmental authorities, anti-drug agencies and international cooperation spaces.

Moderator: Juan Carlos GARZÓN, Environment and Drugs Specialist. COPOLAD III Consultant.

Panel discussion:

- Angely del Pilar MAÍLLO, Specialised Prosecutor of the Environment and Natural Resources Unit of the Colombian Prosecutor's Office, Coordinator of the AIAMP Environmental Protection Network.
- Mafalda PARDAL, International Policy Analyst, EUDA.
- Marta MACHADO, Director of the National Anti-Drug Secretariat of Brazil.
- Fabio SANTOS, Advisor, Global Partnership on Drug Policies and Development (GPDPD), GIZ

Questions and comments (15 min).

11:00 – 11:20 COFFEE BREAK

11:20 – 12:30 SESSION 9: GENDER AND DRUGS

Moderator: Patricia MARTÍNEZ, Consultant specialising in gender and drugs, COPOLAD III.

Speakers:

- Juan Carlos MURILLO, Director of the Public Defense of Costa Rica. Deputy General Coordination AIDEF.
- Carine MUTATAYI, Scientific Analyst, French Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug addiction (OFDT).
- Ana Linda SOLANO, expert of COPOLAD III Programme.
- Sarah DAVID, Head of Project Global Partnership on Drug Policies and Development (GPDPD), GIZ.

Questions and comments (15 min)

12:30 – 13:30 LUNCH

14:00 – 15:00 SESSION 10: STRENGTHENING THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN EU /CELAC ON DRUGS

Reflection on joint bi-regional coordination work. Concrete progress in the relationship between COPOLAD and the CELAC-EU Mechanism on Drugs.

Moderation: Mercedes Alonso, COPOLAD Programme Officer in Brussels.

Panel discussion:

- Michal ALEKSANDROWICZ - Head of the Department for Combating Organised Drug Crime, Ministry of Police of Poland.
- Germán CALDERÓN, Coordinator for Drug Related Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Colombia. CELAC Co-Chair of the EU/CELAC Mechanism on Drugs.
- Ellen MARTÍNEZ, Minister Counsellor, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of the Dominican Republic to the Kingdom of Belgium and Mission to the European Union. New CELAC Co-Presidency as from 8 May 2025.
- Elena ÁLVAREZ, Deputy Director General of Institutional Relations, Government Delegation for the National Drug Plan, Ministry of Health, Spain.

Questions and comments (15 min)

15:00 – 16:00 SESSION 11. CONCLUSIONS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

Moderation: Borja DÍAZ, Director COPOLAD, FIAP

- Antón GÓMEZ, Communicator and Scientific Researcher, Canal Drogopedia.
- Paulette SPENCER SMITH, Executive Director, NCD, Jamaica.
- Angels GIMÉNEZ BOFARULL Policy Officer, Organised Crime and Drug Policy DG HOME.
- Oriol ESCULIES, Vice-President of the European Union Civil Society Drugs Forum.

16:00 –16:30 SESSION 12. CLOSING

- Claudia LIEBERS, Programme Manager, Country Programmes for Latin America and the Caribbean, INTPA B2.
- Lorenzo TORDELLI, Coordinator of the European Programmes of the International Italo-Latin American Organisation, IILA.
- Francisco TIERRASECA, Director of the International and Ibero-American Foundation for Public Administration and Policy, FIAP.
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