

COPOLAD III ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

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

TUESDAY, 6 MAY 2025

08:00–09:00 PARTICIPANTS REGISTRATION

09:00–09:30 OPENING SESSION

- Olga BAUS, Head of Unit (A), Country Programmes for Latin America and the Caribbean, INTPA B2.
- Michał 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.
- Nicolás MEJÍA. Counsellor. Embassy of Colombia to the Kingdom of Belgium, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and Mission to the European Union and NATO. CELAC Co-Chair of the EU/CELAC Mechanism on Drugs.
- Francisco TIERRASECA, Director of the International and Ibero-American Foundation for Public Administration and Policy, FIAP.
- Antonella CAVALLARI, Secretary General of the International Italo-Latin American Organisation, IILA.

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 – FAMILY PHOTO

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:

- Cécile MARTEL, Director International Relations, EUDA.
- Pilar VARONA, Vice-minister of Justice, Cuba.

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Socios colaboradores:



- 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, Director of International Cooperation of the National Commission for Mental Health and Addictions of the Ministry of Health, 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.
- Marta MACHADO, Director of the National Anti-Drug Secretariat of 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.
- 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.
- Javier ESQUIVEL, General Defender of the Ministry of Public Defence, Paraguay.

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 MÁLLO, 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:

- Carine MUTATAYI, Scientific Analyst, French Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug addiction (OFDT).
- Ana Linda SOLANO, expert of COPOLAD III Programme.
- Juan Carlos PÉREZ MURILLO, Director of the Public Defense of Costa Rica. Deputy General Coordination AIDEF.
- 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.
- Nicolás MEJÍA. Counsellor. Embassy of Colombia to the Kingdom of Belgium, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and Mission to the European Union and NATO. 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 – 15:30 SESSION 11. CONCLUSIONS

Moderation: Antón GÓMEZ- ESCOBAR, Communicator and Scientific Researcher, Canal Drogopedia.

- Francisco TIERRASECA, Director of the International and Ibero-American Foundation for Public Administration and Policy, FIAP.
- Lorenzo TORDELLI, Coordinator of the European Programmes of the International Italo-Latin American Organisation, IILA.
- Paulette SPENCER SMITH, Executive Director, NCDA. Jamaica.
- Oriol ESCULIES, International Delegate. Proyecto Hombre Association. Vice-President of the EU Civil Society Forum on Drugs.

15:30 – 16:00 CIERRE

- Claudia LIEBERS GIL, Programme Manager, Country Programmes for Latin America and the Caribbean, INTPA B2.
- Michal ALEKSANDROWICZ - Head of the Department for Combating Organised Drug Crime, Ministry of Police, Poland.
- Alejandro de Jesus ABREU President of the National Drug Council, Dominican Republic.

16:00 – 17:00 THE CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES MEETING

- Meeting organised by the future CELAC Copresidency, The Dominican Republic, with representatives of the Caribbean countries.