

Observatorios de Drogas frente a nuevos retos globales

*National Drug Observatories facing new global
challenges*

Ciudad de México

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The NDO facing a
complex reality

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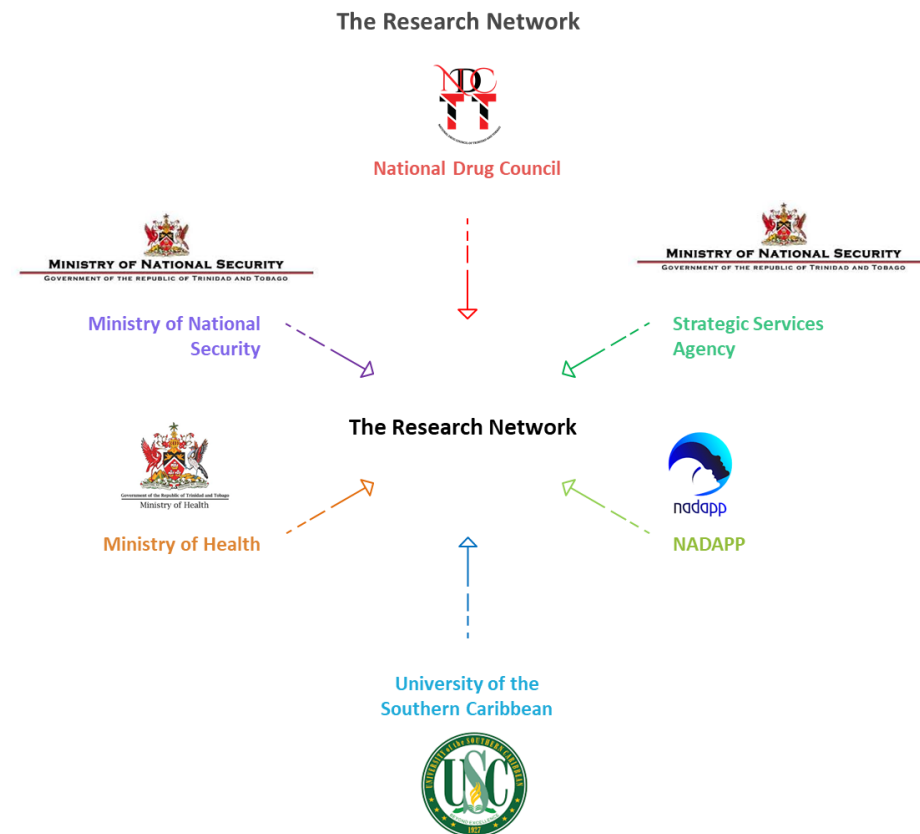
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The Network of Researchers on Narcotic Drugs (NRND)

The Research Network consist of the following agencies:

- ✓ The National Drug Council of Trinidad and Tobago (NDC)
- ✓ The Strategic Services Agency, Ministry of National Security (SSA)
- ✓ The National Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Programme, Ministry of Health (NADAPP)
- ✓ The University of the Southern Caribbean (USC)
- ✓ The Ministry of Health, Research and Policy Unit (MOH)
- ✓ The Ministry of National Security, Research Unit (MNS)



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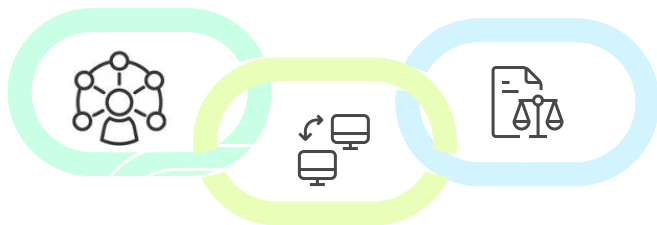
Objectives of the Network of Researchers

Research Collaboration

Encourages interdisciplinary teamwork for comprehensive research.

Policy and Advocacy

Informs policies with evidence-based recommendations.



Data and Resource Sharing

Enhances research efficiency through shared resources and methodologies.

- ✓ **NDC:** Provides leadership and coordination for drug policy and research ensuring alignment with the National Research Agenda
- ✓ **SSA:** Provides security insights linking supply reduction with National Security
- ✓ **NADAPP:** Focuses on demand reduction through prevention, treatment and rehabilitation programmes
- ✓ **USC :** Adds academic capacity, methodological rigour and evidence-based recommendations for drug control
- ✓ **MOH:** Ensures drug research and policy link directly with public health priorities and healthcare delivery
- ✓ **MNS:** Facilitates evidence-based policy making by working collaboratively with the NDC

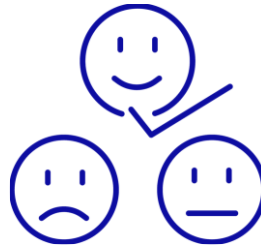
Lessons from the Call for Proposals

Obstacles



- Communication barriers and lengthy approval processes slowed progress

Reactions



- Agencies responded positively, valuing the research network and national agenda despite initial challenges.

Favourable Conditions



- Despite the challenges, the network successfully collaborated to develop the National Research Agenda

Dialogue between Research Network and Policymakers

- ✓ Collaboration was led by the National Drug Council, responsible for drug policy & National Drug Control Plan 2021–2025.
- ✓ Research findings informed policy priorities (e.g., gender & criminal justice, rise of synthetic drugs, clandestine labs).
- ✓ Data from the Drug Information Network provided evidence for identifying gaps & needs.
- ✓ Regular meetings & consultations held with researchers, academics and technical experts.
- ✓ Continuous exchange ensured research guided policy, and policy objectives shaped research.
- ✓ Process informed both the 2021–2025 plan and preparation of the 2026–2030 plan.

Priority areas of the National Research Agenda

Priority Areas	Criteria
I. Domestic Production, Distribution and/or Trafficking of Synthetic Drugs	✓ Public Health Impact:
II. Determinants, Prevalence, and Patterns, of Drug Use (including Synthetic Drugs), among Vulnerable, Marginalized and High-Risk Groups	✓ Policy Relevance:
III. Effectiveness of Current Supply and Demand Reduction Strategies	✓ Data Deficiency:
	✓ Feasibility:
	✓ Alignment with National Goals
	✓ Stakeholder Interest



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