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DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INFORMATION SYSTEM  
ARGENTINE DRUGS OBSERVATORY



## Design and Implementation of the Information System Argentine Drugs Observatory

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### Conditions Needed for Launch of an Observatory

- Regulatory framework – legality
- Political decision – budget and institutional support
- Management decisions: viability and agility, partnerships with other institutions, openness and participation, cooperation
- Conceptual decisions on what is to be analyzed
- Decisions about methods
- Definition of strategy and plan of action

**BACKGROUND AND REGULATORY  
FRAMEWORK**

## Regulatory Framework

- 1989 SEDRONAR created, attached to the PEN
- Decree 623/96: Centralize information on drugs
- Decree 1339/96: Coordinate planning and program execution
- Decree 1066/97: Federal Information System on Undue Consumption and Control of Narcotic and Psychotropic Substances.
- Recommendations from 1997-1999 / 1999-2000 MEM rounds
- 2001: Resolution SEDRONAR No. 800
- 2005: Resolution SEDRONAR No. 209
- Decree 1256/07: National Board of the OAD

## Primary Responsibility

Ensure national and international decision-making agencies the availability of valid, adequate data for assessing the national situation vis-à-vis addictive substances, supporting and coordinating the production of information within different state and civil society agencies that work in the area.

## Actions (Decree 1256/07)

- Participate in the coordination, gathering, and analysis of information.
- Assess the prevalence and incidence of drug abuse, patterns of usage and abuse, and trends.
- Produce studies on population given assistance for drug abuse problems.
- Promote the community strategy of "epidemiological windows," coordinating their implementation and operations.
- Produce studies on topics related to the control of drug trafficking and the production of illicit substances, precursor chemicals, and legal drugs.
- Promote research and studies on issues of importance related to the drug abuse problem.
- Disseminate information, through the publication of periodic reports
- Collaborate with the Inter-American Drug Observatory (OID), with the countries of Latin America, and with EMCDDA, to optimize the comparability of the available information.
- Advise political and institutional bodies regarding existing priorities in the area of drugs and possible steps to be taken.

Management from planning

**STRATEGY AND PLAN OF ACTION**

## Target Situation

### AVAILABILITY OF SYSTEMATIC, COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION FOR DIAGNOSTICS AND EVALUATIONS

- Systematize the information available in Argentina from state and private institutions involved with the use of addictive substances (including alcohol, tobacco, and psychiatric drugs) and with controlling drug trafficking (movements, precursor chemicals, and money laundering).
- Complete and promote thematic coverage in relevant areas of knowledge about the undue consumption of addictive substances, treatment, and controlling the drug supply.
- Promote the creation of key information within the community on topics of relevance for preventing and treating the undue consumption of psychoactive substances.

### SERVE AS AN EFFICIENT LINKING MECHANISM BETWEEN OBSERVATORIES

- Promote the strengthening and/or launch of Provincial Drug Observatories or Technical Teams.

### SERVE AS THE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL REFERENCE POINT FOR THE PRODUCTION OF INFORMATION

- Achieve legitimacy as a national agency in the production of official information on drug use problems.

## Key Aspects, Mechanisms, and Management Decisions

- Management and allocation of its own budget (SEDRONAR) for funding the research programs and activities defined annually
- Partnerships with universities and research centers
- Participation at the international level
- Dissemination strategy and participation of the OAD at conferences, seminars, workshops on these topics, and in the media.

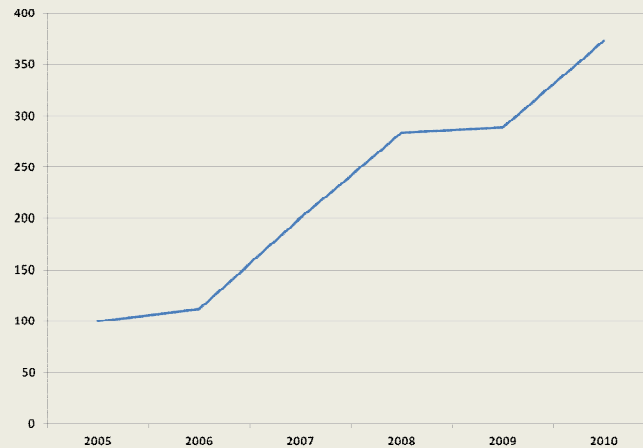
## **INSTITUTIONAL AND BUDGETARY MANAGEMENT**

### **Institutional Management**

- Appointment of an Executive Coordinator and a Technical Coordinator
- Creation of a stable, multidisciplinary team of professionals (staff)
- Administrative support
- Annual definition of a Research and Activities Plan

## Budget Allocation

Evolution of total budget in pesos (base line 2005=100)  
executed by the Argentine Drugs Observatory, 2005-2010



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executed by the Argentine Drugs Observatory, 2005-2010

Item	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Agreements with Int. Orgs.	100	113	127	146	162	168
Universities						
Human	100	104	195	378	573	929
Trav/per diems	100	199	125	375	305	352
Other	100	27	80	91	151	327
Total pesos	100	112	201	284	288	373
Total dollars	100	108	185	253	245	309
Total dollars OAD	347,312	374,075	643,552	879,344	851,585	1,074,537
OAD/ SEDRONAR	8.0	6.0	9.6	9.4	7.3	7.2

## AGREEMENTS WITH UNIVERSITIES

### BACKGROUND AND AGREEMENTS ESTABLISHED

- **Agreements signed with:**
  - UBA
  - Faculty of Medicine and Psychology of the UNC
  - Instituto Gino Germani (UBA)
  - School of Economics and Business (UGSM)
  - Universidad de la Patagonia Austral (UNPA)
  - Universidad Nacional de Tres de Febrero (UNTREF)
  - Universidad Tecnológica Nacional (UTN)
  - Universidad de Villa María (UNVM)
  - Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO)
  - International Institute for Educational Planning (IPE – UNESCO)
  - Universidad Abierta Interamericana (UAI)
  - Consejo Interuniversitario Nacional (CIN)



## Actions

- **Thesis workshops:**
  - Faculty of Medicine and Psychology of the UNC
- **Study among university students:**
  - UNC, UNTREF, UBA, UAI, UNSJ: on-line methodology
  - National and regional sampling in 2005 and 2006
- **Joint research projects:**
  - Instituto Gino Germani (UBA)
  - School of Economics and Business (UGSM)
  - Universidad Nacional de Tres de Febrero (UNTREF)
  - University de Villa María (UNVM)
  - Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO)
  - International Institute for Educational Planning (IIEP –UNESCO)
  - Universidad Pedagógica de la Provincia de Buenos Aires

**INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES**

## Forums, Programs, and Projects

- Subregional Drug Information and Research System (UNODC-CICAD) from 2000 to date.
- LA and EU Drug Policy Cooperation Program (COPOLAD), coordination of Component 2 activities.
- SMART Program
- Latin American Drug Researchers Network (REDLA)
- Technical collaboration with CICAD
- Attendance at UNASUR and MERCOSUR technical meetings
- Attendance at bilateral meetings with different countries
- Attendance at meetings of experts to determine methodologies (mortality, drugs-crime)

**DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION**

## Information Distribution Methods; Target Audiences

- Dissemination via an updated web site, organized by topics and general and specific reports
- Electronic Information Bulletin (every two weeks, late 2009 to date)
- Printed reports
- Presentation at conferences, seminars, workshops, postgraduate courses
- Presence in the mass media: TV, radio, newspapers, and magazines

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## Areas for Further Exploration and Progress

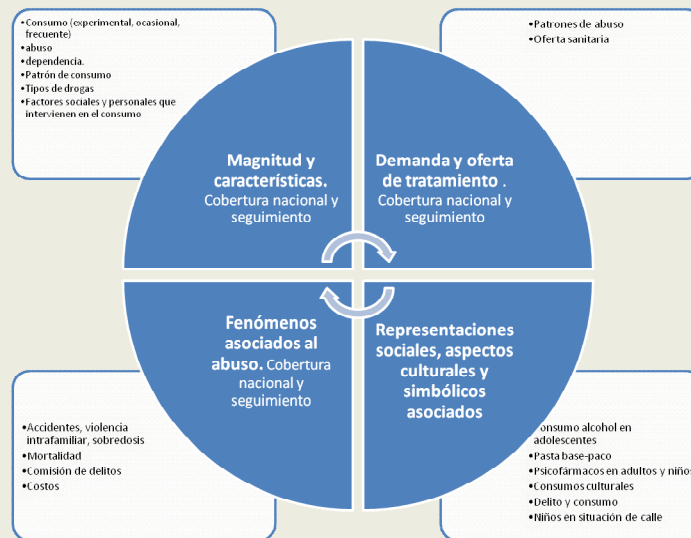
- ü Progress and improvements in the supply-related information system
- ü Analytical integration of supply and demand data
- ü Progress with studies into the chemical composition of substances (paco, marijuana, and synthetic drugs)
- ü Progress with assembling the Argentine Drug Researchers Network
- ü Further strengthening of the provincial observatories
- ü Progress with agreements with other agencies (ministries of health, justice, internal affairs) for recording and exchanging information related to drug use; improve protocols

CONCEPTUAL AND METHODOLOGICAL DECISIONS  
AND DESIGN OF THE ANNUAL PLAN

## What is the OAD's Object and Purpose?

- Phenomenon of the use and abuse of psychoactive substances and trafficking, taking into consideration economic, political, social, and cultural dimensions and local differences.
- Describe, explain, assess trends.
- For the design of precise, effective strategies for prevention, treatment, and research.

## Comprehensive Information for Diagnoses and Evaluation



## Coverage of Available Data

Magnitud y características del consumo	SUR	Cuyo	Centro	NEA	NOA		Población 12 - 65 años 2004-2006-2008-2010																	
	80% de población					20%																		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	100% de población																							Estudiantes del Nivel Medio 12 - 17 años 2001-2005-2007-2009-2011
Demanda y oferta de tratamiento	R 1	R 2	R 3	R 4	R 5	AMBA	Estudiantes universitarios 2005/6																	
	100%																							
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	100% de centros																							Censo de Centros de Tratamiento 2003 - 2008- 2010
	S	C	N	N	C																			Registro Continuo de Pacientes en tratamiento 2005-2009
	25%				75%																			
	SUR	CUYO	CENTRO	NEA	NOA	Pacientes en tratamiento 2003-2010																		
	100% de pacientes																							

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Fenómenos asociados	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24		
	Pacientes en salas de emergencia 2003-2005-2007-2009																									
	1				2			3		4	23%															Población adulta privada de libertad. 2009
	77%																									
	Programas cerrados																							Adolescentes infractores o presuntos a la ley penal 2011		
	Programas abiertos																									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24		
Registro Nacional de Defunciones																							Mortalidad asociada al consumo 2004 - 2008			
Cobertura nacional																							Costos asociados a las drogas 2004, 2006 y 2008			

## Needs and Decisions (I)

### Evaluar programas de SEDRONAR

- Evaluación de programas de tratamiento en pacientes subsidiados
- Evaluación del Programa Quiero Ser

### Producción de información local/barrial para la acción en la comunidad

- Diseño de ventanas epidemiológicas en el sistema de atención primaria de la salud, llegando a 16 provincias en el 2011.
- Evaluación y seguimiento

### Profundizar sobre el territorio de la Provincia de Buenos Aires (38.9%) 15,5 millones de habitantes

- Estudios específicos cualitativos, antropológicos, análisis de fuentes secundarias
- Sobre muestras en estudios nacionales
- Sondeos de opinión pública

## Needs and Decisions (II)

### Conocer la opinión de la población sobre aspectos puntuales

- Sondeos telefónicos para conocer aspectos de la opinión pública en temas de drogas (despenalización, evaluación del problema, identificación de drogas de mayor daño, etc)

### Incorporar nuevos temas y análisis de la problemática

- El cine y las adicciones
- Embarazo adolescente y drogas
- Medicalización y sociedad
- Armonización legislativa

### Sistematizar información producida por otras áreas de SEDRONAR y Difusión de información

- Desarrollo de programas informáticos para las áreas del CEDECOR, 0800, Subsidios
- Gestión de la web y boletines informativos

Thank you very much

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