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**CICAD: 25 YEARS OF HEMISPHERIC SOLIDARITY**

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# **CICAD: 25 Years of Hemispheric Solidarity**

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## Initial Assessment

- Political and Social Impact
- Passion and Commitment
- Institutional Growth



## Vision for Executive Secretariat

- Professional Excellence
- Openness and Transparency
- Fulfillment of Commission's Mandates
- Flexibility and Adaptability
- Mutual Respect
- Creativity in Resource Mobilization



## Fellowship Program

- Opportunity for professional enrichment for highly performing mid level professionals
- Three to six month fellowships with Executive Secretariat
- Specialized projects or more general policy work
- Cost sharing between home country and Executive Secretariat



## Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission

25 Years of Accomplishment:

- Policy Development
- Multilateral Evaluation
- Institution Building
- Capacity Building



## Rio Plan of Action - April 1986



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### Political milestone:

- Hemispheric cooperation increasingly vital to effective efforts to reduce demand for drugs, prevent drug abuse, and combat unlawful drug trafficking.

### Programmatic vision:

- Effective Inter-American response in research, information exchange, training, and mutual assistance



## CICAD Executive Secretary Irv Tragen



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“Helping to create CICAD was a unique experience. Getting member states to agree that they should work together in confronting a common concern was challenging and drafting the Program of Rio de Janeiro in language that all would accept was daunting.”



## Anti-Drug Strategy in the Hemisphere, 1996



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- Shared Responsibility
- Global perspective
- International Cooperation
- Balanced approach between demand and supply reduction



## CICAD: Hemispheric Inclusiveness



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### Executive Secretary David Beall

“I got the rest of the states to join CICAD specifically to make the organization complete for the Americas”



## Policy Development: Supply Reduction



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- Model regulations on chemical control
- Guide for private sector chemical/pharmaceutical support
- Guide on internet diversion of pharmaceuticals
- Model legislation on submersibles and semi submersibles



Reuters / Frady Buller

**Impact: 24 CICAD countries have developed norms on precursors and chemical controls**

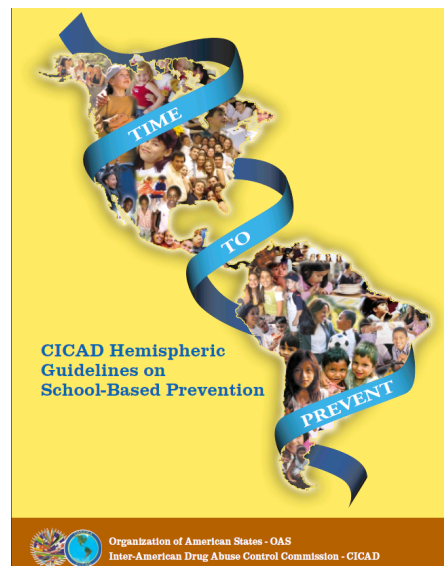
## Policy development – Demand Reduction



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- Declaration of Principles on Drug Treatment and Rehabilitation in the Hemisphere
- Hemispheric Guidelines on School Prevention and Workplace Prevention

**Impact: More than 20 Countries have developed school prevention programs using the Hemispheric Guidelines.**



## Policy Development: Drug Legislation



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- **CICAD is developing first compilation of drugs laws in the hemisphere**
- **CICAD experts conducting comparative studies on legislative and regulatory regimes in place in member countries.**

**Impact: Data base and studies will provide CICAD members valuable comparative tool to upgrade legislation.**



## Evidence Based Tools to Guide Policy



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- Statistical Summary on Drugs (1999, 2001, 2003)
- Comparative Study on Drugs in the Americas (2003)
- Final report to estimate the socio economic costs of drugs in the Americas (2005)
- Youth and Drugs in South American Countries: a challenge to drug policies (2006)
- Relationship between Drugs and Crime among Youth Offenders (2010)
- Sub-regional Report on Drug Use in Secondary School Population (2010)
- Drug Consumption in incarcerated population and the relationship between crime and drugs (2010)
- Comparative Analysis of Student Drug Use in Caribbean Countries (2010)
- Report on Drug Use in the Americas (2011)

# Multilateral Evaluation



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- 1998 Summit of the Americas mandates design of a mechanism for multilateral evaluation of country drug policies

**Impact: During its first 12 years, MEM has assigned member states a total of 2,053 recommendations.**



# MEM - 12 years in operation



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First Evaluation Round 1999-2000: **427 recs**

Second Evaluation Round 2001-2002: **325 recs**

Third Evaluation Round 2003-2004: **498 recs**

Fourth Evaluation Round 2005-2006: **453 recs**

Fifth Evaluation Round 2007-2009: **350 recs**

**Most of them have been implemented or in the process of implementation**

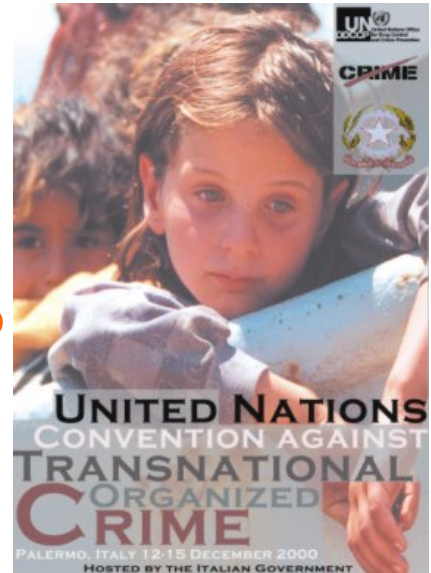


## Multilateral Evaluation



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- **Impact:**
  - 37 ratifications of U.N. and hemispheric conventions by member states.
  - 50 ratifications of U.N. Palermo convention protocols by member states.



## MEM investment



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- Identify vulnerabilities in hemisphere in policies and programmes
- Brings together national institutions & agencies in Hemisphere
- Improves national coordination on drug control issues
- Enables countries to benefit from similar experiences
- Opportunity for all countries to be equal partners in the evaluation process

# Institution Building: Drug Control

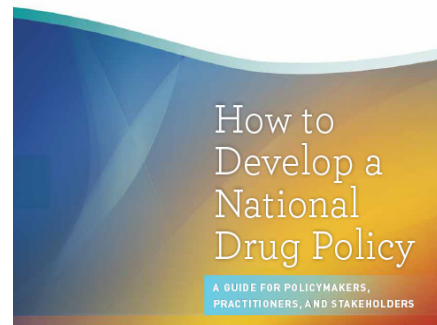


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## Growth of National Drug Control authorities and National Drug policies

**Impact:** More than 16 Countries have developed national studies, drug information systems, and surveys on drugs.

**11 Countries have developed their National Drug Policy following CICAD's Guidelines**



Department of  
Economic and Social  
Affairs (2012)



United Nations  
World Drug Report  
(2012)



Latin American and  
Caribbean Commission  
(CICAD) (2012)

# Institution Building: Asset forfeiture



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- Comparative studies and best practices manual on forfeiture, confiscation and seized and asset administration (BIDAL project)

**Impact:**

**Action plans on:**

- National systems of asset investigation,
- Seized and forfeited asset administration
- New laws and regulation on asset management.



## Institution Building: University Outreach



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- Introduced drug content into Graduate and Post Graduate curricula
- Expanded university outreach and research on drug related themes.
- Developed multidisciplinary model of partnership with universities in 27 countries in hemisphere.

**Impact:** Introduction of drug related themes into nursing, medicine, public health, education, psychology, law, and social science faculties.



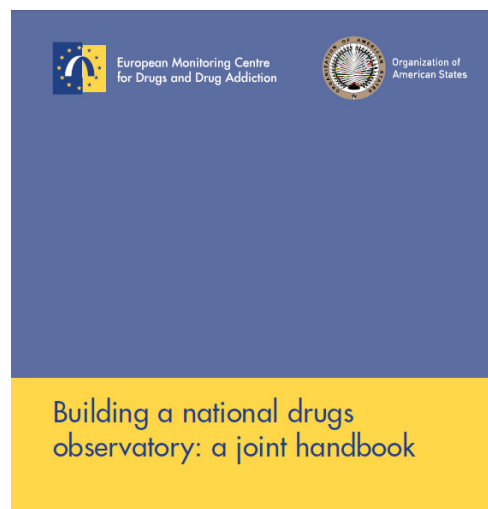
## Institution Building : Observatories



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### Building a National Drugs Observatory: A Joint Handbook (EMCDDA-CICAD)

**Impact:** More than 16 Countries have developed national studies, drug information systems, and surveys on drugs with CICAD's assistance.



## Institution Building: Drug Treatment Courts



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- Court-monitored drug treatment programs as alternative to incarceration
- Consistent with new Hemispheric Drug Strategy
- Seminars and training for judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, and treatment providers.

**Impact:** Program expanding from base countries (U.S., Canada, Chile, Jamaica, Mexico) to Argentina, Trinidad, Costa Rica and the Dominican Republic .



## Institution Building: Money Laundering



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- Development of model regulations on money laundering

**Impact:** More than 17 Countries established and/or strengthened Financial Intelligence Units in Latin America with CICAD assistance.



## Capacity Building: Money Laundering



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- Courses for Judges and Prosecutors, Agents of law enforcement on Money Laundering
- Mock trials and investigation

### Impact:

- More investigators
- Better judicial decisions
- More money confiscated



## Capacity Building: Law Enforcement



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- Andean Regional Counterdrug Intelligence School (ERCAIAD)  
– only regional counterdrug intelligence facility.
- Impact: 1,500 officers trained in last 12 years; program may be expanded to the Caribbean.
- Trainers: Regional and International
  - Expertise
  - Perspective



## Capacity Building: Drug Treatment Counselors



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- Integrated approach to capacity building through training and certification of drug prevention and treatment counselors.



### Impact:

- Expansion from Central America and Mexico to the Caribbean
- 26 Countries participating
- More than 2,500 Treatment institutions
- 3,100 trained (2007-2011)
- Initial assessment in El Salvador suggest “that patients participating in treatment were positively impacted”\*

\* An outcome evaluation of Drug Abuse Treatment in El Salvador.



## Our People: Key to CICAD's success



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### Member States:

- CICAD Commission Chair and Vice Chair
- CICAD Expert Group Chairs and delegates
- CICAD MEM GEG and IWG delegates



**Impact: Time and resource commitments of member state officials critical to providing technical and political support for CICAD**

## Our People: Key to CICAD's Success



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### Executive Secretariat:

- 40 top-notch professionals drawn from across the drug control spectrum: statisticians, public health professionals, lawyers, social workers, pharmacists, prosecutors, political scientists and economists.
- Multinational, multilingual staff drawn from 13 countries, united in passion and commitment to public service.

**Impact: Technical knowledge, program skills, and familiarity with member state concerns**

## Partnerships



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- Delegación del Gobierno, Plan Nacional sobre Drogas de España, Ministerio de Sanidad, Política Social e Igualdad. (PND)
- Agencia Española de Cooperación Internacional para el Desarrollo (AECID)
- UNODC
- IDB
- European Union (EU)
- Andean Community (CAN)
- European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA)
- CARICOM
- Interpol
- GAFISUD

## Partnerships



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- Business Alliance for Secure Commerce
- Centre Interministériel de Formation Anti-Drogue (CIFAD)
- Caribbean Customs Law Enforcement Council (CCLEC)
- Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP)
- National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)
- Center for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH)
- Canadian Center for Substance Abuse (CCSA)
- Substance Abuse Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA)

## The Way Ahead



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- **Hemispheric Drug Strategy and Plan of Action, 2010-2015**
  - Human rights
  - Vulnerable groups
  - Gender
  - Public affairs efforts
  - Drug dependency as a chronic, relapsing disease
  - Evidence-based policies
  - Inclusive, multi-stakeholder approach



## The Way Ahead



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## CICAD Executive Secretary James Mack

“Additional funds are much needed if CICAD is to continue to innovate and expand into new subject matter areas in multidimensional security, such as drug-related crime, the Hemispheric Observatory on Citizen Security, violence prevention, and social integration and aftercare for drug-dependent persons.”



## The Way Ahead



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### Issues for discussion:

- **CICAD’s strengths, comparative advantage, and achievements**
- **CICAD’s areas for improvement**
- **Expectations for new Executive Secretary**



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