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The 54th regular session of CICAD/OAS held in Bogota, Colombia, in 2013 marked the inclusion of civil society in the dialogue. This practice has continued in CICAD sessions. While they are not part of the CICAD Regular Sessions, and not binding in character for the Commission, these dialogues serve as a mechanism for presenting promising experiences, actions, and investigations undertaken by civil society actors, as well as encouraging feedback and exchange of ideas. In this way, these sessions aim to promote and strengthen the relationship between Commissioners and civil society, as well as supporting the corresponding discussions and follow-up actions in the CICAD framework. The content of these sessions does not necessarily reflect the position of the OAS or the governments and institutions that sponsor these sessions.

DRUG POLICY INDICATORS

Measuring progress with a focus on individuals

The recent evolution of drug policy in the Americas demands rethinking and refining the indicators we use to measure policy progress. The new approaches followed by most countries, which focus more on the wellbeing of individuals rather than on the substances themselves, is reflected in CICAD's Hemispheric Drug Strategy and Plan of Action 2016-2020. This trend has been recognized at a global level with the adoption of the UNGASS 2016 outcome document, which recognizes the multidimensional nature of the drug problem; the need to address the problem based on evidence and science; and the responsibility of countries to develop effective monitoring and evaluation mechanisms.

Participants will consider:

1. Appropriate indicators to measure the impact of drug policies on the health, safety, development, and human rights of individuals and communities, taking into account a gender perspective.
2. The institutional capacity of countries to measure drug policy effectiveness using appropriate indicators.

AGENDA

Monday, April 24th, 2017

12:00 – 12:10

Welcome

- Participants take their seats (boxed lunch provided)

12:10 – 12:25

Opening Remarks

- **Coletta Youngers**, Washington Office on Latin America (WOLA), Civil Society Representative
- **Claudia Paz y Paz**, Secretary for Multidimensional Security, OAS
- **Carl Francis Smith**, Permanent Secretary, The Bahamas Ministry of National Security (*tbc*)
- Explanation of session methodology

12:25 – 13:25

Panel I: Drug policy indicators and key issues

Moderator: Lisa Sánchez, México Unido contra la Delincuencia

- Drug policy and criminal justice indicators: **Luciana Boiteux**, The Research Consortium on Drugs and the Law (CEDD), - Universidad Federal de Río de Janeiro, Brasil
- Drug policy and organized crime indicators: **Lissette Vásquez**, Myrna Mack Foundation, Guatemala
- Drug policy indicators and most affected populations: **Jeffery Foster**, Voices Of Community Activists & Leaders (VOCAL) - NY's Users Union, United States

13:30 – 14:30

Panel II: Drug policy indicators and cross-cutting perspectives

Moderator: Pablo Cymerman, Intercambios, Argentina

- Drug policy indicators from a gender perspective: **Corina Giacomello**, Equis Justicia para las Mujeres, México
- Drug policy and sustainable development indicators: **Renata Segura**, Social Science Research Council, United States-Colombia
- Drug policy and public health indicators: **Lowena West**, The Bahamas Association for Social Health

14:30 – 14:50

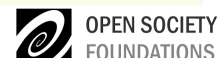
Questions and Answers

Moderator: Pablo Cymerman, Intercambios Argentina

4:50 – 14:55

Closing remarks

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