



**REGIONAL SEMINAR FOR NATIONAL DRUG OBSERVATORIES IN THE
CARIBBEAN
April 4-5, 2018
Ramada Georgetown Princess Hotel
Georgetown, Guyana**

DRAFT AGENDA

Day 1 – April 4

- 08:15 - 09:00 - **Registration**
- 09:00 - 09:30 - **Opening Ceremony**
- 09:30 - 09:45 - **Short Break - Group photo, Departure of Specially invited guests, Administrative matters.**
- 09:45 - 10:15 - **Seminar Objectives and Introductions - Pernell Clarke**
- 10:15 - 10:30 - **Presentation 1: Role of National Drug Observatories - Pernell Clarke**
- 10:30- 11:15 - **A check-in with regional observatories:**
 - Status and Review of Activities in 2016 and 2017 - (All Countries)**
 - Structure of observatory (or its equivalent)**
 - Do you have an active DIN? If yes, please describe.**
 - Studies carried out in the past 2 years (Provide brief summary of results and explain how the results have been disseminated and used for policy or programs)**
 - Are there any new drugs or new ways of using drugs in your country?**
 - What are the challenges being faced by the observatory?**
- 11:15 - 11:30 - **BREAK**
- 11:30 - 12:30 - **The policy making process - Terrance Fountain**
 - Country Examples - Jamaica**
 - Barbados**
- 12:30- 13:00 - **Drug Related Studies under the 10th EDF DDR Project - CARICOM**
- 13:00 - 14:00 - **LUNCH**



- 14:00 - 14:30 - **Standard DIN Indicators: Proposed Pilot**
- 14:30 - 15:15 - **A check-in with regional DINs: Grenada, Guyana, Trinidad & Tobago, Describe your DIN
Who are your stakeholders?
Is your DIN based on a well-defined set of indicators?
What are your thoughts on piloting the standard DIN indicators?**
- 15:15 - 15:35 - **Update on COPOLAD Annual Report Working Group – Clement Henry**
- 15:35 - 15:50 - **Discussion and agreements on standard indicators**
- 15:50 - 16:30 - **Can a DIN be used as an early warning system? – The Bermuda Experience**
- 16:30 - 17:15 - **Discussion: The role of national drug observatories in monitoring and evaluation of programs and policies. Kyla Raynor
Country Examples - Jamaica
- Others TBD**

End of day 1

Day 2 – April 5

- 08:30 - 9:15 - **Drug Abuse Epidemiology – A Refresher - Terrance Fountain**
- 9:15 - 10:45 - **Panel: Recent Household Drug Surveys: Suriname, Guyana, Jamaica, Bahamas**
- 10:45 - 11:15 - **Panel on Marijuana Regulation: Policy Changes in the Caribbean and the implications for research. Jamaica, Belize, Antigua & Barbuda, St. Vincent & the Grenadines will provide details on:
1) The amendments to their legislation
2) Describe the implementation process (or plans for implementation)
3) Suggest research and information needs and how they are being addressed**
- 11:15 - 11:30 - **COFFEE BREAK**
- 11:30 - 12:00 - **Panel on Marijuana Regulation cont'd: Discussion**
- 12:00 - 13:00 - **Report on Drug Use in the Americas - OID/CICAD**



- 13:00 -14:00 - **LUNCH**
- 14:00 - 14:45 - A check-in with the Policy Makers –
- What role does the observatory play in your programming and decision making?
Are you satisfied with the areas being studied?
Which areas would you like to get more information on?
How can drug observatories in the Caribbean be strengthened?
- 14:45 – 15:15 - Discussion on Training Opportunities for observatory personnel
- Experiences – Laura Lee Foster - Barbados**
- Uki Atkinson, Jamaica
- 15:00- 16:30 - **Priorities for research in 2018 and beyond**
- 16:30 - 16:30 - Final and Q&A and Wrap Up
Summary of Agreements and upcoming events,
Suggestions for future research studies and training needs
- 16:30- 16:45 - Closing remarks

End of Day 2