

Drug Observatories Regional Seminar April 2018



St Kitts-Nevis

Overview of the St Kitts & Nevis Drug Observatory

The St. Kitts-Nevis Drug Information Network was launched in February 2017 as part of the National Council on Drug Abuse Prevention which falls under the Ministry of National Security.

An initial meeting was held with all respondents (key stakeholders), the officer responsible for collecting data and the Director of the Drug Council, Mrs Karimu Byron Caines.

Respondents are representatives from:

- National Drug Council
- Ministry of Health - St. Kitts
- Ministry of Health - Nevis
- Police
- Mental Health and Substance Abuse Day Treatment Center
- Prison
- Customs and Excise
- Financial Intelligence Unit
- Bureau of Standards
- Nevis Mental Health Unit

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From 2017's responses, SKN anticipates its first annual drug report.

There are 10 core indicators and we are willing to update to the standard for 2018's report.

Prior to 2017's launch, SKN collected data on an as needed basis or when opportunities for support are available. eg. Secondary School Drug Prevalence Surveys, Drugs and Crime, International Alcohol Control Policy Survey (cross country publications on Drug and Alcohol Review) etc.

Challenges being faced by SKNDIN:

- Some respondents very slow to provide responses
- Incomplete responses
- Change in officer responsible for collecting data (previous officer retired)
- All the challenges that come along with shifting the culture of data collection in a country where it is just seen as an additional task on their already long list of responsibilities

Thanks for listening