



# TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

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# Overview of Trinidad and Tobago's Drug Information Network (DIN-TT)

- The Drug Information Network of Trinidad and Tobago (DIN-TT), formerly the National Drug Information System (NDIS) is a component of the National Observatory on Drugs. It was launched in June 2004, as the repository for drug related information.
- The DIN-TT is the mechanism through which data on the extent, distribution and volume of the national drug problem is collected and analysed from stakeholders in drug control.
- In addition to providing insight on the different aspects of the national drug problem, the DIN-TT brings together institutions and individuals working in the areas of drug prevention, education, control, and law enforcement to exchange drug-related information, collaborate and support each other's efforts.
- It forms part of the ongoing efforts to promote a better understanding of the nation's drug situation and develop workable and sustainable policies and programmes.

## **SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES OF THE DIN-TT**

- To harmonize the exchange of drug-related statistical information sourced from major stakeholders
- To guide and inform the development of primary prevention, public education, and treatment programmes and policies
- To stimulate further discussions on drug demand reduction or drug supply reduction policies and challenges

# DIN-TT Stakeholders

Judiciary of Trinidad and Tobago

Ministry of the Attorney General:

- Central Authority

Ministry of Health:

- Health, Policy, Research and Planning Unit
- National Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Programme (NADAPP)

Ministry of Finance:

- Financial Intelligence Unit
- Customs and Excise Division

# DIN-TT Stakeholders

## Ministry of National Security:

- AML/CFT Compliance Unit
- ICT Unit
- Forensics Science Centre, Ministry of National Security
- Research Unit
- Strategic Services Agency
- Citizens Security Programme
- Immigration Division
- Trans National Organised Crime Unit (TOCU)

## Treatment Centres:

- Helping Every Addict Live (H.E.A.L.)
- New Life Ministries Rehabilitation Centre
- Rebirth House
- Serenity Place
- Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Centre, Caura

# DIN-TT Stakeholders

## Tobago House of Assembly:

- Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Programme (ADAPP)

## Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force:

- Trinidad and Tobago Air Guard
- Trinidad and Tobago Coast Guard
- Trinidad and Tobago Regiment

## Trinidad and Tobago Police Service:

- Crime and Problem Analysis Branch (CAPA)
- Organised Crime, Narcotic and Firearms Bureau (OCNFB)
- Traffic and Highway Patrol Branch
- Court and Process Branch

## Trinidad and Tobago Prisons Service:

- Youth Training Centre

## Universities:

- SALISES, University of the West Indies
- University of Southern Caribbean

# DIN-TT Indicators

- For the period 2015 to date the DIN-TT Technical Committee and the NDC Secretariat have been working on developing Standardized Data Collection Forms with agreed upon indicators between the Stakeholder Agency and the Observatory.
- The majority of indicators that have been developed to date are within the Supply Reduction Sector, and can be broadly categorized under the following headings:
  - Drug Seizures
  - Arrests for Drug Offences
  - Prosecutions for Drug Offences
  - Illicit drug production
  - Firearm Seizures related to drug activity
  - Number of Deportees related to drug offences
  - Suspicious Activity Reports

# Piloting the CICAD Standardized Indicators

Trinidad and Tobago continues expansion of its DIN-TT by:

- Working with stakeholders in the development of standardized forms to enable an efficient data collection process.
- Expanding the number of participating agencies

CICAD's intent to pilot the standardized indicators in Trinidad and Tobago will continue to strengthen the DIN-TT.