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DRAFT SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Monday December 11, 2023

08:30-10:00 Participant Registration – Lobby, OAS Main Building, 17th St and Constitution Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C., 20006

INAUGURAL SESSION

Hall of the Americas, OAS Main Building, 17th Street and Constitution Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C., 20006

10:00 **Opening remarks**

- Jalil Rachid, Secretary Minister, National Anti-drug Secretariat (SENAD, by its Spanish-language acronym), CICAD Chair
- Adam Namm, Executive Secretary, CICAD/OAS
- Ivan Contente Marques, Secretary, Secretariat for Multidimensional Security (SMS)/OAS
- Rodrigo Ferrés, Deputy Secretary of State to the Presidency and President of the National Drug Board, Uruguay, CICAD Vice Chair
- Luis Almagro, Secretary General, OAS

10:45 **BREAK**

FIRST PLENARY SESSION

11:00 **Adoption of the draft Agenda (CICAD/doc.2794/23rev.1)**

Adoption of the draft Schedule of Activities (CICAD/ doc.2795/23rev.1corr.1)

Election of the Commission’s Chair and Vice Chair

- **Remarks from newly elected CICAD Chair 2023-2024**
- **Remarks from newly elected CICAD Vice Chair 2023-2024**

11:15

Presentation of CICAD Experts Groups' reports:

Presenters:

- Panama, Chair of the Group of Experts on Demand Reduction 2022-2023, (CICAD/doc.2814/23)
- Guatemala, Chair of the Group of Experts on Maritime Narcotrafficking 2022-2023 (CICAD/doc.2832/23)
- Ecuador, Chair of the Group of Experts on Chemical Substances and Pharmaceutical Products 2022-2023 (CICAD/doc.2833/23)
- Peru, Chair of the Group of Experts on Comprehensive and Sustainable Alternative Development 2022-2023 (CICAD/doc.2818/23)

Election of 2023-2024 authorities for CICAD Expert Groups on: Demand Reduction; Maritime Narcotrafficking; Chemical Substances and Pharmaceutical Products; and Comprehensive and Sustainable Alternative Development

12:00

Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism (MEM):

Report of the General Coordinator of the Governmental Experts Group (GEG) (CICAD/doc.2797/23) and presentation/approval of the national thematic evaluation reports of the eighth MEM round on Institutional Strengthening: Investigation, Information, Monitoring and Evaluation; and International Cooperation (CICAD/doc.2798/23).

Presenter: Gilda Francisco Espinal, General Coordinator of the GEG, Deputy Manager of the Department of International Relations and Coordinator of Multilateral Affairs of the National Drug Council, Dominican Republic

Objective: *To present, for consideration and approval, the GEG report (CICAD/doc.2797/23) and the national thematic evaluation reports of the eighth round of the MEM on Institutional Strengthening; Research, information, Monitoring and Evaluation; and International Cooperation. (CICAD/doc.2798/23)*

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CICAD Executive Secretariat Work Plan 2024 (CICAD/doc.2802/23)

Presenter: Adam E. Namm, Executive Secretary, ES-CICAD

Objective: *To present the CICAD Executive Secretariat 2024 Work Plan for consideration and approval by CICAD.*

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SECOND PLENARY SESSION

15:00

Panel 1: Emerging synthetic drugs in the Hemisphere

Introduction: Marya Hynes, Chief, Inter-American Observatory on Drugs, ES-CICAD

Moderator: William Cabanillas, Specialist, Drug Use Prevention Subdirectorate, Technical Affairs Directorate, National Commission for Development and Life without Drugs, Peru

Panelists:

- Marta Machado, Secretary, National Secretariat on Drug Policy and Asset Management, Ministry of Justice and Public Security, Brazil
- Yemi Agboola, Director of the Office of Drug Research and Surveillance, Health Canada, Canada
- Eduardo Loyola Arguello, Executive Director of the National Anti-Drug Commission, El Salvador
- Christine Herdman, Ph.D., Drug Enforcement Administration, Diversion Control Division, Drug and Chemical Evaluation Section, United States
- Nadia Robles Soto, Director of the Mexican Observatory on Mental Health and Addictions, National Commission on Mental Health and Addictions, Mexico
- Michelle Nasseir, Deputy Director, Trinidad & Tobago Forensic Science Centre, Trinidad and Tobago

Objective: To present the latest information on the use, production, and trafficking of emerging synthetic drugs in the region, including fentanyl in North America, and the potential for its spread to other countries in the Hemisphere.

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Panel 2: School dropout as a risk factor in addressing drug use

Moderator: Karimu Byron Caines, Director, National Council on Drug Abuse Prevention Secretariat, St. Kitts and Nevis

Panelists:

- Olga Lucía Zárate Mantilla, National Coordinator of Transversal Programs and Training for Citizenship, Ministry of Education, Colombia
- Fredy Anzueto, Executive Secretary, Executive Secretariat of the Commission Against Addictions and Illicit Drug Trafficking (SECCATID by its Spanish-language acronym), Guatemala
- Serena Bender-Pelswijk, Deputy Programme Manager, Health Sector Development, Caribbean Community (CARICOM)
- Natalia Riffo Alonso, National Director, National Service for the Prevention and Rehabilitation of Drug and Alcohol Consumption (SENDA), Chile

Objective: To address the problems and consequences of school dropouts, particularly those generated by the COVID-19 pandemic, as a risk factor of high incidence for drug use in youths, and present proposals and strategies to face this new challenge.

18:00 **END OF SESSION**

18:15-20:15 **Reception offered by the Government of Uruguay**
Patio Azteca, OAS Main Building, 17th Street and Constitution Ave. N.W. Washington, D.C., 20006

Tuesday December 12, 2023

08:30-10:00 **Participant Registration – Lobby, OAS General Secretariat Building, 1889 F St. N.W., Washington D.C., 20006**

THIRD PLENARY SESSION

Ruben Dario Room, OAS General Secretariat Building, 8th Floor, 1889 F St. N.W., Washington, D.C., 20006

10:00 **Panel 3: The link between illicit arms trafficking and drug trafficking by organized crime**

Moderator: Fredy Anzueto, Executive Secretary, Executive Secretariat of the Commission against Addictions and Drug Trafficking (SECCATID, by its Spanish-language acronym), Guatemala

Panelists:

- General Willian Villaroel, Director of Anti-Drug Investigations, National Police, Ecuador
- Major Roger Best, Director, Strategic Services Agency, Trinidad and Tobago
- Cecilia Farfan, Researcher, Center for U.S.-Mexico Studies, University of California San Diego, and Advisor to the Government of Mexico

Objective: To analyze existing links between the illicit trafficking of firearms and drug trafficking carried out by organized criminal groups. The panel will address implications, consequences, and possible strategies to address this issue.

11:30 **BREAK**

11:45 **Panel 4: Alternatives to incarceration with a gender perspective to address drug-related crimes**

Moderator: Alejandra Mora Mora, Executive Secretary, Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM/OAS)

Panelists:

- Camilo Eduardo Umaña Hernandez, Deputy Minister of Criminal Policy and Restorative Justice, Ministry of Justice and Law, Colombia
- Jacqueline Wilcott, Senior Parish Judge, Jamaica
- Kenya Romero Severino, High Court Judge, Dominican Republic
- Gerardo Rubén Alfaro Vargas, Justice of the Third Chamber of the Supreme Court of Justice and Rector of Restorative Justice, Costa Rica

Objective: To analyze the significance and challenges of including a gender perspective in the implementation of alternatives to incarceration models and share some concrete examples in the region where various approaches have been taken in this regard.

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FOURTH PLENARY SESSION

15:00

Panel 5: Challenges of an integral approach and a human rights perspective to the drugs issue: a civil society perspective

Moderator: Pablo Cymerman, Executive Director of Intercambios Civil Association, and Executive Coordinator of the American Coalition on Drug Policies (CAPD, by its Spanish-language acronym) to the OAS

Panelists:

- John Walsh, Director, Drug Policy Program at the Washington Office on Latin America (WOLA)
- Patricia Puigdevall, Coordinator of training at Dianova and Coordinator of Novasalud Center at Dianova Foundation, Uruguay
- Anthony Esposti, CEO of the Community Addictions Peer Support Association (CAPSA), Canada
- Pedro Arenas, Co-founder of the “Viso Mutop” corporation, former mayor of San José de Guaviare, Colombia, former congressman, Colombia

Objective: To analyze existing obstacles to an adequate approach to the drugs issue.

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Quality standards in gender-sensitive treatment

Presenters:

- Edison Javier Cardenas, Responsible for the development of the National Mental Health Policy of the National Directorate of Non-Communicable Diseases, Ministry of Public Health, Ecuador
- Rita Notarandrea, Global Lead, International Consortium for Quality in Substance Use Disorders Treatment (ICQ), Colombo Plan

Objective: *Present quality standards in treatment, designed to help countries to plan and offer scientific evidence-based services for the treatment of substance use disorders, considering the gender approach.*

17:25

The role of civil society in supporting the social integration of people with substance use disorders in the justice system

Presenters:

- Sherwin Bruce, Deputy Commissioner of Prisons, Trinidad and Tobago
- Jhon Manzzi, Technical Coordinator, National Office for Persons Released, Ministry of Social Development, Uruguay
- Monica Barzanti, Head of International Relations, San Patrignano, Italy

Objective: *To understand the role of civil society in social integration processes of individuals in conflict with the law for drug-related offenses, seen from the civil society and government perspectives.*

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END OF SESSION

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FIFTH PLENARY SESSION

10:00

Panel 6: Drug prevention initiatives for youth in the Caribbean

Introduction: Jimena Kalawski, Chief, Demand Reduction Unit, ES-CICAD

Moderator: Betty Hunte, Manager, National Council on Substance Abuse (NCSA), Barbados

Panelists:

- Novia Carter, Director, National Drug Council, The Bahamas
- Drusilla Blinker, Youth Leader, Suriname

Objective: To present a set of experiences and good practices in the Caribbean region, with the aim of supporting young people with effective tools for the implementation of prevention and mental health initiatives in school and community settings.

11:30

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Panel 7: The development of drug policies with a gender perspective

Moderator: Antonio Lomba, Chief, Institutional Strengthening Unit, ES-CICAD

Panelists:

- Wilfred Abrahams, Minister of Home Affairs and Information, Barbados
- Gloria Miranda, Director of Drug Policy and Related Activities, Ministry of Justice and Law, Colombia
- Mariana Silva, Human Rights Coordinator, National Drug Board, Uruguay
- Marta Piñeiro, Director, Ministry of Social Development, Uruguay

Objective: To present and share regional experiences on how to integrate a gender perspective when developing or implementing a drug policy, and share tools for the preparation of drug policies.

13:00

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SIXTH PLENARY SESSION

15:00

Panel 8: National, regional, and international efforts to facilitate the exchange of information between drug testing laboratories

Moderator: John Swift, Manager, Anti-Drug Strategy Unit, Office of National Drug and Money Laundering Control Policy, Antigua and Barbuda

Panelists:

- Conor Crean, Scientific Affairs Officer, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) Global SMART Programme, UNODC Laboratory and Scientific Services
- Troy Wickham, Deputy Manager, National Council on Substance Abuse (NCSA), Barbados
- Karen Hooker Forbes, Judicial Expert, Analytical Chemistry Section, Judicial Branch, Costa Rica
- Noriko Hikichi, Head of Department, Chemistry and Toxicology Laboratory, Forensic Technical Institute – Office of the Attorney General, Uruguay
- Lique L. Wong, Unit Chief, Drug Enforcement Administration, Diversion Control Division, Drug and Chemical Evaluation Section, United States

Objective: To examine how national laboratories can collaborate at regional and international levels to share information and provide mutual support for the detection of emerging substances.

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Panel 9: The link between illicit crops and environmental damage, from an alternative development perspective

Moderator: Derlis Eduardo Falcón, Special Agent from the Alternative Development Directorate, National Anti-Drug Secretariat, Paraguay

Panelists:

- Jose Isla Zevallos, Specialist on Environment, Technical Affairs Directorate, National Commission for Development and Life without Drugs (DEVIDA by its Spanish-language acronym), Peru
- Raúl Esteban Sánchez, Coordinator of Drug-Related Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Colombia
- Thierry Rostan, Alternative Development/Sustainable Livelihood Global Coordinator, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

Objective: To discuss the impact of illicit drug cultivation on the environment and share countries' experiences on how to face this challenge and its negative consequences.

18:00

END OF SESSION

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SEVENTH PLENARY SESSION

10:00

Panel 10: Synthetic drugs and the chemical precursors used in their illicit manufacture

Moderator: Fernando Ramirez, Director, Costa Rican Drug Institute (ICD, by its Spanish-language acronym), Costa Rica

Panelists:

- Maggie Nardi, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, International Narcotics and Law Enforcement (INL) and Director of Office of Global Programs and Policy (INL/GPP), Department of State, United States
- Commander Pedro Luis Ortega Palma, Secretariat of the Navy, Mexico
- Patricio Navarro, Head, Controlled Chemical Substances Investigation Brigade, Investigations Police (PDI, by its Spanish-language acronym), Chile

Objective: To examine the emerging trends in the region regarding the illicit trafficking of synthetic drugs and the precursor chemicals used in their manufacture, as well as to explore effective control strategies to address this growing challenge.

11:00

Substitution plans and strategies and alternative uses

Presenters:

- Cesar Calmet, Deputy Director, Sustainable Development Office, USAID Peru, United States
- Max Zavala Solorzano, Senior Advisor of the Territorial Affairs Directorate, DEVIDA, Peru

Objective: To analyze and share experiences from various countries regarding crop substitution and other alternative uses.

11:30

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11:45

Dialogue on cannabis policy regulation

Presenters:

- Daniel Radio, Secretary General, National Drug Council, and President of the Institute for Regulation and Control of Cannabis (IRCCA), Uruguay
- Hanan Abramovici, Director of the Office of Cannabis Science and Surveillance, Cannabis Strategic Policy Directorate, Canada

Objective: To share thoughts and experiences on cannabis regulation policies in the region.

13:00

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EIGHTH PLENARY SESSION

15:00

Remarks by:

- **OAS Permanent Observers**
- **International and regional organizations**
- **Civil society organizations accredited to the OAS**

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Seventy-fifth regular session of CICAD

17:00

Closing remarks