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The Executive Secretariat of the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (ES-CICAD), presents its compliments to CICAD Commissioners and Permanent Missions to the Organization of American States, and has the honor to convene the Twenty-Fifth Meeting of CICAD's Demand Reduction Experts Group. The meeting, chaired by Brazil with Barbados as vice-chair, will be held 18-20 September 2024 in Brasilia, Brazil, with a virtual participation option.

The agenda for the meeting will include drug prevention, early intervention, treatment, care, rehabilitation, social integration and recovery as well as health promotion. Additionally, the issue of emerging threats related to new psychoactive substances will be discussed.

With regards to the profile for participants, ES-CICAD kindly requests member states to designate experts with experience in the development of demand reduction public policies and programs.

ES-CICAD requests that contact details of designated experts (**first name, last name, position, institution, country and email address**), as well as the modality of participation (**in-person or virtual**), be emailed to Demand Reduction Unit Chief Jimena Kalawski, [jkalawski@oas.org](mailto:jkalawski@oas.org), with a copy to Unit Specialist Alfonso Abarca, [aabarca@oas.org](mailto:aabarca@oas.org), no later than **August 2, 2024**

Documentation for the meeting will be accessible through the meeting's webpage in due course.

The ES-CICAD takes this opportunity to renew to CICAD Commissioners and Permanent Missions the assurances of its highest consideration.

**June 21, 2024**

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