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DRAFT SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Tuesday November 19, 2024

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

INAUGURAL SESSION

Simón Bolívar Room, OAS Main Building, 17th Street and Constitution Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006

10:00 Opening remarks

- Uruguay, CICAD Chair 2023-2024
- Adam Namm, Executive Secretary, CICAD/OAS
- Ivan Contente Marques, Secretary, Secretariat for Multidimensional Security (SMS)/OAS
- Antigua and Barbuda, CICAD Vice Chair 2023-2024
- Luis Almagro, OAS Secretary General

10:45 BREAK

FIRST PLENARY SESSION

11:00 Adoption of the draft Agenda (CICAD/doc.2880/24rev.1)

Adoption of the draft Schedule of Activities (CICAD/doc.2881/24)

Election of the Commission’s Chair and Vice Chair

- Remarks from newly elected CICAD Chair 2024-2025
- Remarks from newly elected CICAD Vice Chair 2024-2025

11:15

Presentation of CICAD Experts Groups reports:

Presenters:

- **Brazil, Chair of the Group of Experts on Chemical Substances and Pharmaceutical Products 2023-2024**
- **Trinidad and Tobago, Chair of the Group of Experts on Maritime Narcotrafficking 2023-2024**
- **Brazil, Chair of the Group of Experts on Demand Reduction 2023-2024**
- **Peru, Chair of the Group of Experts on Comprehensive and Sustainable Alternative Development 2023-2024**

Election of 2024-2025 authorities for CICAD Experts 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 Expert Group (GEG) and presentation/approval of the national comprehensive evaluation reports of the MEM eighth round

Objective: *Present, for consideration and approval, the GEG report and the national comprehensive evaluation reports of the MEM eighth round.*

12:30

CICAD Executive Secretariat Work Plan 2025

Objective: *To present the CICAD Executive Secretariat 2025 Work Plan for consideration and approval by CICAD*

13:00

LUNCH

SECOND PLENARY SESSION

15:00

Challenges facing member states in addressing the drug problem, and the role of CICAD in addressing these challenges

Objective: *Discuss the current challenges member states are facing in the region with regards to the drug problem and new emerging trends and threats, and CICAD's role in addressing these challenges.*

17:00

BREAK

17:15 **CICAD/OAS Hemispheric Plan of Action on Drugs 2021-2025**

Objective: Discuss the current Plan of Action and the mandate for a working group to review/update the Plan, to be presented and approved by the Commission at its seventy-eighth regular session in 2025.

17:40 **Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism (MEM)**

Objective: Discuss the MEM's importance in supporting OAS member states in their design of effective drug policies, as well as the mandate for the Intergovernmental Working Group of the MEM to review the process and its instruments, prior to the onset of the ninth round.

18:00 **End of session**

Wednesday November 20, 2024

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, DC 20006

10:00 **Panel 1: Overview of Synthetic Drug Use in Latin America and the Caribbean**

Objective: Present the current state of synthetic drugs and New Psychoactive Substances (NPS) in Latin America and the Caribbean based on the most recent evidence available.

11:30 **BREAK**

11:45 **Panel 2: Drug Policy and Human Rights**

Objective: Analyze the significance and challenges of ensuring human rights in the design and implementation of drug policies, including sharing some examples from the region.

13:00 **LUNCH**

FOURTH PLENARY SESSION

15:00 **Strategies to Mitigate the Impact of Drug Trafficking and Consumption on National Economies and Citizen Security**

Objective: Explore effective strategies for reducing the impact of drug trafficking and consumption on national economic stability and citizen security. The presentations aim to identify actionable measures to enhance resilience against the disruptions caused by drug-related activities, including corruption.

16:00 **BREAK**

16:15 **Panel 3: Challenges to Overdose Response and Intervention in the Context of Synthetic Drugs**

Objective: Present on the identification and comprehensive management of overdose cases to reduce the negative impact of synthetic drugs.

18:00 **END OF SESSION**

Thursday November 21, 2024

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

FIFTH PLENARY SESSION

10:00 **Panel 4: Illicit Supply of Fentanyl in the Americas: Regional Challenges and Collaborative Solutions**

Objective: Address the illicit manufacturing, trafficking, and diversion of fentanyl and its precursors in the Americas. Panelists will present case studies that will help member states develop comprehensive and effective responses to tackle this complex and growing problem.

11:30 **BREAK**

11:45 **Panel 5: Definitions and Challenges Posed by UNODC Resolution 67/4: “Preventing and responding to drug overdose through prevention, treatment, care and recovery measures, as well as other public health interventions, to address the harms associated with illicit drug use as part of a balanced, comprehensive, scientific evidence-based approach”**

Objective: Discuss effective measures to ensure non-discriminatory and voluntary access to a broad range of services to reduce drug overdoses.

13:00 LUNCH

SIXTH PLENARY SESSION

15:00 Panel 6: Civil Society Perspective on Substance Use Interventions with Gender and Human Rights Approaches

***Objective:** Understand the perspective of civil society regarding substance use interventions that take into account gender and human rights.*

16:30 BREAK

16:45 Panel 7: Alternative Development: Innovative Approaches in Rural and Urban Settings

***Objective:** Discuss and share innovative approaches to alternative development, taking into account both rural and urban settings.*

18:00 END OF SESSION

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SEVENTH PLENARY SESSION

10:00 Panel 8: Impact of Cannabis Legislation on Drug Policies

***Objective:** Discuss how cannabis legislation affects drug policies and share experiences with legal and regulatory approaches.*

11:30 BREAK

11:45 Panel 9: Impact of Drug Transshipment on the Caribbean and the Role of Gangs Linked to Drug Trafficking Networks

***Objective:** Explore the impact of drug transshipment in the Caribbean region, examining how it affects national economies, security, and communities, while also analyzing the connections between gangs and drug trafficking networks*

13:00 LUNCH

EIGHTH PLENARY SESSION

15:00 **Panel 10: Challenges and Strategies Posed by UNODC Resolution 67/1: “Promoting recovery and related support services for people with drug use disorders”**

Objective: *Present recovery measures and related support services.*

16:30 **Remarks by:**

- OAS permanent observers
- International and regional organizations
- Civil society organizations accredited to the OAS

17:00 **Seventy-seventh regular session of CICAD**

17:30 **Closing remarks**