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XVI DEMAND REDUCTION EXPERT GROUP MEETING

A Public Health Approach to Demand Reduction Policies

October 29-30, 2015 / MIAMI, FL

Objective.: Provide a space for reflection concerning the review and development of drug policies, with an emphasis on demand reduction from a public health perspective. Analyze the processes that have been, and are being, devised in the countries of the Americas by governments, international organizations, and civil society organizations, within the context of updating the Hemispheric Plan of Action on Drugs (CICAD, OAS) and preparing for the UN General Assembly Special Session on Drugs (UNGASS) in 2016.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

9:30 – 10:00	Participant Registration
10:00 – 10:20	Opening Angela Crowdy Assistant Executive Secretary - CICAD/OAS Cejana Brasil Cirilo Passos General Coordinator of International Affairs Chair, Demand Reduction Expert Group - SENAD/Brazil
10:20 – 10:30	Schedule review, objectives, and expectations Alexandra Hill Head, Demand Reduction - CICAD/OAS
10:30 – 11:00	Report on drug use in the Americas, 2015 (CICAD/OAS) Marya Hynes Specialist - CICAD/OAS
11:00 – 11:15	Discussion on the drug report in the Americas
11:15 – 11:30	Break
11:30 – 12:30	Current status of the preparation process of the United Nations General Assembly Special Session (UNGASS 2016). Elizabeth Mattfeld United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime. UNODC
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch



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14:00 – 14:30	<p>The Health Sector in the Americas and the search for a balance in the drug policies of the Region</p> <p>Dr. Luis Alfonzo Regional Advisor on Substance Abuse - PAHO/WHO</p>
14:30 – 15:15	<p>Panel: the viability of strengthening the health approach in drug policies of the Americas. Analysis of experiences in the Region</p> <p>Maria Skirk INL - Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs - United States.</p> <p>Berenice González Santamaría National Commission Against Addictions - CONADIC - Mexico</p> <p>Dr. Ángel Álvarez Expert Public Policy Consultant</p>
15:15– 16:00	<p>The role of civil society in the review of demand reduction policies and the strengthening of public health approaches</p> <p>Margarita Sánchez President - RIOD - Ibero-American network of Non-Governmental Organizations working in drug addiction</p> <p>Graciela Touzé President - Intercambios Asociación Civil</p>
16:00– 16:15	Break
16:15 – 17:00	Participant Comments and Closure of Day 1

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

10:00 – 10:15	Working Groups Introduction
10:15 – 11:30	<p>Working Groups</p> <p>Objective: develop a consensus on recommendations by the Demand Reduction Expert Group of CICAD on the public health approach drug policy</p>
11:30 – 12:00	Presentation of the working groups
12:00 – 12:45	<p>Plenary Discussion</p> <p>Conclusions and next steps</p> <p>Moderator: Alexandra Hill Head, Demand Reduction - CICAD/OAS</p>
12:45 – 13:00	Final Remarks
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch