

July 21, 2019

Dear Participant,

The Plan for Knowledge Transfer, Exchange and Management for the Development of Spanish Cooperation in Latin America and the Caribbean (INTERCOONECTA), developed by the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID), is a strategic effort to intensify cooperation in the strengthening of institutional capacities through the transfer and exchange of knowledge. In this regard, INTERCOONECTA has as a general objective to contribute to the generation of institutional capacities and social actors involved in the human development of the region, with the ability to develop and implement public policies aimed at greater social cohesion.

Within the framework of this Plan, the Spanish Government Delegation for the National Plan on Drugs, which falls under the Ministry of Health, Consumption and Social Welfare (DGPND/MSCBS), the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission of the Organization of American States (OAS/CICAD), and AECID have organized the XX CICAD Demand Reduction Expert Group Meeting to be held from August 26 to 29, 2019, at the Spanish Cooperation Training Center in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia. The purpose of the meeting is to analyze and discuss various aspects of demand reduction and drug use in the region, such as prevention, synthetic drugs, certification of treatment centers, drug use and gender, quality standards, and other relevant topics.

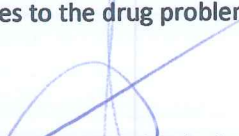
Kindly note that Thursday, August 29, will be reserved for the **CICAD Demand Reduction Caribbean Advisory Council Meeting**, to which only Caribbean participants are invited to attend.

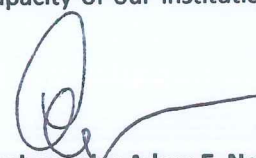
In order to contribute to the objectives of this meeting, we kindly request that your government designate a demand reduction expert with the necessary technical profile to address related topics on the agenda. AECID will cover internal transfers, accommodations, and food during the days of the meeting of some countries of Latin America and the Caribbean. In accordance with the above, we ask you to **confirm your designated expert's attendance**. Once we receive this information, the delegate can register on the Intercoonecta/AECID.ES platform.

Online registration is open until **July 31** through the following link: <http://intercoonecta.aecid.es>. Kindly click on 'Private Area' ('Área Privada' in Spanish) at the top right hand corner of the main page and register as 'users,' locate your activity of interest in the 'Activities' tab and apply the following PIN: **likhAq3kpl**

Kindly transmit confirmation of participation to both Isabella Araujo (iaraujo@oas.org) and Adriana Montana (amontana@oas.org), as well as any questions you might have.

We hope that this initiative contributes to strengthening the capacity of our institutions in the design of appropriate responses to the drug problem in the Hemisphere.


Maria Azucena Marti Palacios
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