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Coordination Meeting and Follow up on the Diagnostic Study on the Alternatives to Incarceration for Drug related Crimes under a Gender perspective

Antigua, Guatemala - September 10-12, 2019

Venue:

Centro AECID 6a ave Norte Antiguo Colegio de la Cía. de Jesús, Antigua Guatemala, Guatemala

INTRODUCTION AND OBJECTIVES OF THE WORKSHOP

In the last decades, many countries in Latin America and the Caribbean have introduced criminal sanctions as a strategy to answer to drug use and drug related crimes. This strategy resulted in a high number of incarcerated women and men for drug related crimes, ranging from simple drug possession to microtrafficking or small-scale drug cultivation and processing. Member states recognize that incarceration might be harmful for those who have committed offenses, their families, and in the long term their communities as well. However, many of their laws do not make distinctions, or apply discretion, to different levels of involvement in the drug problem, which can lead to gender inequities or discrimination. The objective of this workshop is to coordinate and follow up on the diagnostic study on the alternatives to incarceration for drug related crimes under a gender perspective, in the framework of the Project: *Gender and the Criminal Justice System: Exploring evidence-based alternatives to incarceration for drug related crimes*.

INVITED COUNTRIES

The following countries involved in the diagnostic study in the framework of the project have been invited to the workshop: Argentina, Costa Rica, Colombia, Jamaica and Dominican Republic.

AGENDA

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

- 08:30-9:00** **Registration**
- 09:00-9:30** **Opening ceremony**
 - **Mrs. María Luisa Aumesquet**, Education Coordinator, Center for Spanish Education and Cooperation in La Antigua Guatemala/ Centro de Formación de la Cooperación Española en La Antigua Guatemala



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9:30-10:00

Presentation of the objectives and the workshop working dynamic

Speakers:

- **Pernell Clarke**, Specialist, ES/CICAD Inter-American Observatory on drug (OID)
- **Tania Gordillo**, Gender Project Coordinator and Researcher, Institutional Strengthening –Unit, ISU , ES/CICAD/OEA

10:00-10:15

Coffee Break

10:15-11:45

Gender perspective: Definition and Theory

Description: Gender perspective theory as well as strategies for inclusion in project, programs and drug policies and alternatives to incarceration will be presented

Speaker:

- **Hilary Anderson**, Principal Specialist, Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM/OEA)

11:45- 13:00

Gender in the Criminal Justice System

Description: Analysis of the inclusion of the gender perspective in the justice systems in the region will be presented.

Speaker:

- **Angela Russo**, Supreme Court Judge of Panama and coordinator of the Access to Justice Unit and Gender before the plenary

13:00-14:00

Lunch Break

14:00-16:30

Alternatives to incarceration and gender

Description: plenary session discussing standards for drug related crime alternatives to incarceration under the gender perspective

Moderator:

- **Sofía Cobo**, Juridical Advisor in the Project *Gender and the Criminal Justice System: Exploring evidence-based alternatives to incarceration for drug related crimes* ES-CICAD/OEA

16:30-16:45

Coffee break

16:45-17:00

Wrap up and end of the Day



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- **Tania Gordillo**, Gender Project Coordinator and Researcher, ISU, ES-CICAD/OEA
- **Luis Suarez-Isaza**, Program Officer ISU, ES-CICAD/OEA

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

- 09:00- 9:30** Analysis of the frameworks for the implementation of alternatives to incarceration for drug related crimes under a gender perspective.
Description: Representatives from the countries will present their country framework (programs, practices, policy, legal framework and infrastructure, etc.) on Justice, Gender, and Drugs exploring implementation of alternatives under a gender perspective.
Moderator:
- **Adriana Henao**, Consultant ES-CICAD/OEA
 - Presentations from the Project participating Countries
- 09:30-10:30** Costa Rica: Framework presentation
- 10:30-10:45** Coffee Break
- 10:45- 11:45** Dominican Republic: Framework presentation
- 11:45- 12:45** Jamaica: Framework presentation
- 12:45-13:45** Lunch Break
- 13:45-14:45** Argentina: Framework presentation
- 14:45-15:45** Colombia: Framework presentation
- 15:45-16:00** Coffee Break
- 16:00-17:00** Feedback and wrap-up on the presentation of the day
Hilary Anderson, Principal Specialist CIM/OEA
- **Adriana Henao**, Consultant ES-CICAD/OEA



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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

09:00-9:30

Presentation of the Project *Gender and the Penal Justice System in the international work of ES-CICAD*

Description: The international perspective of the Project within the work of the ES-CICAD will be presented.

Speaker:

- **Antonio Lomba**, Chief, Institutional Strengthening –Unit, ISU, ES/CICAD/OEA

9:30-9:45

Coffee break

9:45-10:30

Presentation of the diagnostic study on the Gender in the Penal Justice System Project

Description: The background and achievements of project *Gender and the Penal Justice System: Exploring evidence-based alternatives to incarceration for drug related crimes* will be presented.

Speaker:

- **Pernell Clarke**, Expert, OID ES-CICAD/OEA

10:30-11:15

Presentation on the diagnostic study methodology

Description: The methodology used in the implementation of the project *Gender and the Criminal Justice System: Exploring evidence-based alternatives to incarceration for drug related crimes* will be presented.

Speaker:

- **Tania Gordillo**, Gender Project Coordinator and Researcher, ISU, ES-CICAD/OEA

11:15-13:00

Group exercise

13:00-14:00

Lunch break

14:00-15:30

Group presentation

15:30-15:45

Coffee break



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15:45-16:15

Diagnostic study planning

Description: Analysis and planning of the country working teams

Speaker:

- **Pernell Clarke**, Expert, OID SE-CICAD/OEA
- **Tania Gordillo**, Gender Project Coordinator and Researcher, ISU, ES-CICAD/OEA

16:15-16:30

Closing remarks