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Priorities for Capacity Building in drug statistics at the national, regional and global levels

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- (Para. 6) The CND “requests the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in close cooperation with Member States and pertinent United Nations entities, intergovernmental and regional organizations and, when appropriate, the scientific community and civil society, to continue to support Member States, upon request, in **strengthening their capacity to develop their reporting mechanisms**, including by identifying gaps in the current drug statistics and by exploring possibilities to strengthen existing data collection and analysis tools at the national level”

Recap: main conclusions from the first EWG (Jan 2018)

Tools to improve national capacities

- Improve national statistical infrastructure through improved coordination and data sharing among national entities (e.g. National Drug Observatories)
- Develop new methodological guidelines
- Establish and support peer networks at the international / regional level

Capacity building priorities to improve drug information systems at country level

Priority A: Targeted regional and national capacity-building activities on producing, collecting and reporting drugs data

Priority B: e-learning training modules

Priority C: Methodological guidelines and tools on drug-related issues

Priority D: Promotion of national coordination mechanisms on drugs data, including national drug observatories

Priority E: Establishment of regional and global networks

Priority F: Promotion of early warning systems on NPS, at national and regional levels

Priority A: Targeted regional and national capacity-building activities on producing, collecting and reporting drugs data

- Training / Workshops targeting regions → collaborate with regional organizations
- Adapt to specific needs of each region
- Main areas identified: coordination among agencies, training of national experts in data collection, interpretation and analysis of data
- ARQ reporting

Priority B: e-learning training modules

- Audience: Officials of national agencies responsible for data production
- Specific training curricula on ARQ compilation

Priority C: Methodological guidelines and tools on drug-related issues

- Guidelines on the implementation of population surveys on drug use
- Update of existing tools on indirect methods to estimate drug use related indicators
- Others (guidelines for studies in prisons, methodology for wastewater analysis metrics)

Priority D: Promotion of national coordination mechanisms on drugs data, including national drug observatories

- Maximize use of information available and facilitate international reporting
→ Use of focal points from different institutions
- Development of methodological guidelines to establish NDO

Priority E: Establishment of regional and global networks

- Fora for technical discussions, sharing good practices, promotion of international standards and other resources, and peer support
- Build on regional mechanisms (from regional organizations) → National Focal Points, regular meetings

Priority F: Promotion of early warning systems on NPS, at national and regional levels

- Platform for timely exchange of information on NPS, including spread at different geographical levels
- Identify health risks and other threats early on and support decision-makers