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How does UNODC research programme support UN inter-governmental bodies and their Member States to address the Drug Problem?

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Research, analysis, statistics and forensics: UNODC mission

1. Collect and disseminate accurate drugs and crime statistics and analyze trends and threats to support Member States in their comprehensive response to drugs and crime.
2. Strengthen national forensic capacity and support Member States to produce, disseminate and use drug and crime statistics within the framework of official statistics.
3. Develop forensic, methodological and statistical standards in the field of crime, criminal justice and illicit drugs in collaboration with national experts and relevant international organizations.

As mandated by various CND, ECOSOC, GA resolutions



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Three sets of research tools

1. To support national capacity
 - Surveys
 - National research capacity
 - National forensic capacity
2. To facilitate data and information sharing
3. To provide knowledge on the dynamics of regional and international drug markets
 - The World Drug Report
 - Global Assessment of Synthetic drugs and NPS
 - Annual reports to the CND
 - Regional analytical reports on Afghan Opiates and ATS



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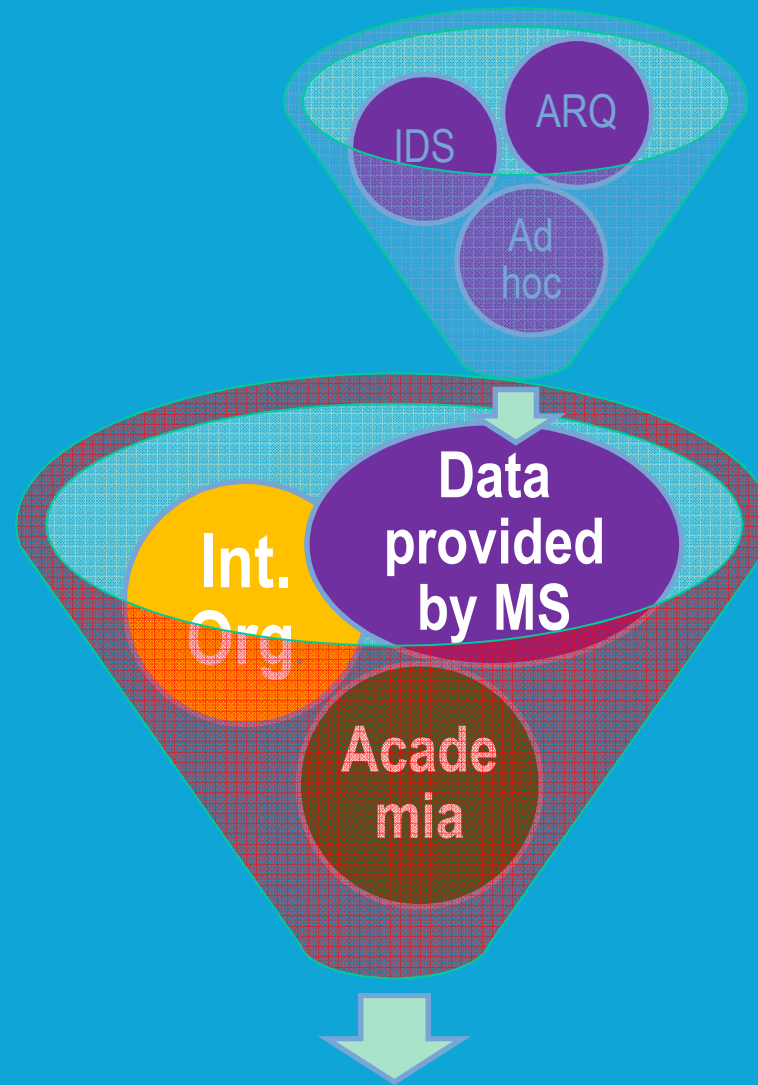
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How do we produce the World Drug Report?



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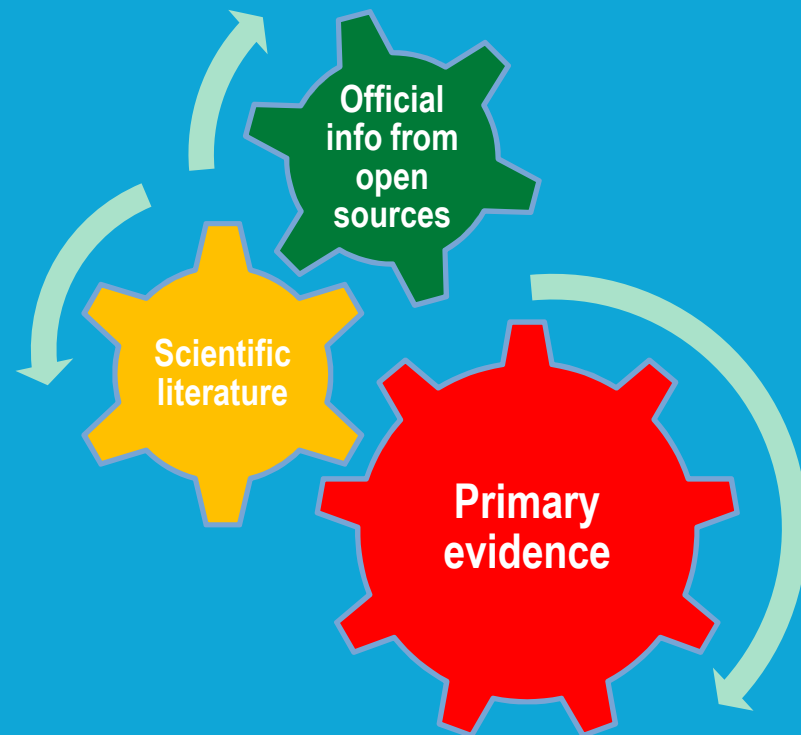
Primary Evidence always reviewed by MS



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Analysis of Primary evidence + contextual information: triangulation across different data





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Broad Time-line

Evidence

- Collection of evidence (until end-December 2014)
- Review of scientific literature (September 2014-January 2015)
- **Review of national data by Member States and regional/int. organizations (February 2015)**

Analysis

- March-April 2014 for chapter 1 (global/regional)
- September 2014-February 2015 (chapter 2)

Finalization

- Internal review, expert-review, internal approval process (March-April 2015)
- Editing and lay-out (March-April 2015)
- Printing (mid-May 2015)



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UNODC Research Values

- Transparency
- Unbiased research
- Evidence and Methodology lead the analysis and research findings
- Research to support countries NOT against countries
 - The purpose is not to “blame and shame” but to provide an accurate picture of drug markets
- All MS are equally treated in the analysis of data and in the dissemination of results
- Distinction between research findings and policy conclusions



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Challenges

- Dealing with a complex phenomenon and 193 MS
- Lack of national capacity to regularly produce data but also in some instances lack of willingness to openly share information on national drug markets
- High demand and limited resources