INCB Learning

Building drug control capacity for adequate availability

The global INCB Learning programme aims at strengthening the capacity of Governments and their competent national authorities to comply with the provisions of the three international drug control conventions in the regulatory control and monitoring of the licit trade in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursor chemicals. One goal is to facilitate adequate availability of internationally controlled substances for medical, scientific and legitimate industrial purposes, while preventing diversion to illicit channels and abuse.

The UNGASS 2016 outcome document contains operational recommendations on improving access to controlled substances by addressing barriers, including those related to awareness-raising and capacity-building. INCB Learning contributes towards implementing the operational recommendations.

Key components

Regional training seminars
In-situ training for competent national authorities responsible for the control of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursor chemicals.

E-learning modules
E-learning tools for on-demand training are being developed in cooperation with UNODC.

Awareness-raising workshops
Workshops with the participation of national authorities, civil society and the WHO are conducted to raise awareness on adequate availability of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances for medical and scientific purposes.

Virtual trainings
Designed to build capacity for authorities while complying with the COVID-19 preventive measures.

FAQs tool
Answers commonly asked questions about compliance with the drug control conventions.

CND resolutions
In March 2020, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND) adopted the resolution 63/3 inviting INCB to continue its work on the global learning project and the regional training seminars conducted in cooperation with WHO and UNODC. It echoes resolution 62/5 adopted by the CND in 2019. In resolution 62/5, the Commission noted that training provided through INCB Learning had led to improvements in the submission of data to the Board.

These resolutions encourage the INCB secretariat to continue implementing capacity-building activities and the resolution 62/5 invites Governments to consider supporting INCB Learning by participating in its activities and providing extrabudgetary and in-kind contributions to ensure the programme’s continuation.

Partners

The programme coordinates with and receives inputs from a wide range of partners, including competent national authorities, regional bodies and international organizations such as WHO, UNODC and CICAD.

The Governments of Australia, Belgium, France, the Russian Federation, Thailand and the United States of America have contributed to INCB Learning.
Activities 2021-2016

VIRTUAL TRAINING FOR SOUTH EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC
8 – 23 March 2021 – Online

VIRTUAL TRAINING FOR AFRICAN FRANCOPHONE COUNTRIES
7 - 14 December 2020 – Online

VIRTUAL TRAINING FOR COLOMBIA, ECUADOR AND PERU
28 September - 1 October & 25-26 November 2020 – Online

VIRTUAL TRAINING FOR CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN
8-15 (ES) & 16-23 (EN) June 2020 – Online

REGIONAL TRAINING AND AVAILABILITY WORKSHOP FOR RUSSIAN-SPEAKING COUNTRIES
2-5 December 2019 – Moscow, Russian Federation

AVAILABILITY WORKSHOP FOR ECUADOR
7 June 2019 – Quito, Ecuador

REGIONAL TRAINING FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN
3-6 June 2019 – Quito, Ecuador

TRAINING FOR EL SALVADOR, GUATEMALA, HONDURAS
15-18 January 2019 – Vienna, Austria

REGIONAL TRAINING FOR FRANCOPHONE AFRICA
10-12 September 2018 – Dakar, Senegal

TRAINING FOR GUATEMALA AND HONDURAS
11-13 December 2017 – Guatemala City, Guatemala

REGIONAL TRAINING FOR OCEANIA
28-30 November 2017 – Sydney, Australia

REGIONAL TRAINING FOR EUROPE
4-6 July 2017 – Vienna, Austria

AVAILABILITY WORKSHOP FOR THAILAND
15 July 2016 – Bangkok, Thailand

REGIONAL TRAINING FOR ASIA-PACIFIC
12-15 July 2016 – Bangkok, Thailand

AVAILABILITY WORKSHOP FOR KENYA
29 April 2016 – Nairobi, Kenya

REGIONAL TRAINING FOR EAST AFRICA
25-29 April 2016 – Nairobi, Kenya