




# INCB LEARNING NEWSLETTER



Building capacities to ensure adequate access to internationally controlled substances



## REGIONAL TRAINING

### [Russian-speaking countries](#)

A regional training seminar, hosted by the government of the Russian Federation took place in Moscow in December 2019 for 38 drug control officials of 8 Russian speaking countries.

## E-LEARNING MODULES

### [Launch of Spanish modules](#)

On 3 March 2020, INCB launched Spanish versions of its e-learning modules at a side event of the 63rd session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND).

## WEBINAR SESSIONS

### [INCB Virtual trainings](#)

33 government officials of Belize, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras and Panama participated in 9 virtual sessions in June 2020.



The Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND) resolution 63/3 adopted in March 2020 “(...) invites the international narcotics control board to continue, within its existing mandate, its work on the global learning project and the regional training seminars conducted in cooperation with the world health organization and the office;”

# INCB E-LEARNING MODULES ATTRACT HUNDREDS OF NEW PARTICIPANTS


Since the outbreak of COVID-19 and the introduction of restrictions that have impacted on the ability to carry out face-to-face training, the demand for INCB's online training for competent national authorities significantly increased. In the last three months alone, 394 government officials of 33 countries and territories have enrolled in the INCB e-learning modules.



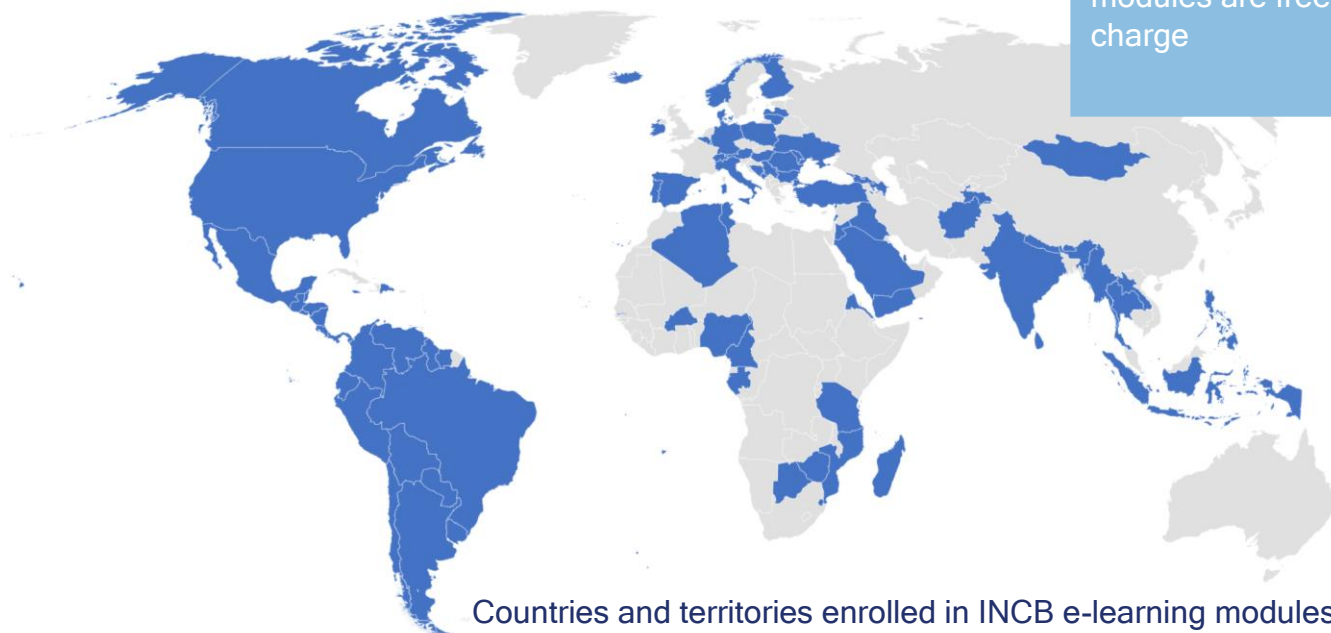
INCB Learning assists Member States in implementing the three international drug control conventions. Three e-learning modules on the planning and reporting functions are available in English and Spanish for competent national authorities free of charge upon registration upon registration. These support Governments in projecting the needs for internationally controlled substances, and provide interactive training in areas crucial to achieve adequate access to drugs:

- The estimates system for narcotic drugs
- The assessment system for psychotropic substances
- Estimates of annual legitimate requirements (ALRs) for imports of precursors of amphetamine-type stimulants

As at 30 June 2020, INCB Learning has received access requests to the e-learning modules from 742 government officials of 95 countries and territories from all regions (see map below). These modules are exclusively for use by officials of competent national authorities.

Did you know? 

The INCB e-learning modules are free of charge





## REGIONAL TRAINING SEMINAR IN MOSCOW

The ninth regional training seminar of the INCB Learning global project was held on December in Moscow for 38 drug control officials from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, the Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

Officials trained noted that the training effectively strengthened their knowledge. Among the highlights, officials named the information received on the INCB online tools, the bilateral consultations conducted that allowed them to discuss questions directly with the INCB secretariat, and the opportunity to share experiences and discuss existing challenges with colleagues from the same region.

## Side event at the 63rd session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND)

The event to launch the Spanish versions of e-learning modules took place on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 organized by the Government of El Salvador in cooperation with INCB and the Governments of Australia, Belgium, Chile, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Netherlands, Paraguay, Peru, the Russian Federation and Singapore.

In his statement, Mr. de Joncheere expressed appreciation for the contributions to INCB Learning made by the Governments of Australia, Belgium, France, the Russian Federation, Thailand and the United States. The Board invites Governments to consider actively supporting INCB Learning by participating in its activities and providing the resources required to ensure the project's continuation and expansion.



The importance of capacity-building for ensuring the adequate availability of internationally controlled substances for medical and scientific purposes while preventing diversion and abuse was recognized by the international community in the outcome document of the thirtieth special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem. That commitment was reiterated by Member States through the adoption of Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolutions:

- CND Resolution 62/5
- CND Resolution 62/8
- CND Resolution 60/5
- CND Resolution 59/8



## INCB Learning holds first webinar sessions in Spanish

In an activity organized by the INCB Learning project, 26 government officials from 6 countries, namely Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Panama participated in 9 virtual sessions focused on internationally controlled substances. Participants had the opportunity to further strengthen their knowledge of the international drug control framework and to receive hands-on training on the technical reporting requirements of the conventions relating to narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursor chemicals. INCB Learning virtual training seminars are being offered for the first time, aimed at continuing supporting governments through capacity-building activities in compliance with COVID-19 preventive measures.

### What the competent national authorities say...

*"It was an enriching experience for the improvement of the knowledge of the communication tools between the INCB - other international authorities."*

*"I am very grateful for the opportunity you have given us. There were 9 excellent sessions where the content was easy to understand, the presentations were very interactive, and the speakers are highly qualified. I also congratulate the organization that has been held, since all the session started on time."*



*"Very satisfied with the training provided and grateful for their effort. Despite being their first-time offering training under the virtual modality, the sessions were very well structured and addressed."*

*"The INCB eLearning sessions offered an interactive training and increased our relevant knowledge on the narcotics regulatory system, the psychotropic substance regulatory system, and the annual legitimate requirements to import amphetamine-type stimulant precursors."*

### Previous training activities:

- Regional training for Russian speaking countries: Moscow, 2-4 December 2019
- Webinar sessions for Latin America and the Caribbean: 8-23 June 2020

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