



COUNTRY FACT SHEET:

GUYANA



COPOLAD III supports Guyana in the implementation of its National Drug Strategy Master Plan 2016-2020, through technical support to two regional initiatives, and through the country's participation in two of the Programme's working groups.

Support has been directed towards combating drug trafficking and organised crime, in particular towards strengthening capacities for the exchange of financial and asset information linked to money laundering offences.



WE COLLABORATE WITH THE FOCAL POINTS

- **CANU** – Customs and anti-narcotics unit (National Police and Presidency) (governing body and counterpart)
- **MOFA** – Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- **Delegation of the European Union to Guyana, for Suriname and with responsibility for Aruba, Bonaire, Curaçao, Saba, St Barthelemy, St Eustatius and St Maarten and the Embassy of Guyana in Brussels**
- **Guyana's Mission to the European Union**



COLLABORATING INSTITUTIONS

- **MOLA** – Ministry of Legal Affairs and Public Prosecutor's Office
- **FIU** – Guyana Financial Intelligence Unit

National Initiatives supported by COPOLAD



THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUG TRAFFICKING AND ORGANISED CRIME:

QUALIFICATION OF ANALYSTS AND TECHNICAL PERSONNEL OF THE FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE UNIT IN THE FIELD OF VIRTUAL MONEY LAUNDERING

Guyana's Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) has been actively involved in the course on "New money laundering risks arising from the use of virtual assets" (e.g. cryptocurrencies), delivered within the framework of

the CFATF (February 2024).

The participation of 11 analysts and technicians from the National Police and the FIU in the course has a multiplier effect within the institution,

which will be amplified by the use of the Technical Guide for the Regulation of Virtual Assets and Virtual Asset Service Providers, which is in the final stage of preparation.

Regional Initiatives in which Guyana participates

CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY IMPLEMENTATION AGENCY FOR CRIME AND SECURITY - CARICOM IMPACS: Strengthening capacities in: a) law enforcement strategies to include New Psychotropic Substances (NPS) and synthetic substances; b) unifying practices in new drug policy

approaches, laws and regulations; c) analysis and detection of NPS and other related substances; d) policy recommendations for the development of regional and national policies and strategies to counter dangerous drugs and NPS.

THE CARIBBEAN FINANCIAL ACTION TASK FORCE - CFATF:

Strengthening capacities to prevent money laundering and drug trafficking and improving analysis in emerging risk areas.

Guyana's Participation in Working Groups

proportional punishment and penalties other than prison / **22 countries.**

Comprehensive Sustainable Alternative Development / **17 countries.**

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