



# COUNTRY FACT SHEET:

# PANAMA



**C**OPOLAD accompanies Panama in the implementation of its *National Drug Strategy* 2012-2017. Technical support is channelled through a national action, three regional initiatives, and through

the country's participation in six of the programme's working groups. The programme's support is geared towards strengthening observatories.



## WE COLLABORATE WITH THE FOCAL POINTS

- **CONAPRED** – National Commission for the Study and Prevention of Drug-Related Crimes (governing body and counterpart)
- **DGCI-MRE** – General Directorate of International Cooperation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- **Delegation of the European Union to Panama**
- **Panama Mission to the European Union**



## COLLABORATING INSTITUTIONS

- **OPD** – Panamanian Drug Observatory (under the authority of CONAPRED)
- **MINSAL** – Ministry of Health
- **MP-PGN** – National Public Prosecutor's Office
- **MINGOB** – Ministry of the Interior
- **UAF** – Financial Analysis Unit

# National Initiatives supported by COPOLAD



## STRENGTHENING DRUG OBSERVATORIES

### STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL DRUG INFORMATION AND RESEARCH SYSTEM

A mapping of human, financial and institutional resources has been developed, which has enabled the creation of a national research network, led by the NDO. This

process is accompanied by the creation of a Scientific Committee on Drugs, which will systematically advise the observatory. These advances are complemented by the

development of the national agenda on drugs, scheduled for the first half of 2025, which will set out the country's research priorities.

## Regional Initiatives in which Panama participates

### IBERO-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S OFFICES - AIAMP:

'The gender dimension in the relationship between drug trafficking and human trafficking' and "Improving special investigation techniques for drug trafficking cases". PGN - National Public Prosecutor's Office.

### CONFERENCE OF MINISTRIES OF JUSTICE OF THE IBERO-AMERICAN COUNTRIES - COMJIB:

'Regional agreement for a criminal drug policy based on proportional punishment and penalties other than prison'.  
MINGOB - Ministry of the Interior

GAFILAT (the Latin American FATF). Strengthening the GAFILAT Asset Recovery Network (RRAG).  
UAF - Financial Analysis Unit

## Participation of Panama in Working Groups

Strengthening of the National Drug Observatories (NDOs) / 28 countries.

Programmes and services for addiction care and social inclusion / 26 countries.

Control of chemical precursors for the manufacture of illicit drugs / 17 countries.

proportional punishment and penalties other than prison / 22 countries.

Alternative Development / 22 countries.

Special research techniques, new technologies and inter-agency cooperation / 13 countries.



## VIDEOS

[THE ROLE OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE RECOVERY OF DRUG TRAFFICKING ASSETS](#)



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