

***REPORT OF THE  
CAPACITY BUILDING SUBGROUP  
TO THE  
SENIOR EXECUTIVE COUNCIL***

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*Agenda*

- **Purpose**
- **Methodology**
- **Discussion**
- **Outcomes and Considerations**
- **Final Recommendations**

*Purpose*

- **Priorities/Subgroups**

- **Capacity Building:** provide the Senior Executive Council recommendations for improving the capacity and capability of regional counter narcotic efforts in Central and South Asia.
- **Information Sharing**
- **Demand Reduction and Rehabilitation**
- **Alternative Livelihoods**
- **Political and Legislative Reform**

*Methodology*

- **Met over the course of two days**
- **Frank and open discussion between subgroup members, assisted by subject matter experts**
- **Identified a broad range of issues**
- **Reached consensus on a number of proposals that will provide immediate impact and benefit**

*Discussion*

- **Many needs and gaps in regional counter narcotic capacity and capability**
- **Working group's approach was to take "small steps" to achieve some initial success then build on that momentum**
- **Need to identify both short and long term proposals**
- **Need to identify mechanisms to address Capacity Building Subgroup proposals – approach/resources**

*Outcomes and Considerations*

- **Cross Border Cooperation**
- **Counter Narcotics Law Enforcement Training**
- **Information Sharing**
- **Precursor Controls**
- **Drug Liaison Officers**
- **Equipment**

*Outcomes and Considerations*

- **Cross Border Cooperation**
  - **Common communications systems**
  - **Joint Operations/Patrolling in respective countries**
- **Working Group Proposals**
  - **Coordination of ongoing activities (UNODC-Paris Pact, Doha Border Management Conference, EU BOMCA/CADAP, etc.)**

*Outcomes and Considerations*

- **Counter Narcotics Law Enforcement Training**
  - Provide a regional training capability for intermediate and advanced Counter Narcotics Law Enforcements training
- **Working Group Proposals**
  - Needs analysis to determine training needs
  - Create mobile training teams (UNODC support)
  - Inform countries on existing training capabilities available to them (designate group to provide list to all countries)
  - Establishment of a regional training center
  - Existing training capabilities analysis to determine shortfalls

## *Outcomes and Considerations*

- **Information Sharing**
  - **Timely Information sharing between countries**
  
- **Working Group Proposals**
  - **CARICC as the back bone for information sharing efforts (long term)**
  - **Begin dialog with Pakistan and Afghanistan to invite them as members of CARICC (Subject to agreement of existing members and procedures for addition of new members)**
  - **Establish and task sub-working group to begin dialog regarding implementations actions**
    - **Pakistan to head sub-working group**

*Outcomes and Considerations*

- **Precursor Controls**
  - Stop flow from border countries into Afghanistan
- **Working Group Proposals**
  - Determine ongoing projects and inform countries on existing capabilities
  - Distribution of pre-cursors testing kits

*Outcomes and Considerations*

- **Drug Liaison Officers**
  - **Facilitate the exchange among countries**
- **Working Group Proposals**
  - **Senior leaders task existing countries for best practices**
  - **Assign experienced Drug Liaison Officers to CARICC**

*Outcomes and Considerations*

- **Equipment**
  - **Compatible (inter-operable) equipment**
- **Working Group Proposals**
  - **Host Nation sustainment plan for equipment by donor nations**
  - **Donor coordination mechanism should exist in each country**

# ***Final Recommendations***

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- **Seek additional funding assistance for CARICC refurbishment**
- **Endorse Afghanistan and Pakistan membership in CARICC**
- **Develop linkages to other counter narcotic organizations/agencies (e.g., UNODC-Paris Pact, Doha Border Management Conference, EU BOMCA/CADAP, etc.)**
- **Develop a method to share information (create a webpage):**
  - Database for personnel, agencies and contact information
  - Repository for meeting notes, correspondence, reports, etc.
  - Provide for general exchange of information

*Recommendations*

- **Nations to identify equipment and training needs for intermediate and advanced requirements**
- **Develop routine correspondence to sustain momentum between meetings (e.g., periodic newsletter and subgroup reports)**
- **Add “Criminal Justice Reform” to the CSACNSWG charter of Priorities/Subgroups (or include in “Political and Legislative Reform)**
- **Approve the charter of the “Information Sharing Subgroup” (lead: Pakistan)**
- **Task subgroups to provide their organizational structure to the SEC at the next full meeting**

*Recommendations*

- **Approve the location of the next formal CSACNSWG meeting**
  - **Host: Kazakhstan**
  - **Location: Almaty**
  - **Month: November 2006**
  - **Rationale: Develop synergy with UNODC CARICC**



***Questions?***