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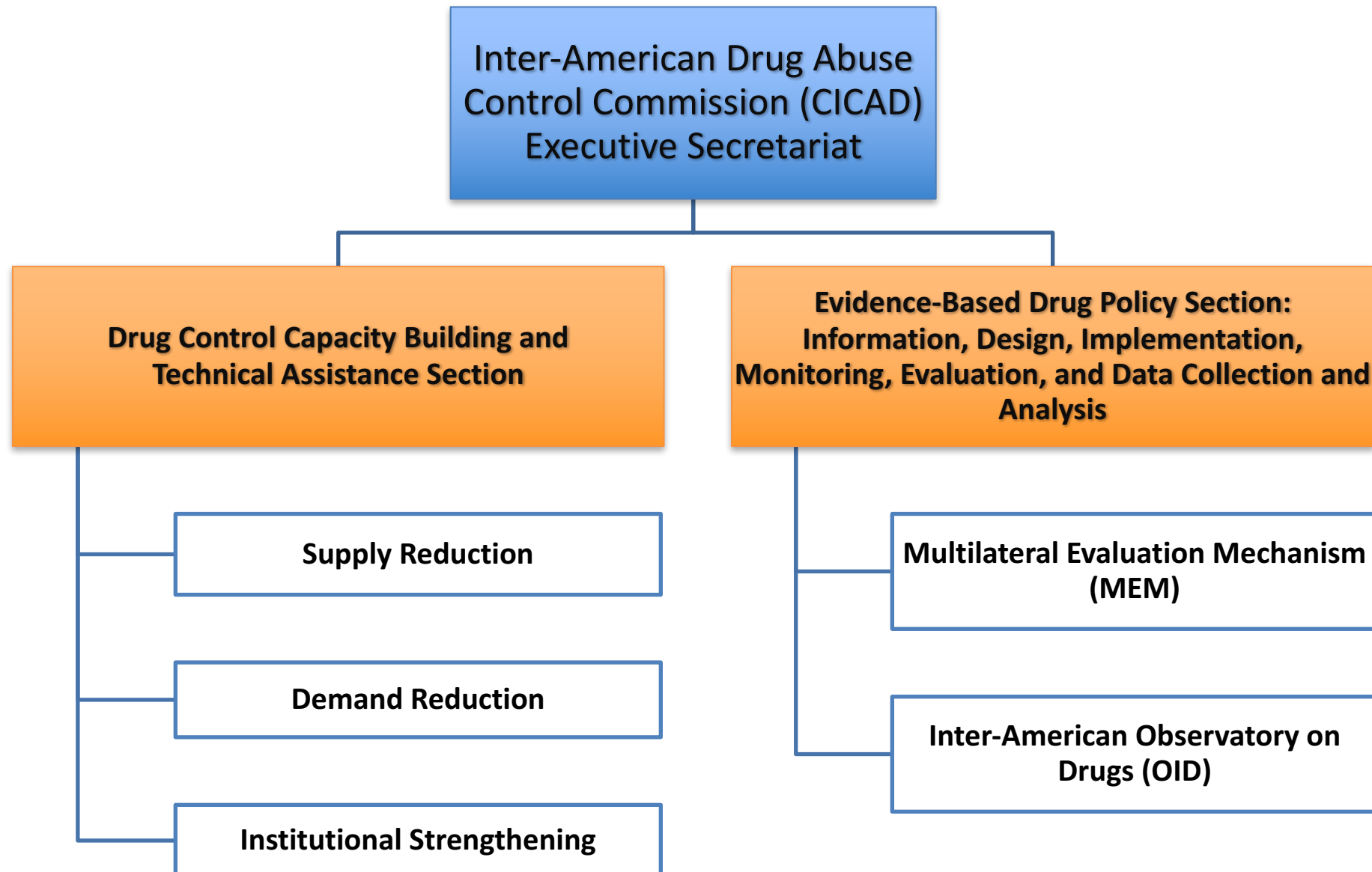
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The Importance of Evaluating Policies to Improve Programmes in Latin America and the Caribbean

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MEM - Background



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- 1998 – Established by the Second Summit of the Americans in Santiago, Chile
- Country leaders turned the concept of multilateral evaluation into a mandate

MEM – Characteristics



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- Governmental and objective process
 - Based on transparency, impartiality, and equality
 - Constructive process without sanctions
 - Evaluation rounds
 - Unique evaluation process
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- All evaluations are conducted in a collective manner by all MS
 - All MS evaluate and are evaluated
 - No country participates in its own evaluation
 - Constantly improving with time

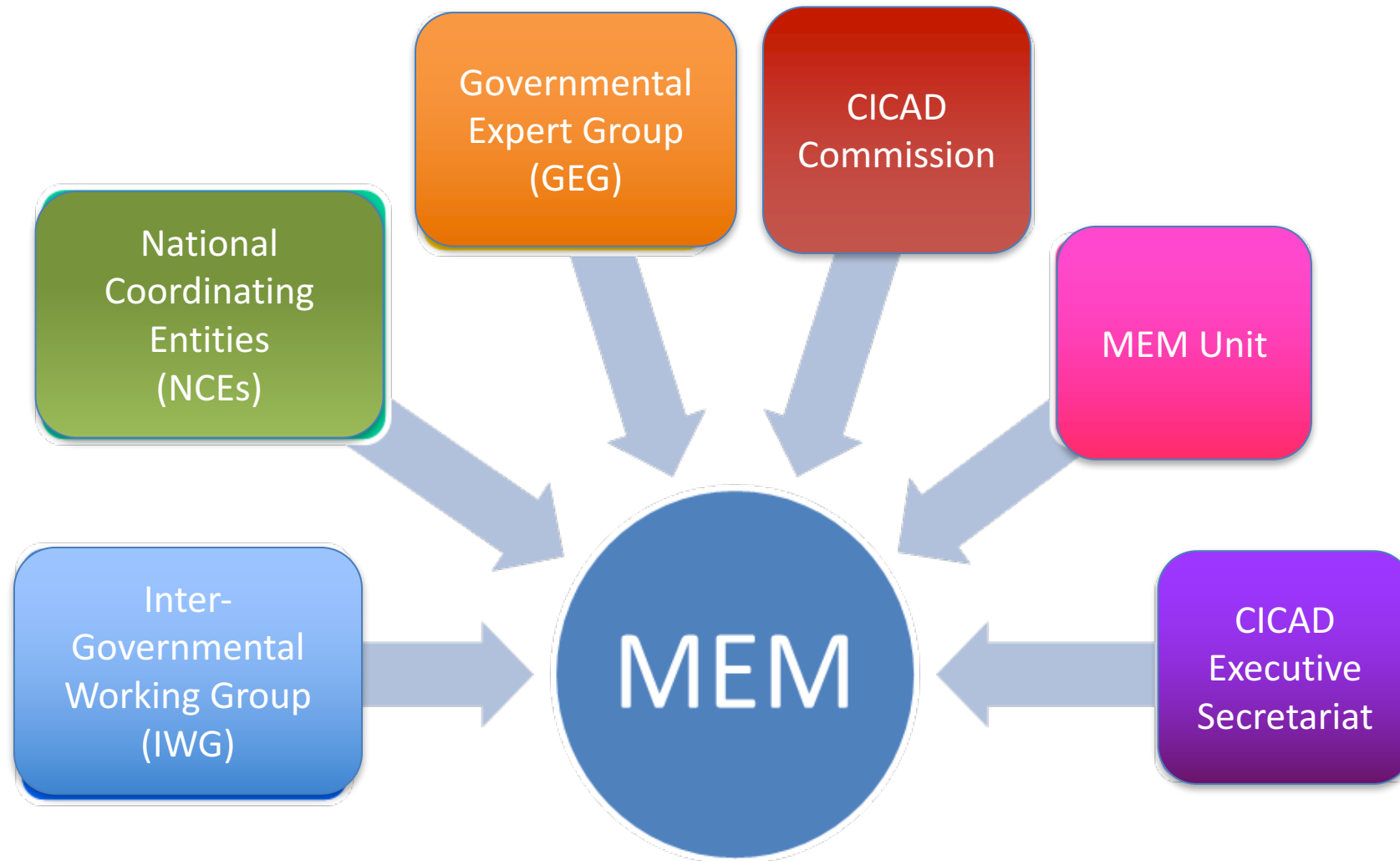


MEM - Key Stakeholders



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MEM – Evaluation Reports



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OAS/CICAD Hemispheric Drug Strategy 2010

- “Drug dependence is a chronic, relapsing disease that is caused by many factors, including biological, psychological or social, which must be addressed and treated as a public health matter, consistent with the treatment of other chronic diseases.”



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HEMISPHERIC PLAN OF ACTION ON DRUGS 2016-2020



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Hemispheric Plan of Action on Drugs 2016-2020

- **Area 1 – Institutional Strengthening**
- **Area 2 – Demand Reduction**
- **Area 3 – Supply Reduction**
- **Area 4 – Control Measures**
- **Area 5 – International Cooperation**



Demand Reduction PoA (5)

- Establish demand reduction policies with a public health focus that are evidence-based, multidisciplinary, multisectoral and respectful of human rights, considering the guidelines and/or recommendations of specialized international organizations.
- Establish and/or strengthen an integrated system of universal, selected and indicated prevention programs on drug use, giving priority to vulnerable and at-risk populations, evidence-based and incorporating a human rights, gender, age and multicultural approach.
- Establish and strengthen, as appropriate, a national treatment, rehabilitation and social reintegration system for people with problematic drug use, including a human rights and gender-based approach, taking into account internationally accepted quality standards.
- Foster ongoing training and certification of human resources that provide prevention, treatment, rehabilitation and social reintegration services.
- Establish and/or strengthen governmental institutional capacities to regulate, enable, accredit and supervise prevention programs and, care and treatment services.



Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism (MEM) Seventh Evaluation Round Questionnaire

- **Area 1 – Institutional Strengthening**
 - National Drug Authorities
 - National Drug Plans/Strategies & Related Social Policies
 - National Drug Observatories & Drug Information Networks
 - Alternatives to Incarceration
- **Area 2 – Demand Reduction**
 - Drug Demand Reduction Policies
 - Integrated System of Prevention Programs
 - Treatment, Rehabilitation & Social Inclusion Systems
 - Certification of Health Care Personnel, Programs & Centers
- **Area 3 – Supply Reduction**
 - Drug Supply Reduction Policies & Programs
 - Collection & Analysis of Drug Supply Data
 - Alternative, Integral & Sustainable Development Programs
 - Environmental Impact of Illicit Crops & Effects of Small-Scale Drug Trafficking

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