

Cycle of Calls to Submit Experiences of Crime Analysis in the Americas First Call 2021

1. Justification

With the goal of fostering practical cooperation, the Inter-American Association of Crime Analysts, with the support of the International Association of Crime Analysts (IACA), seeks to facilitate the sharing of innovative and effective experiences in crime analysis and information/knowledge management in public safety, particularly among governments, observatories, police departments, analytical and research academic centers, and civil society organizations in the Americas. The Cycle of Calls to Present Experiences (*Convocatoria*) of Crime Analysis in the Americas is one of the Association's main instruments for advancing that goal.

The *Convocatoria* is a call, at the hemispheric level, to come up with original initiatives that constitute improvements in the analytical, informational, and knowledge-generation cycles that help shape the design, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of public policies for preventing crime and violence in the Americas.

This invitation looks to stimulate interest and collective learning based on the dissemination and presentation of actions/cases/experiences seeking to bring about some change or solution, model/working procedure, analytical product, service, or tool designed to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the analysis used to guide crime and violence prevention interventions in a manner that is comprehensive, informed, and rooted in genuine familiarity with the territory in question.

2. Characteristics of the Call

The call to submit innovative and effective experiences of crime analysis, which will be repeated each year, is voluntary and open to crime analysts or persons performing similar tasks in the Member States of the Organization of American States.

The groups targeted and prioritized audiences are analysts and/or units analyzing data and information in the public and/or private sector, civil society, and academic organizations in the security and criminal justice sector. Thus, those interested in participating may work, *inter alia*, in security ministries/secretariats, police institutions, Public Prosecutors or Attorney Generals' Offices, local governments, crime observatories, and academic centers or research units specializing in public security.

Every year, a selection will be made of the experiences that, based on the improvement/adaptation/or innovation proposed, and the evidence of results obtained, deserve

to be presented to the members of the Community in a virtual session and disseminated via the Map of Experiences of Crime Analysis hosted on the Inter-American Community of Crime Analysts.

The call will be organized by a Technical Secretariat comprised of the International Association of Crime Analysts, the IACA Chile Analysts Network, and the Department of Public Security of the OAS. The Technical Secretariat will be responsible for:

- i. Launching the call
- ii. Convening the International Jury, explaining the process, rules, and selection criteria
- iii. Receiving, reviewing, screening, and pre-selecting the proposals, based on the selection criteria
- iv. Contacting those who are pre-selected and those that are not
- v. Remitting the pre-selected proposals to the International Jury
- vi. Announcing the pre-selected proposals and thanking all those who participated
- vii. Uploading the pre-selected proposals to the Community's Map, highlighting those that have been selected
- viii. Organizing the annual virtual session

The International Jury will be comprised of representative of:

- i. The Department of Public Security
- ii. The International Association of Crime Analysts- Latin American Development Subcommittee
- iii. The International Centre for the Prevention of Crime (ICPC) [TBC]
- iv. CAF- Development Bank of Latin America

Among the tasks to be carried out, the International Jury shall:

- i. Select the proposals that are innovative and effective in crime and data/information analysis for crime and violence prevention
- ii. Contact the author/s of the selected proposals
- iii. Participate in the session during which the selected proposals are presented

3. Launching the Call

The first call for submitting experiences will be made during a virtual session to be conducted on Tuesday, August 31, 2021, when two outstanding and effective crime analysis experiences will be presented:

- i. Policing Program Focused on Hot Spots in the Municipality of La Plata, Province of Buenos Aires, Argentina
- ii. Development of the Comprehensive Analysis, Information, Georeferencing, and Security Studies Platform and its role in reducing high-impact and property crimes in the state of Tamaulipas, Mexico.

The terms and conditions of the call for submitting experiences are available on the websites of the Inter-American Community of Crime Analysts, IACA and the IACA Chile Network, and shall be remitted to the Member States via their Permanent Missions to the OAS.

That session will also mark the official launching and presentation of the Inter-American Community of Crime Analysts.

4. Criteria for the Submission of Experiences

The experiences need to refer to a recent practice, implemented in the past three years (2018-2020), either at the national or subnational, and/or municipal-local, level, that is demonstrably yielding concrete and effective results.

Consideration will be given, above all, to those experiences that are clearly linked to one or more types of analysis, as classified by the International Association of Crime Analysts (IACA) and the Inter-American Community of Crime Analysts:¹

- a. Problem Analysis
- b. Tactical Analysis
- c. Strategic Analysis
- d. Investigative Analysis
- e. Intelligence Analysis
- f. Operational Analysis
- g. Administrative Analysis
- h. Predictive Analysis

Consideration will also be given to those experiences that adopt a preventive approach:

- a. Primary/Universal Prevention
- b. Secondary/Selective Prevention

¹ Link to the Inter-American Community of Crime Analysts: <https://portal.educoas.org/es/redes/oeadsp/analistas-criminales-crime-analysts>

- c. Tertiary/Indicated Prevention
- d. Situational Prevention
- e. Community/Local Prevention

5. Submission of Experiences

Those interested in taking part must provide the required information on the attached standardized form designed for that purpose, which contains the following sections:

- a. Situational context: Identification of the crime or violence issue and/or factors associated with victimization and concentration of risk factors.
- b. Actions undertaken: Processes, tools, systems, and activities carried out to enhance, adapt or innovate with respect to the management and analysis of data/information and knowledge generation and thereby attain a more refined, integral, and focused understanding of the crime or violence issue to be addressed, in accordance with established objectives and targets.
- c. Evaluation: Presentation and explanation of activity, efficiency, results, or impact indicators, associated with the experience of improvement, adaptation, or innovation in data/information management and analysis and knowledge generation that would indicate that the experience would have helped address/prevent the crime or violence issue at stake.
- d. Actions undertaken to systematize and/or transfer the experience: Actions taken (including reports, handbooks, publications, organization of events/ workshops/training sessions, and so on) that might have helped disseminate the experience, either within the organization, or with other entities, thereby supporting ownership of the experience, and the organizational learning process.

Each of these sections need to be filled in with short, concise summaries (no more than 500 characters per field).

6. Stages and deadlines for the 2021 Call for Crime Analysis Experiences

This will be a 5-stage process:

First Stage | Submission of experiences:

From Tuesday, August 31 to Friday, October 29: Submission of experiences using the digital form posted on the Inter-American Community of Crime Analysts.

Second Stage | Pre-selection of experiences:

Monday, November 1 to Friday December 17: Based on the experiences submitted and the pre-established selection criteria, the Technical Secretariat will review and pre-select experiences. All those submitting experiences shall be notified of the outcomes of this stage.

Third Stage | Presentation of experiences:

From Monday, January 3 to Monday, February 28: Pre-selected participants shall be invited to write and remit a (5-6 page) text, following instructions regarding structure, format, and content.

Fourth Stage | Selection of outstanding experiences:

From Tuesday, March 1 to Friday, April 1: Selection of outstanding experiences by the International Jury.

Fifth Stage | Announcement and dissemination of outstanding experiences:

Monday, April 4 to Friday, April 29: Virtual conference to present the outstanding experiences. Systematization in the Map of Crime Analysis Experiences, located in the Inter-American Community of Crime Analysts. Production of podcasts based on the outstanding experiences.

7. Additional information and submission of proposals

If you require any additional information or have questions, please contact:

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Submissions using the standardized form need to be sent to the above e-mail addresses up to close of business on **Friday, October 29**.