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# Developing Cannabis Regulation in Canada: Federal Policy to Local Implementation

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# About CCSA

- Vision: A healthier Canadian society where evidence transforms approaches to substance use
- Mission: To address issues of substance use in Canada by providing national leadership and harnessing the power of evidence to generate coordinated action
- National non-profit organization
- Pan-Canadian and international role



# Current Context: Legal Status



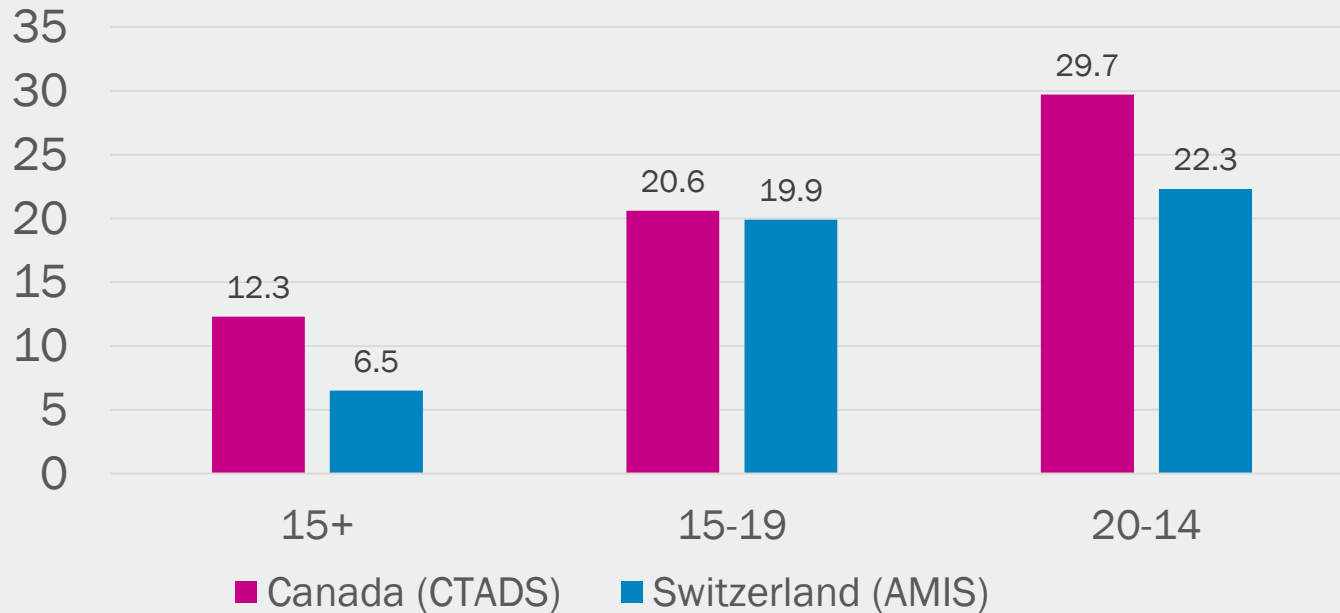
# Current Context: Medical Use

- Access to Cannabis for Medical Purposes
  - Licensed producers: 56
  - Registered clients: 167,754
  - Personal cultivation licenses: 4,000+
- Illegal dispensaries
  - Unknown numbers
  - Varying degrees of professionalism
  - Regulated in some municipalities



# Current Context: Youth Use

Prevalence of Self-Reported Past-Year  
Cannabis Use, 2015 (%)



# Current Context: Criminal Justice

- Arrests in 2015
  - 49,577 arrests for cannabis possession
  - 9,082 arrests for production, trafficking and distribution
- Impaired driving
  - Limited testing capacity and reporting
  - Surveys indicate that youth are more likely to drive high than drunk



# Proposed Legislation: Bill C-45

- **Objectives**
  - Prevent young persons from accessing cannabis
  - Protect public health and safety
  - Deter criminal activity
  - Reduce the burden on the criminal justice system



# Bill C-45 (cont.)

- **Outlines exemptions to criminal prohibition for:**
  - Production
    - Personal production of up to 4 plants 100 cm high
  - Distribution
  - Sale
    - Minimum age of 18
  - Possession
    - Up to 30 g of dried product or its equivalent





# Bill C-45 (cont.)

- Identifies criminal penalties
  - Range from fines to 14 years incarceration
- Identifies regulatory and process requirements, including:
  - Promotion and packaging
    - Not accessible or appealing to youth
    - Factual and brand information only



# Bill C-45 (cont.)

- Regulatory and process requirements (cont.):
  - Product formats
    - Dried products and oils
    - Note: Regulations for edibles to follow
- Identifies non-criminal sanctions for regulatory breaches
  - E.g., fines, suspension or removal of licences

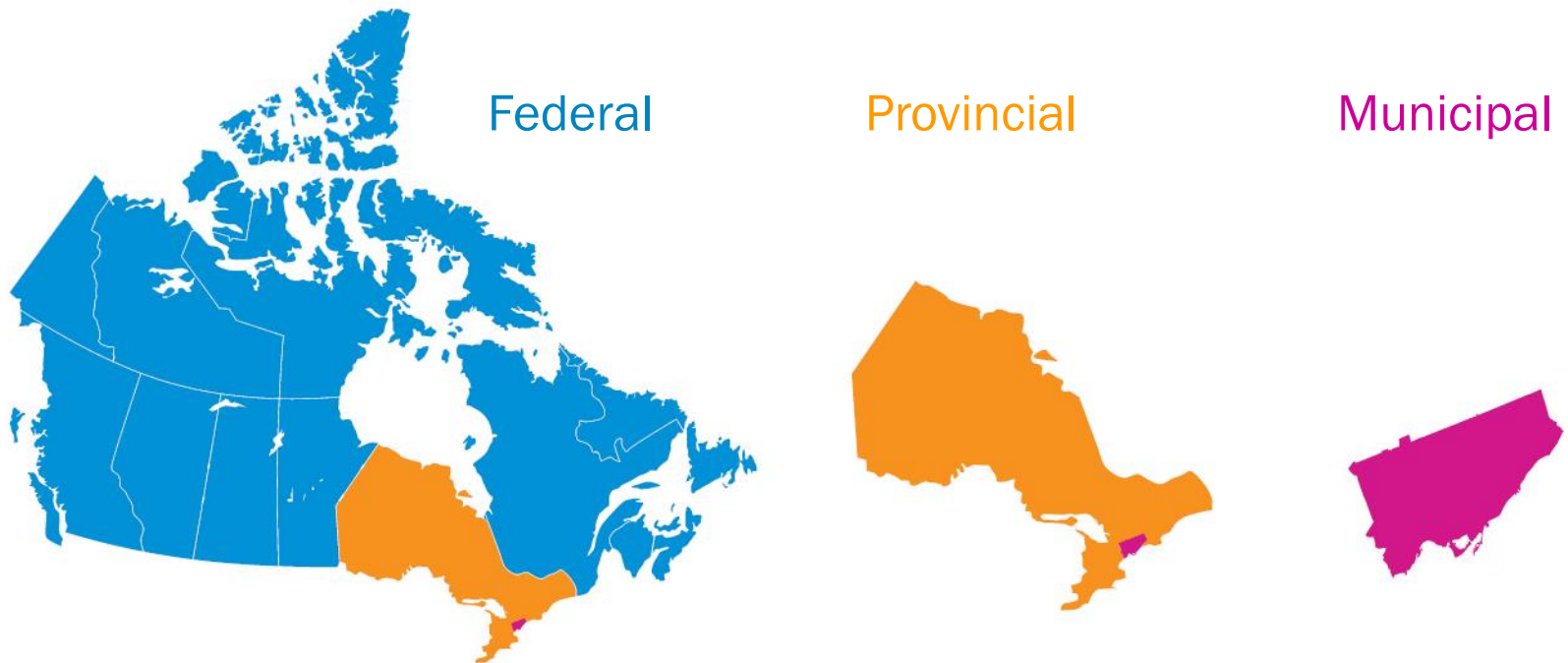


# Impaired Driving

- Separate Bill (C-46)
- Addresses operation of vehicles while under the influence of alcohol or drugs
- Provides for roadside collection of oral fluids



# Jurisdictions for Implementation





# Jurisdictional Responsibilities (in brief)

Federal	Provincial / Territorial	Municipal
What is legal vs. illegal	Administrative regulations	Enforcement & inspections
Production	Distribution & sales	Bylaws & zoning

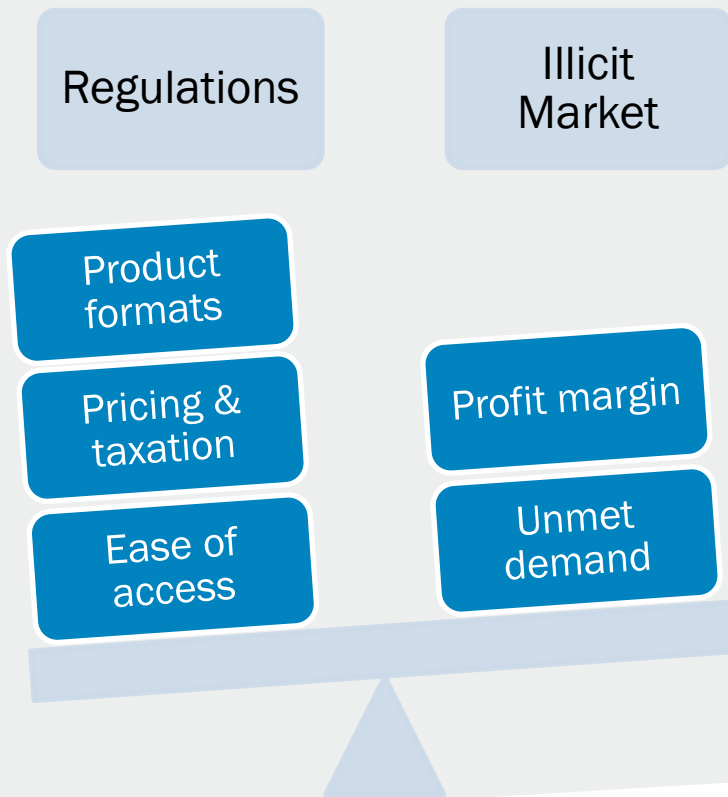


# Competing Objectives





# Balancing Objectives





# Key Challenges

- Balancing objectives
- Proactive investment in capacity building
  - Administration
  - Testing
  - Enforcement
  - Prevention, education and treatment
- Consistency
- Surveillance and monitoring
- Research





# Thematic Issues

- Diverse stakeholders
  - Levels of government, NGOs
  - Industry (licensed medical producers)
  - Dispensaries (illegal market)
  - Health, justice, economists
  - Canadians
- Local innovation
  - Non-profit sales models



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