

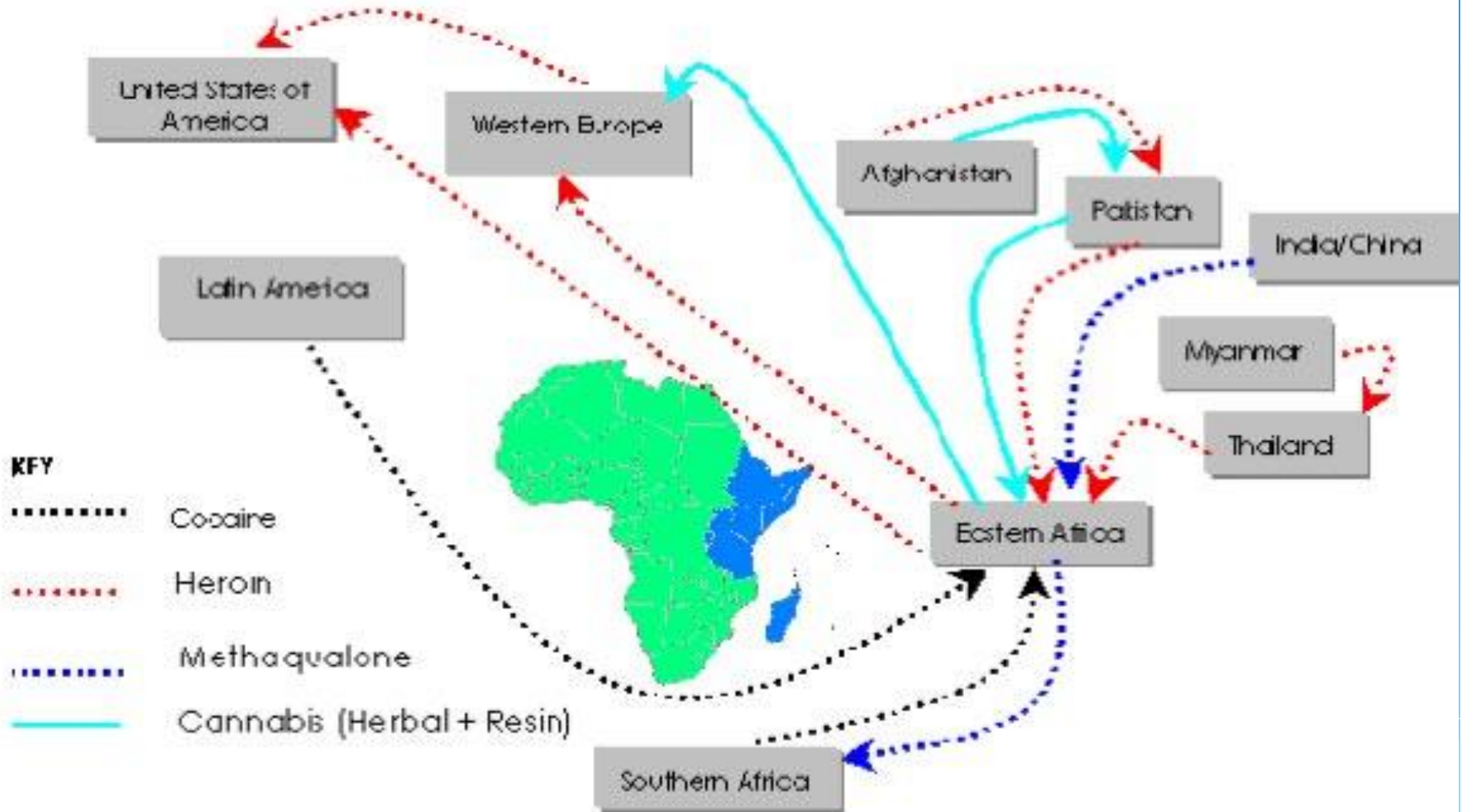
# MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION IN EAST AFRICA

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# Countries in the Region

- \* Burundi,
- \* Comoros,
- \* Djibouti,
- \* Eritrea,
- \* Ethiopia,
- \* Kenya,
- \* Madagascar,
- \* Mauritius,
- \* Rwanda,
- \* Seychelles,
- \* Somalia,
- \* South Sudan,
- \* Uganda,
- \* United Republic of Tanzania and
- \* Mayotte

# Marijuana Transit Route in the Region



Source: UNODC

# Regional Situation

- \* 188 Million People use Marijuana Globally (UNODC 2017)
- \* 83 million people in Africa consume marijuana.(The Africa Regional Hemp & Cannabis Report: 2019)
- \* 2.6 Million Uganda are using Marijuana (Daily Monitor May 2019)

# Regional Position

- \* The following countries in the region have been on the spotlight in relation to Marijuana Legalization and Debate
  - Kenya: Lobby to legalize Marijuana has been very intense
  - Tanzania: Debate on going weather to legalize of not
  - Uganda: Approved the growth for Export

# MYTHS BY THE LEGALIZERS

- \* Increased income for the country
- \* More jobs will be created
- \* Alcohol is worse than Marijuana
- \* Marijuana does not harm
- \* Children will not be affected
- \* More energy to work
- \* Poverty rate will go down

# ROLE OF THE CSO TO CURB THE MANACE

- \* Stand up and Speak Out
- \* Work with country and regional alliances and Network who share the same course
- \* Speak about Facts to counter Myths
- \* Ensure your presence is felt in Social and Main Stream Media for balanced opinion
- \* Lobby and Mobilize the legislators and the Media with your findings with open letters, common Position and Declarations
- \* Go for the big people by starting small

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