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The Regional Framework for the Arab States 2023-2028

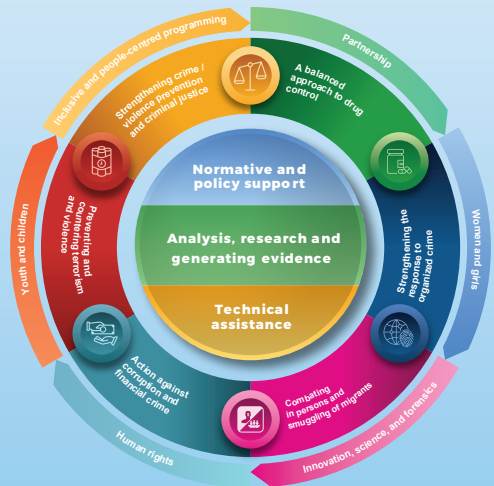
The Regional Framework for the Arab States 2023-2028 (henceforth 'the Regional Framework') sets out UNODC's mission to contribute to peace and security, human rights, and development by making the region safer from drugs, crime, corruption, and terrorism, including by reducing violence and inequalities within society.

This document acts as the overarching strategic framework for cooperation between UNODC and the League of Arab States (LAS). It frames how UNODC will strengthen, prioritize, customize, and deliver support to the Arab region ineffective response to some of the most pressing challenges faced by these countries and in connection with UNODC's mandates and specialities. It lays out a roadmap to guide UNODC programming and to accelerate progress towards Agenda 2030 in pursuit of key Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and deliver better in response to latest recommendations issued by the fifth meeting of the Steering and Follow-up Committee for the Regional Programme for Arab States to Prevent and Combat Crime, Terrorism and Health Threats and Strengthen Criminal Justice Systems in Line with International Human Rights Standards (2016 - 2022).

The wider Arab region covers 10 percent of the world's land area and is home to around 460 million people. From the west, the region extends from Morocco on the Atlantic coast of North Africa, across Egypt, the Syrian Arab Republic, Jordan and Palestine in the Levant (or Mashreq) to Iraq, the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) States and Yemen on the Arabian Peninsula. Many similarities, challenges, and opportunities are shared between countries which can be leveraged to drive collaboration, cooperation, and enable shared solutions to regional-wide challenges. In recognition of the political will and determination of the LAS, Member States and their citizens, the present document articulates the need for a flexible, collaborative, and innovative approach, reliant on strengthened multi-country cooperation and partnerships, and encourages collaboration and initiatives at the regional and national levels.

Drawing on results and lessons learned from previous UNODC programming cycles, the Regional Framework ensures that UNODC's programmatic approaches and responses are people-centred, leave no one behind, are underpinned by evidence-based best practices and in line with international standards. Importantly, UNODC proposes engagement of all sectors of society to work together both within countries and across borders promoting a whole-of-society approach to overcome some of the drug, crime, corruption, and terrorism challenges the region faces.

The Regional Framework articulates **six focus areas** for guiding UNODC-implemented programming at the regional and national levels, whilst applying **six key accelerators** across all programmatic interventions to speed up progress and maximize efforts towards fast-tracking the SDGs:



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