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An Urban Safety Governance Approach for safe, inclusive and resilient societies

Concept note for a High-Level Event at the 14th Crime Congress in Kyoto

Tuesday 21 April 2020, 1.00 – 2.30 pm

With two-thirds of the world's population expected to reside in cities by 2050, urban safety is increasingly becoming a concern for policymakers at the national and local levels. Urban safety needs to be seen as a complex, multi-dimensional challenge that seeks to ultimately increase the well-being and resilience of urban communities, by reducing often interlinked threats and vulnerabilities at the individual, urban and national levels, conducive to crime, violence and corruption.

The high-level event will present best practices on multi-level safety governance amongst local and national policymakers from five different regions, who are grappling with the challenges of providing safety and achieving sustainable development in cities that face a variety of complex and interlinked problems. The event will also highlight the cooperation between UNODC and UN-Habitat and through the signing of a Joint Cooperation Framework set a clear joint vision and way forward in support of Member States' efforts in the area of urban safety governance.