

Transforming the Culture of Lawfulness: From Policy to Reality. The experience of the Doha Declaration as a point of departure towards the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Concept Note
High-Level Event at the 14th UN Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice
Monday, 7 March 2021
Kyoto International Conference Center (KICC)
Kyoto, Japan
Conference Room RoomA
14:00 – 15:30

Background

The 13th UN Crime Congress held in Doha, Qatar in 2015 was a point of departure in the history of UN Crime Congresses. For the first time in the 60-year history of the Crime Congresses, its political declaration was used as a basis for the development of a unique global programme to implement the policy directives as contained in the Declaration (A/RES/70/174) and provide an important contribution to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The “Doha Declaration” called for the integration of crime prevention and criminal justice into the broader agenda of the United Nations, at its centre the understanding that the rule of law and sustainable development are interrelated and mutually reinforcing.

The Global Programme for the Implementation for the Doha Declaration, established in 2016 by UNODC together with the State of Qatar, the host of the 13th Crime Congress, set out to transform the policy directives contained in the Declaration into concrete tangible realities, including directly contributing to the implementation of goals 4, 5, 10, 16 and 17.

The Programme provides support to the development of operational, legislative and policy-related work required by Member States to implement the Doha Declaration in four specific areas contained therein, namely: Judicial Integrity, Prisoner Rehabilitation, Youth Crime Prevention through Sports and Education for Justice (E4J). It assists countries to achieve a positive and sustainable impact on crime prevention, criminal justice, corruption prevention, and the rule of law.

Since its launch, the Global Programme has gained significant traction in its implementation and achievements. The international community has welcomed its components with great enthusiasm and its activities have resulted in impactful stories that have reverberated in different countries around the globe. To date, over 1.5 million people from over 190 countries have been either directly or indirectly impacted by the Programme.

Objective of the event

Taking into account the above, this event will showcase the achievements of the Global Programme since its inception and how it contributes to the implementation of the rule of law at national, regional and international levels. Tangible stories and actions will be presented, including by beneficiaries of the work undertaken by the Global Programme which will highlight the achievements and impact made around the world so far on the journey from Doha to Kyoto.

Furthermore, it will promote an interactive discussion on the Rule of Law and the Sustainable Development Goals and how a Global Programme can actively and innovatively affect the lives of children, youth and people from all over the world in paving the way towards the realization of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.

Format of the event

Keynote speeches and an interactive panel discussion will be supplemented with short documentary films on the Programme's key achievements.

Interventions from the floor are encouraged through questions and comments directly linked to the subject issue of the High-Level Event.

Speakers

Keynote speakers:

- Ms. Ghada Waly Executive Director, UNODC - tbc
- President of the Republic of El Salvador, H.E. Mr. Nayib Armando Bukele Ortez – tbc

Moderator:

- Mr. John Brandolino, Director, Division for Treaty Affairs, UNODC

Panellists:

- H.E. Sheikh Khalid bin Khalifa bin Abdelaziz Al Thani Prime Minister and Minister of Interior, State of Qatar - tbc
- H.E. Ms. Masako Mori, Minister of Justice of Japan - tbc
- H.E. Ms. Omurbekova Altynai, Vice-Prime Minister of Kyrgyzstan – tbc OR
- H.E. Ms. Norbaeva Tanzilla, Head of the Senate of Uzbekistan – tbc
- High-level representative from the African continent - tbc
- Mr. Marco Teixeira, Senior Programme Officer, Coordinator of the Global Programme for the Implementation of the Doha Declaration, UNODC

Other interventions:

- Interventions from E4J children and youth champions - tbc
- Interventions from key Partners such as Heads of UN agencies/funds and programmes – tbc