Global update on ICCS implementation / Implementation Manual review process

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Overview of the ICCS

• The International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes (ICCS) was endorsed in 2015 by the United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC) as well as the United Nations Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice.

• The two Commissions also endorsed UNODC as the Custodian of the ICCS, as well as the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) to the ICCS.

• Expert Group Meeting of ICCS-TAG Members, held in Vienna, 2016, discussed the need for methodological guidance in form of a practical manual to support implementation processes at national level.
Technical assistance on ICCS implementation

UNODC works to develop standards and tools for ICCS implementation and provides technical assistance to Member States:

**Regional workshops/conferences**
- 3rd International Conference on Governance, Crime and Justice Statistics, Mexico, 2016
- 2nd Asia Pacific Regional Meeting on Crime and Criminal Justice Statistics in the Republic of Korea, 2016
- 1st Regional Training Course on the Implementation of the ICCS in the Asia-Pacific region, Daejeon, Republic of Korea, 2017

**National workshops/trainings**
- Costa Rica
- Guatemala
- Jamaica
- Kenya
- Kyrgyzstan
- Myanmar
- Uganda
- Argentina

Workshops/trainings are often held jointly by UNODC and the UNODC-INEGI Centre of Excellence (CoE) for Statistical Information on Governance, Public Security, Victimization and Justice (Mexico City).
Some examples of ICCS implementation work

- **Germany**: Detailed mapping of Category 1 offences (Acts leading to death or intending to cause death); scientific article detailing the process published in German and English
- **South Korea**: Complete full translation of ICCS to national language
- **USA**: National Academy of Sciences adopted ICCS as a basis to build a revised national system of crime statistics
- **Kenya**: ICCS National Working Group established including members of the Justice, Law and Order Sector and the National Statistical Office; in process of ICCS mapping
- **Argentina**: ICCS implementation in police crime recording systems underway; recently completed a crime victimization survey in line with LACSI (ICCS-compliant)
- In a September 2017 survey of users of the ICCS Virtual Platform (N=27), 70% of MS already had a National Focal Point appointed for coordinating the national ICCS implementation and 46% had a working group on ICCS implementation established
ICCS Implementation Manual – Objectives

General objective

- To provide **globally applicable guidelines** for a successful implementation of the ICCS, relevant to all crime and criminal justice systems

Specific objectives

- To provide guidance for the mapping and correspondence tables
- To provide guidance for the application of disaggregating variables
- To provide guidance on the boundaries of the ICCS and specific counting rules
- To provide guidance on classifying specific offences that may be ambiguous
ICCS Implementation Manual - Outline

Part I – Understanding the ICCS and its implementing principles
- Chapter 1 – ICCS – the basics
- Chapter 2 - Implementing Principles
- Chapter 3 - Setting the framework for implementing the ICCS

Part II – Methodological guidelines to implement the ICCS
- Chapter 4 - Boundaries of the ICCS
- Chapter 5 - Building correspondence tables
- Chapter 6 - Disaggregating variables
- Chapter 7 - Counting units and rules
- Chapter 8 - Producing data to the ICCS

Part III – Classifying specific offences
- Additional explanations on classifying e.g.
  - Serious assault and minor assault
  - Abduction of a minor and kidnapping
  - Burglary and theft
  - Gender-based violence
  - Cyber-crime

Annexes
- Annex 1 - Mapping UN Articles to ICCS offence categories
- Annex 2 - ICCS ‘tag’ mapping
- Annex 3 - Correspondence tables
- Annex 4 - Model national work plan to developing correspondence tables and mapping classifications
ICCS Implementation Manual – Global round of consultation

- May 2018 - Feedback was received from representatives of 24 countries, 4 International Organizations and from other external experts on crime and criminal justice statistics

![Participants of the global consultation round on the ICCS Implementation Manual, May 2018](chart.png)
ICCS Implementation Manual – Points for improvement

• Simplified instructions needed for developing countries, in particular on the differences between unit record data and aggregate data

• More detailed instructions on how to specifically handle partial matches and estimation methods

• More guidance on the operationalization of disaggregating variables at national level

• More examples of volunteer countries on their current status of ICCS implementation (including work plan, budget, etc) and the countermeasures taken when facing challenges
Parallel working groups

- **Working Group 1** - Building correspondence tables
- **Working Group 2** - Operationalization of specific disaggregating variables
- **Working Group 3** - Establishing boundaries of the ICCS/Application of counting units and rules
- **Working Group 4** - Practical challenges and best practices when initiating the ICCS implementation process
Thank you for your attention

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