eLearning Newsletter

Newsletter on the UNODC Global eLearning Programme (GLOU61)
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UNODC & eLearning:
The UNODC Global eLearning Programme is designed to offer capacity building on-demand to stakeholders around the globe on contents related to combating the illicit trafficking of drugs and transnational organized crime. The tailored training courses and modules are developed by UNODC and international substantive experts and correspond directly to learners and trainers’ needs. They are comprised of subjects including Human Rights, Drugs and Transnational Crime, Smuggling of Migrants, Human Trafficking, Border Control, Wildlife Crime, Forensics and Intelligence, and can be accessed at https://golearn.unodc.org.

What is eLearning?
eLearning is the use of electronic educational technology in learning and teaching. The term “eLearning” was coined in 1999, during a computer-based seminar in Los Angeles. The term is now commonly utilised to describe the use of online personalised, interactive or virtual education as well as a method of providing distance learning services.
eLearning enables countries, as well as private and international organizations, to disseminate information and provide knowledge as tool for capacity building and optimizing resources, on a global scale.

UNODC Global eLearning Platform
The UNODC Global eLearning Platform was launched in September 2014 and got operational November 2014. It is continuing to successfully deliver on-line courses. The platform is completely and easily customizable to suit a range of learning environments (themes) and geographic contexts (languages) and has thus been conceptualized for its full integration into the emerging inter-regional and inter-agency capacity building initiative. This approach is aimed at maximizing UNODC’s impact globally whilst acting locally.

UNODC Work:
Through the UNODC Global eLearning Platform, UNODC delivers Human Security knowledge aimed at enhancing the skills of Member State Officials. The eLearning Platform is a secure and cost effective way to disseminate knowledge to officials around the globe. Virtually reachable on-line by any student, in any working conditions, e-learning is a comprehensive UNODC response to increasing capacity building “on-demand”. In addition the Platform is available in an off-line format, where the installation of “Mobile Training units” replicates the existing training courses without the need for internet facilities and enables connectivity to the platform in this manner. The training provided by the Platform essentially ensures that users acquire various levels of knowledge in line with United Nations and international standards.

For more information, please contact eLearning@unodc.org or visit www.unodc.org/elearning.
eLearning Delivery News:

**September 2014 – Launch and Testing of the Global eLearning Platform**

The UNODC Global eLearning Platform was launched in User Acceptance mode for internal testing in September 2014. On November 26, after successful testing, the platform was made accessible to final users.

**September 2014 – New UNODC eLearning Centre established in India**

A new UNODC eLearning centre was established at the Indian National Academy for Customs Excise & Narcotics, Regional Training Institute, in Vadodara, Gujarat. Thereafter, a two-day Computer Based Training workshop was organized for officers from the Customs and Central Excise Department of Gujarat.

**November 2014 – Training at the Police Academy in Sri Lanka**

The UNODC eLearning Programme and the Australian High Commission in Colombo delivered a training course for trainers on the use of the programme as well as 77 new eLearning modules for officials dealing with drug and crime matters. The learning contents were installed at the Sri Lanka Police College (SLPC), based in Kalutara, Sri Lanka. Moreover, 36 officers from the Sri Lankan border and customs agency were trained with eLearning modules on human trafficking. Such initiatives were possible due to funding provided by the Australian Federal Police.

**November 2014 – eLearning training courses on Cybercrime**

In November 2014, the first eLearning training on cybercrime, specifically dedicated to digital forensics, was held through the eLearning platform. 47 officers are currently enrolled in the course.

**December 2014 – Training-for-TRAINERS**

The eLearning Programme held a 4-day Training-for-TRAINERS workshop on the use of the eLearning platform to deliver capacity building on Smuggling of Migrants and Human Rights to Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam.

**December 2014 – Mobile Training on Human Rights to Thailand**

The Programme and the U.S. Embassy in Bangkok handed over two Mobile Training Units (MTUs) with training contents on Human Rights and Border Control to the Police Education Bureau of the Royal Thai Police. The ceremony was attended by Lt. Gen. Parkart, PEB Commissioner, and Mr. Richard W. Snelsire, US INL Representative in Bangkok.

**December 2014 – Smuggling of Migrants**

The eLearning Programme and the Australian Embassy in Bangkok delivered eLearning equipment and contents on Smuggling of Migrants to Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam.

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