Third Round of Thematic Discussions on the Implementation of UNGASS

Chapter IV’s operational recommendations on reducing prison overcrowding and alternative measures to conviction or punishment

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“Implement measures to eliminate prison overcrowding and violence”

UNODC Global Programme on Addressing Prison Challenges

Handbook on Strategies to Reduce Overcrowding in Prisons

Checklist to Assess Compliance with the Nelson Mandela Rules

Roadmap towards the Development of Prison-based Rehabilitation Programmes (forthcoming)
“Encourage alternatives to conviction or punishment and promote proportionate sentencing policies”

- UNODC-WHO Handbook on the Treatment and Care of People with Drug Use Disorders in Contact with the Criminal Justice System: Alternatives to Conviction or Punishment
  - A technical tool to map existing experiences around the world to promote exchange of experiences and mutual learning
  - To be validated in October 2017 and launched in March 2018
  - Currently organizing a training workshop on treatment as an alternative in Côte d’Ivoire
UNODC-WHO Handbook on the Treatment and Care of People with Drug Use Disorders in Contact with the Criminal Justice System: Alternatives to Conviction or Punishment

- Over ¾ of countries provide treatment as an alternative to sanctions or punishment
  - Pre-trial stage (e.g. diversion): in about 33% of reporting countries
  - Trial stage (e.g. sentencing): in about 40% of reporting countries
  - Post-sentencing stage (e.g. early conditional release): in less than 20% of reporting countries

- 63% of responding countries reported that they have specific health or social interventions for people with drug use disorders
  - E.g. education sessions, assessment, rehabilitation support, education, psychosocial or pharmacological treatment, in lieu of being convicted for an offence

- Various models of drug treatment courts in 6 of the 49 countries