Regional Section for South Asia, East Asia and the Pacific

60th Intersessional Meeting
16 November 2017
UNODC in Southeast Asia and South Asia

- **Southeast Asia:**
  - Regional Office in Bangkok
  - Country Office in Laos
  - Country Office in Myanmar
  - Country Office in Viet Nam
  - Programme Office in Cambodia
  - Programme Office in Indonesia
  - Project presence in the Philippines and the Fiji

- **South Asia:**
  - Regional Office in New Delhi
  - Programme Office in Bangladesh
  - Programme Office in Bhutan
  - Programme Office in Nepal
  - Project presence in Sri Lanka
UNODC Programmatic Frameworks

- **Southeast Asia:**
  - Regional Programme for Southeast Asia 2014-19
  - Country Programme for Myanmar 2014-19
  - Country Programme for Viet Nam 2012-17
  - Country Programme for Indonesia 2017-20

- **South Asia:**
  - Regional Programme South Asia 2013-17
  - Regional Programme for South Asia 2018-21 (under development)
UNODC’s Programmatic Action

Programme delivery:

2016: **USD 15.9 mn**, including USD 7.4 mn under the Drug Fund

2017 (to date): **USD 16.9 mn**, including USD 7.7 mn under the Drug Fund

Main donors:

– Canada
– Australia
– Sweden
– Japan
– Norway
– U.S.A.
– Finland
– China
a) Strengthened Technical Assistance

Myanmar drug policy reform

- Close partnership Government-UNODC
- Aligned with UNGASS recommendations
- Internal consultation process (working group meetings) in 2016
- To be launched in early December 2017

eLearning programme in South Asia

Capacity-building at national/ regional level

> 6,700 drug LE/customs officers trained in 6 countries
> 590 LE officers, forensic experts and drug regulatory authorities trained, including on detection/counterining of NPS and ATS
b) North-South, South-South and Triangular Cooperation

Mekong MOU on Drug Control

- Regional drug policy & strategy
- 6 Mekong countries (Cambodia, China, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand, Viet Nam)
- Working together to contain the threat of illicit drug production, trafficking and use
- Operationalized through a Sub-Regional Action Plan, updated every 3 years

South Asia Regional Intelligence Coordination Centre (SARICC)

- Initiative to promote collection, analysis and sharing of intelligence on TOC
- Building on positive experiences promoted by UNODC, including CARICC and the ‘Networking the Networks’ initiative.
- Regional Expert Group Meeting on 23-24 November in Colombo, following meetings previously held in New Delhi.
Border Liaison Office Network

- Cross-border cooperation to tackle transnational threats
- Coordinating offices for national LE agencies located near border crossings
- Communication and cooperation between different national agencies
- Collaboration between two UNODC Regional Offices
- > 85 BLOs established throughout Asia
c) Information Exchange, Good Practices, Lessons Learned

Research Studies

- 2016 **Threat Assessment** on TOC in the **Pacific**, with support from the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat
- 2017 **Study** on Trends and Patterns of **ATS and NPS** in East & Southeast Asia
- 2017 **Study** on Evidence for Enhancing **Resilience to Opium Poppy Cultivation** in Shan State, Myanmar: Implications for AD, Peace and Stability
d) Support to SDG Implementation

**Mekong MoU Action Plan**
- New Action Plan (May 2017)
- One of the first regional platforms to mirror the **UNGASS OD** and the **SDG Agenda**
- **Drugs & Health** and Sustainable **AD** as two of its four key priorities

**New Regional Programme for South Asia (2018-2021)**
- Strategic and operational framework for UNODC in the region (5 sub-programmes)
- Reflecting the spirit and recommendations of the **UNGASS OD**
- Direct link with **key SDGs**: 3, 5, 16 as well as 10, 15 and 17.
- Regional **stakeholders’ meeting** planned for 18-19 December in New Delhi
- To be launched in Q1 of 2018
e) Cooperation with UN agencies

Partnership with UNAIDS & WHO

Myanmar

• Support to revision of 1993 Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substance Law (transition to a public health approach)
• Comprehensive package of health care delivery and infrastructure improvement in prisons (2 pilot locations)
• Nationwide survey on drug use & health being prepared (report expected Q1 2018)
• Community-based services for drug users

South Asia

• HIV prevention among drug users in SAARC countries
• HIV prevention, treatment and care for vulnerable groups, including in prisons
• 12 opioid substitution centres in five countries
• Drug/HIV services to female drug users provided in Drop-in-Centres in Nepal
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