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Newsletter

It's June already! Gearing up for summer? We know that feeling and look forward to it, too! More exciting for us, are the activities we will be rolling out with the support of our partners, in making Nigeria safer from drugs, organized crime and terrorism.

May was quite adventurous for us! Up the creeks to Otuan - a riverine community in Bayelsa State -, to the launch of the World Wildlife Crime Report 2024, our tailored support to the Nigeria Police and more, the impact of our work delights us in ways that deepen our resolve to keep doing more.

Let's a look at some of our activities in May!

Renewing hope & changing lives in Otuan: The launch of a new project

Last year, UNODC through funding from the Government of Germany, commissioned a refurbished police post, youth development center and cassava processing facility in Otuan, a riverine community in Bayelsa State. This life-changing project attracted many partners and together with Team Europe, we visited Otuan again in May.

The feedback from the community was heartwarming; our support has made a difference in their lives.

Further to this, Bayelsa State Government, Denmark and UNODC launched a new project to strengthen the Niger Delta Peace Architecture. Read about it [here](#).

Check out The World Wildlife Crime Report 2024

Despite two decades of concerted action, wildlife trafficking persists worldwide with more than 4,000 species affected, says new UNODC World Wildlife Crime Report for 2024.

Beyond the direct threat to the population of species posed by wildlife trafficking, the crime can also disrupt delicate ecosystems and their functions and processes - including their ability to help stabilize the climate and mitigate climate change.

More about this report [here](#).

Strengthening the Nigeria Police to better deliver on its mandate

We believe the Nigeria Police can be more service-driven, people friendly and rule of law compliant. Do you believe so, too?

Together with partners, we are designing tailored interventions to achieve this.

Thanks to the funding from US INL and UN Peacebuilding, we trained officers of the Nigeria Police Force Complaint Response Unit (CRU) on “Human Rights-Based and Gender-Sensitive Policing”

See more [here](#).

Screening, investigation and rehabilitation of Boko Haram suspects: UNODC’s support to Nigeria

We organized a side event at the 33rd edition of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice [#CCPCJ33](#), where we had the Joint Investigation Centre (JIC) Commander, Col. Aliyu Ahmed, share the vital role of the Center in bringing terrorists to justice & promoting their rehabilitation.

Inspiring lessons on how the Center’s approach can strengthen counter-terrorism efforts globally & how UNODC’s support has been instrumental. Read more [here](#).

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