Side events CCPCJ 26th session, 22-26 May 2017

In the framework of the 26th session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, the Secretariat to the Governing Bodies organized a side events programme featuring 93 side events, 46 of which were organized or co-sponsored by UNODC and many had UNODC speakers on the panels. Some of UNODC organizers kindly provided feedbacks on their side events as reflected below.

The UNODC Youth Crime Prevention and Sport Initiative Branch organized a special event on Life skills training through sports for youth crime prevention that took place on Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning.

Furthermore, various UNODC sections displayed exhibits during the 26th session of the CCPCJ:
- UNODC Crime Research Section: Human trafficking and migrant smuggling: an artist’s perspective. The artist, Yaser Rezahi, was acknowledged at the above-mentioned side event. Some of the paintings featured in the 2016 Global Report on Trafficking in Persons. The paintings are inspired by the artist's own difficult journey to reach Austria;
- UNODC Laboratory and Scientific Section; Laboratory and Scientific Section;
- UNODC Communication/Advocacy Section: The Doha Declaration Global Programme: promoting a culture of lawfulness;
- UNODC Co-financing and Partnership Section: UNODC, United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund for Victims of Trafficking in Persons;
- UNODC Organized Crime Branch/Implementation Support Section: WACAP + Global Firearms Programme + CRIMJUST Joint Approach;
- UNODC Sustainable Livelihoods Unit: Wildlife crime exhibition.
Finally, the UNODC Communication/Advocacy Section, the UNODC Justice Section, the UNODC Civil Society Team and the UNODC HIV/AIDS Section presented their publications and documentation on their respective issues. The UNODC Organized Crime Branch/Implementation Support Section presented information materials and films on the Container Control Programme.

Despite the large number and sometimes early starting time of events, attendance of the events was high across the board.

**SIDE EVENTS**

**MONDAY 22 May 2017**

1.10 - 2.00 p.m. **Promoting alternatives to imprisonment through health and justice collaboration – Regional perspectives**

Organized by the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission, the African Union, the European Commission and the UNODC Justice and Prevention and the Treatment and Rehabilitation Sections. **Conference Room M7.**

This event discussed the crucial role that alternatives to imprisonment play, particularly for people who are disproportionately affected and/or have specific needs when in contact with the criminal justice system, such as people with drug-use disorders and women. It further highlighted the importance of coordination and cooperation between health and justice sectors and information on recent initiatives at the regional and international levels, including the UNODC/WHO initiative on treatment and care as alternatives to conviction or punishment. Panellists shared experiences on promising practices and continued challenges on use of alternatives to imprisonment.

1.30 - 3.00 p.m. **Special event: EU-UNODC cooperation: addressing trafficking in persons and migrant smuggling**

Organized by the UNODC Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling Section and the European Union Delegation to the International Organizations in Vienna. **Conference Room MBR-A.**

This event acknowledged the efforts of partner governments in addressing trafficking in persons and migrants smuggling under the GLO.ACT project. UNODC’s Executive Director and the Permanent Representative of the
European Union addressed Government officials and their representatives, from Vienna and Geneva Permanent Missions, from GLO.ACT participating countries. An overview of the progress accomplished so far was provided.

2.20 - 3.10 p.m.  **Special event: assisting and protecting human trafficking survivors in the context of armed conflict, refugees and mixed migration flows: lessons learned on the ground**

Organized by the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund for Victims of Trafficking in Persons, Nadia’s Initiative, and Citizens’ Association for Combat Trafficking In Human Beings and All Forms of Violence Against Women (ATINA).

**Conference Room M2.**

The event, moderated by Jean-Luc Lemahieu, Director of the Division for Policy Analysis and Public Affairs, was opened by the UNODC Executive Director, emphasizing the importance of providing direct assistance to victims/survivors of trafficking in persons, in particular in the context of armed conflict and consequent large movements of refugees and migrants. Mr. Fedotov highlighted the way the UN is increasingly engaged in building support against human trafficking in this particular context, as evidenced by the UN Security Council’s adoption of its first resolution to counter human trafficking in conflict situations in 2015, and the UN General Assembly’s Summit for Refugees and Migrants in 2016.

Nobel Peace Prize Nominee and UNODC Goodwill Ambassador for Dignity for Survivors of Human Trafficking, Nadia Murad, spoke about her fight against human trafficking and the importance of ensuring access to justice for trafficking survivors and for those victim of trafficking in persons who are currently exploited by ISIL. She stressed that violence against women and children should never be tolerated and the perpetrators must face justice.

Ms. Marijana Savic, Director of ATINA – currently implementing a project funded by the UN Voluntary Trust Fund for Victims of Trafficking in Persons, explained that this Fund grant was the only funding mechanism available for providing safe shelter for victims of trafficking in Serbia. She highlighted that more needed to be done for proper identification to assist victims of trafficking amongst the actual flow of refugees and migrants passing through Europe, based on the individual victim’s needs.

The Chair of the Board of the Trust Fund, Mrs. Benita Ferrero-Waldner, closed the event by presenting current achievements and challenges faced by the Trust Fund.
TUESDAY 23 May 2017

8.00 - 8.50 a.m.  Cybercrime and drug trafficking: organized crime exploitation of the darknet

Organized by the UNODC Cybercrime and CRIMJUST Sections. Conference Room M6.

This side event addressed the use of web-associated tools by organized criminal networks for the purpose of illicit drug trafficking. The need to strengthen regional and international cooperation to face these challenges was emphasized. As sharing information and evidence remains a key component of cyber investigation, the discussions highlighted the importance of capacity-building. The globalized world creates opportunities that transnational organized crime is taking advantage of, which generates challenges for Member States; a more professionalized approach to digital evidence is needed.

The side event was chaired by Mr. Tofik Murshudlu, Chief of the UNODC Implementation and Support Section, and with the interventions of Mr. Neil Walsh, senior expert on cybercrime, and Mr. Marco Teixeira, programme officer at the Implementation and Support Section. Over 70 participants attended the side event.

9.00 - 9.50 a.m.  Stepping up international efforts to address the nexus between terrorism and transnational organized crime: what more can be done?

Organized by the Government of the Netherlands, Interpol and the UNODC Terrorism Prevention Branch. Conference Room MOE79.

Mr Pieter-Henk Schroor, Dutch Deputy Permanent Representative to the Permanent Mission in Vienna, held the opening speech and moderated the event. The speakers presented the work of the Financial Intelligence Unit and how Interpol prevents the nexus between terrorism and transnational organized crime, and the related obstacles – such as the sharing of information
between police and intelligence services. They also explained the joint projects and programs that UNODC and Interpol are working together on.

1.10 - 2.00 p.m.  **Effective legal aid: ensuring equal access to justice for all – follow-up to the Buenos Aires Declaration**

*Organized by the Governments of Argentina, Germany and Brazil, the United Nations Development Programme, the UNODC Justice Section, Legal Aid South Africa and the International Legal Foundation.*

*Conference Room M2.*

The side event focused on how to ensure equal access to quality criminal legal aid services and provided an opportunity for Member States to learn of recent developments in this area. It also constituted an opportunity to discuss about the steps that need to be taken in order to guarantee the continued implementation of the UN Principles and Guidelines on Access to Legal Aid in Criminal Justice Systems – including through technical assistance and strong linkages between national and international efforts to achieve the objectives set out in the 2030 Agenda.

The event was moderated by Ms. Valérie Lebaux (UNODC Justice Section) and speakers included Mr. Nicolás Laino (Office of the Federal Public Defender General of Argentina), Mr. Sebastian Kreiner (Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection, Germany), His Excellency Judge Dunstan Mlambo (Legal Aid South Africa), Ms. Christiane Brandão Teles Nogueira (Office of the Union Public Defender of Brazil), and Ms. Jennifer Smith (International Legal Foundation).

1.10 – 2.00 p.m.  **Web-based arms trafficking: investigating the illegal trade of firearms through the hidden web**

*Organized by the Government of the United Kingdom, RAND Europe, the UNODC Firearms Programme and the UNODC Global Programme on Cybercrime.*

*Conference Room MOE79.*

Panellists presented research results on arms trafficking on the hidden web and shared their related research experiences and analysis of policy implications. The experts agreed on the need to develop a comprehensive approach to tackle the phenomenon and for law enforcement agencies to adapt their investigative techniques from the ‘real life’ to the virtual world and the changing criminal environment – taking into account the *modus operandi* used in web transactions, such as parcel deliveries of procured items and the use of cryptocurrencies as payment modality.
More than 60 participants attended the side event.
For more information on the event please see

1.30 – 3.00 p.m. Special event: the role of the criminal justice system in preventing violent extremism leading to terrorism

Organized by the UNODC Terrorism Prevention Branch.
Conference Room MBR-A.

The high-level panel discussed the challenges and opportunities for the criminal justice system in addressing violent extremism conducive to
terrorism and how to further strengthen UNODC’s technical assistance in this area. Discussions focused on criminal justice responses to prevent violent extremism (PVE) conducive to terrorism, country specific good practices in PVE, alongside with the development of inclusive citizenship as a key to PVE efforts at the local level.

The panellists agreed that there is a need for comprehensive policy and more capacity-building programmes, as well as for further enhanced cooperation between governmental and non-governmental entities at national and local levels.

The event provided an opportunity to share lessons learned and good practices on effective criminal justice measures, on rehabilitation and reintegration strategies of former foreign terrorist fighters, and to address recommendations to enhance the work of the Terrorism Prevention Branch in specific areas, such as the role of local authorities and prosecution.

Mr. Mauro Miedico (Chief a.i. of the Terrorism Prevention Branch) moderated the interventions of Ms. Maysam Noueiri (Director General at the Ministry of Justice of Lebanon), Mr. Bart Somers (Mayor of Mechelen in Belgium), Dr. Ibrahim Aldabal (Director of the Khalifa Empowerment Programme for Students in the United Arab Emirates) and Mr. Jean-Paul Laborde (Assistant Secretary-General and the Executive Director of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate).

2.20 - 3.10 p.m. Promoting the implementation of the UN Model Strategies and Practical Measures on the Elimination of Violence against Children in the Field of Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice
Organized by the Government of Thailand, the Thailand Institute of Justice, the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children, and the UNODC Division for Operations. Conference Room M2.

This event shared lessons-learned from capacity-building programmes initiated at global and regional levels, as well as to further identify potential areas for inter-regional cooperation for capacity-building to support the implementation of the UN Model Strategies on Violence Against Children (VAC). The “UNODC Global Programme on Violence against Children in the Field of Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice” was presented with the aim of raising visibility on activities carried out and achievements made since its launch at the international level. Key findings and recommendations set forth by the thematic report Protecting children affected by armed violence in the community conducted by the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on VAC were also presented.

The event was a stage to share good practice which had emerged at the national level, on the implementation of UN Model Strategies on VAC. It was also an opportunity to identify areas in which these Strategies and the SDGs can be mutually reinforced to mobilize wider support for the protection of children from violence and the implementation of standards and norms to strengthen a justice system for children.

2.20 - 3.10 p.m. Developments and perspectives in urban crime prevention

Organized by the Government of Germany, the German Congress on Crime Prevention, the National Center For Crime Prevention, the European Forum for Urban Security and the UNODC Justice Section. Conference Room M7.

The side event focused on current developments and perspectives in urban and municipal crime prevention, with interventions covering prevention policy, prevention practice and prevention research.

Speakers included Mr. Erich Marks (German Congress on Crime Prevention – Institute of applied prevention research), Mr. Frederick Groeger-Roth (Ministry of Justice Lower Saxony – Crime Prevention Council), and Ms. Elizabeth Johnston (European Forum for Urban Security).
WEDNESDAY 24 May 2017

9.00 - 9.50 a.m.  Civil Society engagement in preventing and countering violent extremism conducive to terrorism

Organized by the Government of the United Kingdom, the Violence Prevention Network and the UNODC Terrorism Prevention Branch and Civil Society Team.

Conference Room M3.

The side event discussed multi-dimensional and cooperative policies and practices to prevent terrorism and violent extremism conducive to terrorism. Ways through which Member States and civil society can strengthen their cooperation were also analyzed.


9.00 - 9.50 a.m.  Monitoring SDG targets on drugs, crime, trafficking and access to justice to achieve the 2030 Agenda

Organized by the Chair of the CCPCJ, the Chair of the CND and the UNODC Research and Trends Analysis Branch.

Conference Room M7.

During this event, moderated by John Brandolino, Director of the Division for Treaty Affairs, discussions were held on how the two Commissions contribute to the monitoring of the SDGs in the areas of drugs, crime, trafficking, corruption and access to justice. Several existing data collection tools administered by the Research and Trends Analysis Branch were presented, as well as technical assistance programs that are supporting countries and the International Community in monitoring SDGs. There was widespread agreement, for the future, on the successful and productive partnership between the two Commissions and the statistical community in light of monitoring the SDG indicators.

The side event was organized together with the Chair of the CCPCJ and the Chair of the CND, who both largely support evidence-based research and related tools for the purpose of policy development and monitoring in their respective areas. The wide-ranging experience of INEGI (National Institute of Statistics and Geography of Mexico), who produces high-quality statistical data on crime, corruption and access to justice, was also presented.
From left to right: Ms. Angela Me, Chief, Research and Trends Analysis Branch, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC); H.E. Ambassador Mitsuru Kitano of Japan, Chair of Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ); Mr. John Brandolino, Director, Division for Treaty Affairs, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC); H.E. Ambassador Bente Angell-Hansen of Norway, Chair of Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND); Mr. Mario Palma, Vice-President of Instituto Nacional de Estadística y Geografía (INEGI), Mexico.

9.00 - 9.50 a.m.    Joint League of Arab States-United Nations efforts and cooperation in supporting Member States in the implementation of Security Council Resolution 2178 (2014) on stemming the flow of foreign terrorist fighters

Organized by the League of Arab States, the UNODC Regional Office for the Middle East and North Africa, the UNODC Terrorism Prevention Branch and in consultation with the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED).
Conference Room MBR-A.

During the side event, that was moderated by Ms. Elena Rigacci Hay (Chief a.i. of the Implementation Support Section III), speakers from CTED (Mr. Ahmed Seif El-Dawla and Mr. Mounir El Fassi) and UNODC (Mr. Emmanuel Farhat and Mr. Ali Younes) provided the audience with an overview of the achievements as a result of the technical assistance provided in the region, and discussed on the future priorities for the MENA countries.

Reference was made to Official reports indicating that, for the first time since 2014, the flow of foreign terrorist fighters (FTF) in Iraq and the Syrian Arab Republic has considerably slowed down and that 30% of them have now returned home or moved to third states.

Speakers and participants agreed on the need for the International Community and technical assistance providers to further intensify efforts towards stemming the flow of FTF and to address the pressing challenges posed by returnees. The importance that all Member States fully implement the provisions of Security Council resolution 2178 (2014) was highlighted and the needs in the MENA region were pointed out.

1.10 - 2.00 p.m. Recent research on trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants

Organized by the Government of Sweden and the UNODC Crime Research Section.

Conference Room M7.

In front of a full conference room, the Swedish Ambassador-at-large for combating trafficking in persons, His Excellency Mr. Per-Anders Sunesson, discussed trafficking in persons in the Swedish context. Ms. Kristiina Kangaspunta, Chief of the Crime Research Section, presented some of the key
UNODC research initiatives, including the Global Report on Trafficking in Persons, the Global Study on Smuggling of Migrants, innovative research methodologies to estimate the prevalence of trafficking, and two reports from the Regional Office for Southeast Asia and the Pacific – one on trafficking, already published, and one on smuggling that is in the preparation phase. Finally, Ms. Silke Albert, from the Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling Section, presented their latest publications on evidential issues in trafficking cases.

1.10 - 2.00 p.m. **Partnering with civil society in anti-corruption efforts to fight organized crime**

*Organized by Transparency International and the UNODC CRIMJUST project.*

*Conference Room M6.*

Organized crime and drug trafficking tend to undermine social stability and negatively impact societies. The magnitude of the threat posed by organized crime implies that States actions and efforts should be supported by International Organizations, such as UNODC, under their specific mandates, but also involving non-governmental actors, that could bring additional layers of work and perspectives, and reinforce more holistic and integrated responses. The ways in which civil society can become more involved in combatting organized crime were also discussed.

The event was chaired by Mrs. Candice Welsch (Chief of the Implementation Support Section of the Corruption and Economic Crime Branch), with interventions of Ms. Zoe Reiter (Transparency International), Ms. Cristina Ritter (Regional Anti-Corruption Academy for Central America and the Caribbean), and Mr. Marco Teixeira (Programme Office at CRIMJUST). Over 60 participants attended the side event.
THURSDAY 25 May 2017

9.00 - 9.50 a.m.  **AIRCOP: results and responses to emerging challenges posed by drugs, organized crime and terrorism**

*Organized by the UNODC Regional Office for Central America and the Caribbean in Panama and the UNODC Regional Office for West Africa and Central Africa in Dakar.*

*Conference Room M7.*

UNODC Regional Offices for Central and West Africa, for Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as for the Middle East and North Africa jointly presented and discussed the results and responses to emerging challenges posed by drugs, organized crime and terrorism in the context of the UNODC-World Customs Organization-INTERPOL Airport Communications Project, which facilitates Regional Training on International Terrorism in Airports and Detection of Foreign Terrorist Fighters (AIRCOP), funded by the European Union.

Mr. Elvis Marcelo Féliz Pérez (Air Force Chief Major General and Deputy Minister of Defence of the Dominican Republic) and Mr. Kondi Yao (Director of the Office Central de Répression du Trafic Illicite des Drogues et du Blanchiment of Togo) highlighted the impact and relevance of the AIRCOP Project in their respective countries in terms of number of seizures and arrests at the airports, detection of suspicious passengers, improved technical capacities of law enforcement officials and increased cooperation at national, regional and international levels.

9.00 – 9.50 a.m.  **From data to action – using firearms data to tailor policies, enhance operational capacities and foster international cooperation to combat firearms trafficking**

*Organized by the European Commission, the UNODC Global Firearms Programme and the UNODC Research and Trend Analysis Branch.*

*Conference Room M4.*

Underlining that the illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms represent one of the main concerns of the Government of Panama, "for its ties with both urban crime, and their increasing levels of violence, and transnational organized crime, drug trafficking and terrorism", His Excellency Alexis Bethancourt, Minister of Public Security of the Republic of Panama, provided an overview of concrete measures its Government, with the support of UNODC, is foreseeing to adopt in the near future in order to counter the problem of illicit arms trafficking.

Other panellists, including representatives of the Firearms Priority of the European Multidisciplinary Platform Against Criminal Threats (EMPACT
FIREARMS) and the Global Firearms Programme, shared their experiences and called for an integrated approach on firearms criminality that is based on and informed by readily available, standardised and reliable data.

9.00 - 9.50 a.m. Ending trafficking in persons and related forms of abuse and exploitation, including modern slavery: using UNTOC and the Trafficking in Persons Protocol to achieve the SDGs

Organized by the Governments of Mexico and the United Kingdom and the UNODC Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling Section. Conference Room MOE79.

As part of their commitment to achieving the SDGs and effectively implementing the UNTOC and its Trafficking in Persons Protocol, Member States have made it a top priority to end, eradicate and eliminate human trafficking by 2030.

In this event, speakers from UNODC, the Governments of Mexico and the United Kingdom focused on specific efforts to fighting this crime and enhance victims’ protection.

2.20 - 3.10 p.m. Innovative education for effective crime prevention: the Alliance promoting awareness of human trafficking among flight crew

Organized by Airline Ambassadors International (AAI) and the UNODC Country Office in Colombia. Conference Room M7.

Panellists from the AAI USA and UNODC Colombia presented their joint efforts in promoting awareness of human trafficking among flight crew; emphasis was on innovative ways of using education as a tool to reduce crime effectively and to promote efforts to prevent crimes. Speakers showcased the concrete results of their partnership so far, implemented in Colombia and in the US, that can be tailored to reach a wider audience beyond flight crews. Panellists also presented ways to detect signs of human trafficking and discussed about how to react appropriately to prevent serious crimes from happening within their sphere of influence. They also explained how similar programs can be implemented throughout other UN Member States, within a larger global alliance and public-private partnership.

Dr. Martina Gredler (Chair of the NGO Committee on the Status of Women in Vienna) moderated the event. Speakers included Mrs. Nancy Rivard (President of AAI), Mr. Carlos Perez (UNODC Country Office in Colombia), Ms. Gillian Murray (Deputy Director of the UNODC Division for Policy Analysis), Dr. Mary Shuttleworth (President of Youth for Human Rights International) and Mr. Greg H. Bristol (President of Human Trafficking Investigations and Training Institute).
9.00 - 9.50 a.m.  **Illicit trafficking and transnational organized crimes at sea**

Organized by the Government of Portugal and the UNODC Maritime Crime and CRIMJUST projects.  
*Conference Room M2.*

The side event focused on different drug routes, including examples of cocaine trafficking by sea from South America through West Africa, as well as the heroin trafficking Southern route through the Indian Ocean. All the speakers presented criminal justice responses to drug trafficking by sea.

The event was chaired by the Permanent Mission of Portugal and the speakers included the Deputy General Prosecutor from Cape Verde, the Minister/First Secretary from the Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka, the Executive Director of Maritime Analysis and Operation Centre – Narcotics (MAOC-N), a Programme Officer from UNODC CRIMJUST and a Programme Officer from UNODC Global Maritime Crime Programme.

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9.00 - 9.50 a.m.  **Insights from gender-responsive evaluations in countering organized crime**

Organized by the UNODC Independent Evaluation Unit.  
*Conference Room MOE79.*

Insights from gender-responsive evaluations in countering organized crime were discussed by evaluation experts from UNODC, gender experts – who had been engaged in UNODC in-depth evaluations, and a representative from Sweden.

As the audience included representatives from UN Member States, other international organisations, civil society organizations and UNODC staff, the discussions led to an engaged debate on the topic. The following benefits of gender-responsive evaluations were particularly outlined: accountability on gender commitments, identification and inclusion of relevant stakeholders views and needs, and knowledge on gender-related issues, and finally identification of specific capacity for effective gender-responsive programmes.

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1.10 - 2.00 p.m.  **UNODC’s new tools against human trafficking and migrant smuggling**

Organized by the Governments of Switzerland, Italy and the United States and the UNODC Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling Section.  
*Conference Room M3.*
This event highlighted four key research and normative tools against human trafficking and migrant smuggling, built by justice practitioners, for practitioners – including UNODC’s Knowledge Portals on Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling.

1.10 - 2.00 p.m.  Prosecutors joining forces in the fight against cross-border crime

*Organized by the International Commission for the Great Lakes Region, Office of the Special Envoy for the Great Lakes Region and the UNODC Regional Office for Eastern Africa.*

*Conference Room M2.*

Speakers during this event included His Excellency Mr. Michael Okoth OYUGI (Ambassador of Kenya to Vienna), Ms. Valery Super (legal advisor), Mr. Abd Almageed Awad Aisa, (legal advisor at the International Commission for the Great Lakes Region) and Mr. Michael Chibita (Deputy Prosecutor General of Uganda).