



# UNODC

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

## EDUCATION FOR THE RULE OF LAW

Support educators at all levels to empower and teach the next generation to better understand and address problems that undermine peace, justice and the rule of law;

Work with the new generation throughout their academic journey.



## KYOTO DECLARATION

ON ADVANCING CRIME PREVENTION, CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
AND THE RULE OF LAW: TOWARDS THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE  
2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



## POLICY FRAMEWORK

41. Education can play a key role in fostering a culture of lawfulness and engaging society at large in the promotion of the rule of law. At the primary and secondary education levels, educators can encourage learners to value and apply the principles of the rule of law in their daily lives, allowing them to make decisions that are ethically responsible. Moreover, education can equip learners with the appropriate knowledge, values, attitudes and behaviours they need to contribute to the continued improvement and regeneration of the rule of law in society more broadly.<sup>17</sup> At the tertiary level, the education sector produces in-depth knowledge that may inform policymaking, and it provides expert knowledge and capacity-building to the next generation of professionals, many of whom will be at the forefront of promoting the rule of law.<sup>18</sup>

47. Education must be understood as strategic for the promotion of the rule of law on two accounts. First, it can support crime prevention efforts, including among youth. Second, by gaining knowledge on rule of law issues, youth are empowered to take action on those issues, thereby increasing the participation of society in the promotion of the rule of law. This development should begin at the primary level, with values-based education and skills development, which prepare children to discuss more specific issues at the secondary education level. In tertiary education, universities have a key role in providing in-depth knowledge to future professionals. Accordingly, it is paramount that rule of law education at the university level be integrated into various career paths and not restricted to law schools or humanities courses.



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OF THE KYOTO  
DECLARATION IN  
ACTION :

THE 1<sup>ST</sup> GLOBAL  
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# UNODC'S COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION AND YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

- Plenty of new activities, projects, programs and partnerships to advance the global fight against corruption through **education** at primary, secondary and tertiary levels, as well as dedicated digital innovation and social entrepreneurship development activities.

