



<Kyoto Crime Congress Special Event>

**Women's Empowerment & Advancement of Justice:
Celebrating International Women's Day with the Japanese public
at the Kyoto Crime Congress**

This "IWD meets Crime Congress" event, produced by UNODC, will focus on the nexus of **women's empowerment** and **advancement of justice** to shed light on the important linkages of these two streams of international community's priorities under the 2030 Vision, taking the momentum of the commemoration of **International Women's Day (IWD)** and the **Crime Congress** being hosted by Japan.

For close to a decade, Japan has been placing women's empowerment as a top government priority, domestically and internationally. There is growing attention on the IWD from the general public and the media in recent years. Taking advantage of the fact that the 14th Crime Congress is being held under the strong leadership of two senior women leaders –Japanese Minister of Justice Yuko Kamikawa and UNODC Executive Director Ghada Waly–, the event will take a deeper dive on the role of women in the advancement of justice and security in the context of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It hopes to generate additional interest from the wider public, beyond the core participants of the Congress from the Criminal Justice/Rule of Law circles.

General information

Time: Monday, 8 March 900-1030am (Japan Standard Time)

Place: Room D, Kyoto International Convention Center

Event format: Hybrid format (in-person and online speakers, as well as pre-recorded videos). The first part of the event (items 1 to 4) will be in English and the rest in Japanese.

Audience: Registered participants at the Congress from the Criminal Justice/Rule of Law focused circle of policy-makers, practitioners and civil society groups.

Agenda

(Event MC: Ms. Minori Takao, NHK World anchor)

1. Remarks by H.E. Ms. Yoko Kamikawa, Minister of Justice
(in English, 3-5min, in person)
2. Remarks by H.E. Takashi Uto, State Minister of Foreign Affairs
(in Japanese with English subtitles, 3-5min, prerecorded video-message)
3. Remarks by H.E. Ms. Ghada Waly, Executive Director, UNODC (in English, 3-5min, in person)
4. Video message from Ms. Anita Bhatia, Deputy Executive Director, United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, UN Women (in English, 3-5min, pre-recorded)
5. Partnership reflections: Mr. Kiyoshi & Ms. Helen Nishikawa (in Japanese, 10min)
6. Panel discussion: “IWD meets Crime Congress in Kyoto” (in Japanese, 60min)
 - Ms. Rui Matsukawa, Member of Parliament, Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Defense
 - Mr. Yoshiaki Terumichi, President, Sophia University
 - Mr. Yusuke Nagai, Founder/CEO of Accept International
 - Ms. Miwa Kato, Director of Operations, UNODC

*Panel moderated by Minori Takao, NHK World anchor