



<Kyoto Crime Congress Special Event jointly organized by UNODC & INTERPOL>

**Rethinking Responses to Crime: Justice, Security and Citizen Engagement
to Promote Sustainable Peace and Development
during the Decade of Action**

Purpose of the event

In our highly globalized world, unprecedented advances in technology are pushing connectivity and integration into almost every dimension of our lives, bringing both dividends and challenges. The paradox that we face is that the world is both more connected yet, in some respects, more divided than ever. Those divisions are evidenced among and within national borders, with increasing disparity between the “haves” and the “have nots”, and polarization leading to increased vulnerabilities to violence and criminality in many parts of the world. Without new thinking and a step change in collaborative and coordinated action, society will not be able to effectively counter crime, reduce suffering, build sustainable communities and advance justice in the 21st century.

“Crime and harm” have come to mean very different things than in the past when so many of our lenses of analysis and response architecture were developed. In addition to the dramatic transformation of technology and connectivity in the recent past, we have entered the second decade of the turbulent 21st century with unparalleled disruption brought on by the global pandemic. There is growing recognition that as we find solutions to deal with the current crisis, we need to rethink our approaches if we are to rebuild a better and more sustainable model for public well-being. Our global common vulnerabilities require strategic thinking that spans conventional borders that map capabilities and drive benefits across communities in models not yet developed. Our approach to crime, security, justice and sustainable growth requires holistic perspectives and cross sector action.

The time has come for us to put our minds together to challenge existing models and to come up with fresh thinking and joint action to sustainably reduce harms and prevent crime. What’s needed is a collaborative that brings concrete results in tackling criminal cases, and at the same time contributing to changing systems of our response to crime. In this way we can learn from and replicate success with political drive, technical insights and civic push. We can connect stakeholders, expand alliance protagonists, and find solutions working with the private, education and social sectors that do not require additional resources, but instead achieve synergistic harm reduction, crime response and prevention through a ‘Spectrum’ approach of interventions.

We know the core ingredients already exist, but more coordination is need. Thinking on this topic is developing at pace and this new challenge is recognized by the key actors. The UNODC acts as the guardian of various UN Standards and Norms on Criminal Justice and Crime Prevention, operating in 80+ field contexts to support UN Member States prevent and counter crime. INTERPOL provides a unique law enforcement network across 194 member countries, access to 18 global databases, analysis and partnerships that align perfectly with UNODC. Together, we wish to inspire a new conversation that leads to new examples of public orientated, coordinated actions and selfless alliance building. The Kyoto Crime Congress offers an outstanding opportunity to create momentum to begin a wider dialogue on these emerging concepts. Together we wish to initiate a more strategic discourse and to articulate the direction of these future operational models.

Following this event, UNODC and INTERPOL, together with other partners, will create concrete opportunities to tackle crime challenges in select field locations, for instance, to address harms and crimes against children and youth. This event provides us all with an opportunity for various actors to come together to exchange ideas on elements to be considered when creating solutions and alliances.

General Information

Time: Tuesday, 9 March 1630-1800 (Japan Standard Time)/830-1000 (European Standard Time)

Place: event host in Room D, Kyoto International Convention Center (Kyoto, Japan)

Event format: The event will be held in virtual format, connecting all speakers from around the globe online. All real-time participants must be pre-registered through the Congress portal INDIGO. Registered participants for the Congress signed up via INDIGO can automatically join. The event will be recorded and shared after the event with the wider global audience. The event will be conducted entirely in English.

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

Agenda

1. Brief welcome remarks by Miwa Kato, Director of Operations, UNODC & Stephen Kavanagh, Executive Director Police Services, INTERPOL (5min)
2. Keynote Address by Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Mr. Kailash Satyarthi, Social reformer, founder of Bachpan Bachao Andolan and Kailash Satyarthi Children's Foundation (15min)
3. Statement by Volker Turk, Assistant Secretary-General for Strategic Coordination in the Executive Office of the Secretary General (5min, pre-recorded video statement)
4. Statement by James Brokenshire, Minister for Security of the United Kingdom (5min, pre-recorded video statement)
5. Panel discussion (60min)
 - Siddharth Chatterjee, UN Resident Coordinator for China
 - Kumiko Haba, Professor, Aoyama Gakuin University
 - Julie Inman Grant, Australian e-Security Commissioner
 - Stephen Kavanagh, Executive Director Police Services, INTERPOL
 - Yosuke Nagai, Founder/CEO, Accept International
 - Yenny Wahid, Executive Director, Wahid Foundation

*Panel moderated by Miwa Kato, Director of Operations, UNODC