



# 13th UNITED NATIONS CONGRESS ON CRIME PREVENTION AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Doha, 12-19 April 2015



Press Conference

## 60 YEARS UN CRIME CONGRESS

Every five years, policymakers and practitioners working in crime prevention and criminal justice gather for the United Nations Crime Congress to help shape the agenda of the United Nations on crime prevention and criminal justice.

The United Nations Congress on crime prevention and criminal justice is the world's largest and most diverse gathering in the area crime prevention and criminal

justice. For 60 years, the congresses have helped shape criminal justice policies and strengthened international cooperation in criminal matters.

I have participated in six of congresses myself, first as a substantive officer in 1990 and now in 2015 as Executive-Secretary of the Congress in Doha. Seeing the congresses evolve over time has been a unique experience.

During the 60 years of congresses, a lot of progress has been made and each congress has been another milestone. When the first congress was held in Geneva in 1955, it had just over 500 participants. The main focus of the event was the treatment of juvenile delinquents and prisoners, the numbers of which had risen dramatically in post-war Europe. The meeting adopted the Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners which since have had immeasurable impact on the treatment of prisoners worldwide.

The Congress in Doha will look at a broad range of issues, covering the needs of women and children in the criminal justice system, effective protection of witnesses and trafficking victims and evolving forms of crime, such as cybercrime and trafficking in cultural property. We will consider how best to integrate crime prevention and criminal justice into the wider United Nations agenda.



Dimitri Vlassis Executive-Secretary of the Congress

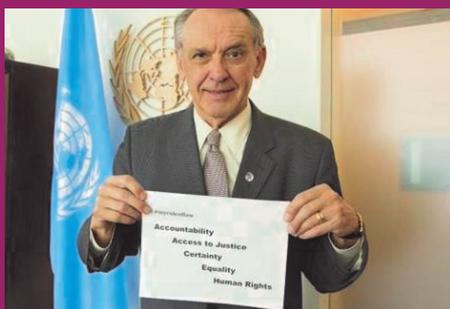
# Q&A

**WHAT DOES THE  
RULE OF LAW  
MEAN TO YOU?**



"Humanitarian Access is what the #RuleOfLaw means to me."

Dina El-Kassaby, Syria



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## OPENING OF THE CONGRESS

Formal opening and High-level segment

Today  
10:15

The 13th Crime Congress will be opened today in the Theatre of the Convention Centre. After the congress is formally established, including the election of the president and other officers, the anthems of host country Qatar and the United Nations will be played. The President of the Congress and UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon will address the congress. The programme will also feature videos on the Doha Youth Forum and on 60 years of UN Crime Congresses. The recommendations developed by the Youth Forum will be presented to the congress.

The High-level segment will be opened in the Plenary Hall, starting with speeches by the Secretary-General of the Congress, the President of the General Assembly and the President of ECOSOC.

"It was a dream to create an event for the youth to shape the future. Now it has become a reality"

Dimitri Vlassis @DohaYouthForum



## DID YOU KNOW? FACTS ABOUT QATAR

**Arabic** is the national language of Qatar but due to a large expatriate population, English, Urdu, French, Malayalam and Tagalog are also widely used

**Weekends** in Qatar fall on Fridays and Saturdays. Most stores are usually closed on Friday mornings until the afternoon prayer

## TIME TRAVEL CONGRESS NR. 2

London, United Kingdom, 1960



## SOCIAL EVENT

Don't  
miss!

Official dinner for  
heads of delegations

Under the patronage of His Excellency  
Sheikh Addullah Bin Nasser Al Thani,  
President of the 13th Crime Congress

Orient Pearl Restaurant, 19:30

## HOW DO YOU SAY...?

Hello - Salam سلام

Goodbye - Ma'a salama مع السلامة

Yes - Na'am نعم

No - Laa لا

Good morning - Sabah el khayr

صباح الخير

Good evening - Masaa el khayr

مساء الخير

Good night - Layla Sa'ida ليلة سعيدة

Thank you - Shoukran شكرا

You're welcome - Ahlan أهلاً

My name is... - Ismee اسمي

Where is the... - Ayna Houwa أين هو

Can you help me? -

Hal youmkinouka mousaadati?

هل يمكنك مساعدتي؟

How much does this cost? -

Kam thamanohou?

كم ثمنه؟

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