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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

“In the Doha Declaration, Member States support a consultative and participatory process in crime prevention and criminal justice”

Johannes de Haan, UNODC, introduced the subject: “Participatory approaches and methods are anchored

in the notion that crime prevention and criminal justice policies and programmes can only be effective when local problems and root causes of crime and violence are considered, when communities are consulted on their perceptions of crime and the justice system, and when interventions are based on knowledge obtained through different data-gathering instruments such as victimization surveys and local safety audits”.

He mentions how law enforcement agencies are using social media to strengthen communication with the public and for investigative purposes, and highlights some key aspects of public participation at national

and local levels, for example how communities can help to facilitate social reintegration of offenders. Police have a key role to play in working with the public to prevent and control crime, in particular through community-oriented policing.

Public participation in legal aid may help to facilitate access to justice for all.

Ensuring that victims’ voices are heard, victimization surveys are recommended to complement police-recorded crime statistics. The importance of restorative justice, including victim-offender mediation or dialogue to address the needs of victims while ensuring that offenders are held accountable was also mentioned.

MEET

DIMITRI VLASSIS
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
OF THE CONGRESS



“It has been the Congress of many ‘firsts’, Dimitri Vlassis says, it was the first time the Secretary-General of the United Nations attended, as well as the President of the General Assembly and the President of ECOSOC. For the first time, we had such a high level of attendance and such a high number of delegations attending. We even adopted the Doha Declaration on the first day. “What we have seen in Doha is a new dimension of Crime Congress, which sets the bar very high for the future”.

Looking back at his Congress history which started in 1990 in Havana, he says discussions were more substantive today, which strengthened the Congress as a multidisciplinary forum. The number of meetings had increased both on the formal and informal side, and the composition of delegations was more diverse. Congress and Commission are intrinsically inter-linked in his view: The Congress gives advice to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, and provides the substantive underpinning for resolutions brought to the Commission. The Commission in return acts as preparatory body to the Congress.

Asked about what the rule of law means to him he says: “The rule of law is about respect for a key value of all societies: justice”.

COMMITTEE I

Final discussions

Today
10:00

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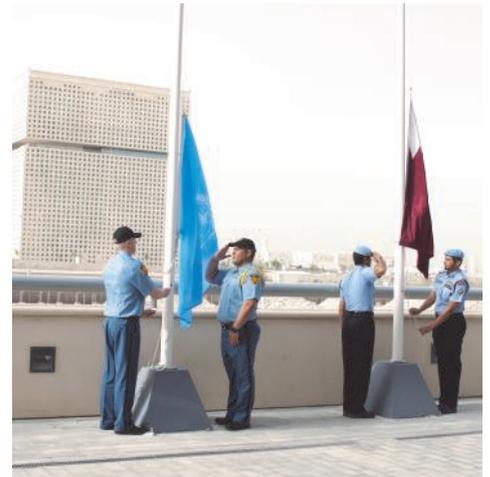


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Here's a wrap-up photo story of #Doha #CrimeCongress so far from @UN_News_Centre - <http://bit.ly/1EUTfVU>



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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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