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Western Asia Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Fourteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

Beirut, 26–28 March 2019

Annotated provisional agenda

Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the Meeting.
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3. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
4. Main theme of the Fourteenth Congress: “Advancing crime prevention, criminal justice and the rule of law: towards the achievement of the 2030 Agenda”.
5. Substantive items on the agenda and the topics of the workshops of the Fourteenth Congress:
 - (a) Comprehensive strategies for crime prevention towards social and economic development (agenda item 3); and evidence-based crime prevention: statistics, indicators and evaluation in support of successful practices (workshop 1);
 - (b) Integrated approaches to challenges facing the criminal justice system (agenda item 4); and reducing reoffending: identifying risks and developing solutions (workshop 2);
 - (c) Multidimensional approaches by Governments to promoting the rule of law by, inter alia, providing access to justice for all; building effective, accountable, impartial and inclusive institutions; and considering social, educational and other relevant measures, including fostering a culture of lawfulness while respecting cultural identities, in line with the Doha Declaration (agenda item 5); and education and youth engagement as key to making societies resilient to crime (workshop 3);
 - (d) International cooperation and technical assistance to prevent and address all forms of crime: (a) terrorism in all its forms and manifestations; and (b) new and emerging forms of crime (agenda item 6); and current crime trends, recent developments and emerging solutions, in particular new technologies as means for and tools against crime (workshop 4).
6. Recommendations for the Fourteenth Congress.
7. Adoption of the report on the Meeting.



Annotations

2. Election of officers

It is suggested that one Chair, one Vice-Chair and one Rapporteur be elected.

3. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Following the adoption of the agenda, the Meeting may wish to establish a timetable and agree on the organization of work. A proposed organization of work is contained in the annex to the present document.

4. Main theme of the Fourteenth Congress: “Advancing crime prevention, criminal justice and the rule of law: towards the achievement of the 2030 Agenda”

The Fourteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice is well placed to trigger further policy debate on the importance of the promotion of the rule of law at the national and international levels, as well as the interconnected nature of the Sustainable Development Goals, and how efforts to strengthen the rule of law will contribute to the effective implementation of the entire 2030 Agenda.

The high-level segment of the Fourteenth Congress will be held during the first two days of the Congress in order to allow Heads of State or Government and government ministers to focus on the main theme of the Congress.

Since the main theme is designed to serve as an umbrella for the substantive agenda items and workshop topics and for the discussions under those that will take place at the Congress, participants in the Meeting are invited to engage in a general, aspirational discussion with regard to the relationship between the main theme and the substantive agenda items of the Congress, as well as the policy implications of that relationship.

An effort should be made to avoid protracted statements that cover the substantive agenda items and workshop topics of the Congress.

5. Substantive items on the agenda and the topics of the workshops of the Fourteenth Congress

The substantive agenda items and topics of the workshops to be held at the Congress are as follows:

- (a) Agenda item 3. Comprehensive strategies for crime prevention towards social and economic development;
 - Workshop 1. Evidence-based crime prevention: statistics, indicators and evaluation in support of successful practices;
- (b) Agenda item 4. Integrated approaches to challenges facing the criminal justice system;
 - Workshop 2. Reducing reoffending: identifying risks and developing solutions;
- (c) Agenda item 5. Multidimensional approaches by Governments to promoting the rule of law by, inter alia, providing access to justice for all; building effective, accountable, impartial and inclusive institutions; and considering social, educational and other relevant measures, including fostering a culture of lawfulness while respecting cultural identities, in line with the Doha Declaration;
 - Workshop 3. Education and youth engagement as key to making societies resilient to crime;
- (d) Agenda item 6. International cooperation and technical assistance to prevent and address all forms of crime: (a) terrorism in all

its forms and manifestations; and (b) new and emerging forms of crime;

- Workshop 4. Current crime trends, recent developments and emerging solutions, in particular new technologies as means for and tools against crime.

On the recommendation of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, as the preparatory body of the Fourteenth Congress, the General Assembly adopted resolution [72/192](#), entitled “Follow-up to the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and preparations for the Fourteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice”. In paragraph 13 of that resolution, the Assembly urged participants in the regional preparatory meetings to examine the substantive items on the agenda and the topics of the workshops of the Fourteenth Congress and to make action-oriented recommendations to serve as a basis for draft recommendations and conclusions for consideration by the Congress.

Issues related to the substantive items and workshop topics are set out in detail in the discussion guide ([A/CONF.234/PM.1](#)), which is the basic document for the Meeting. In its resolution [71/206](#), the Assembly recommended that, building on the experience and the success of the Thirteenth Congress, all efforts be made to ensure that the overall theme and the agenda items and workshop topics be streamlined. In view of that and in order to facilitate the preparations for and discussions at the regional preparatory meetings and the Congress itself, the discussion guide clusters the agenda items that deal with issues of broad and global importance together with the relevant workshop topics, on the understanding that the latter are designed to cover more specific topics and draw on practical experiences and approaches.

6. Recommendations for the Fourteenth Congress

In its resolution [72/192](#), the General Assembly decided that, in accordance with its resolution [56/119](#), the Fourteenth Congress would adopt a single declaration, to be submitted to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice for its consideration.

Following consideration of the substantive items and the workshop topics contained in the provisional agenda of the Fourteenth Congress, specific recommendations on the draft declaration to be adopted by the Congress are to be made at the end of the Meeting.

7. Adoption of the report on the Meeting

As the report on the Meeting is expected to be action-oriented, participants are urged to focus on specific recommendations, taking into account the regional perspective and the elements contained in the discussion guide.

Annex

Proposed organization of work

The purpose of the proposed organization of work for the Western Asia Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Fourteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice set out below is to facilitate the consideration of agenda items within the limited time available, taking into account the services available for the Meeting.

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<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Title or description</i>
Tuesday, 26 March	
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	<i>Item 1.</i> Opening of the Meeting
	<i>Item 2.</i> Election of officers
	<i>Item 3.</i> Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters
	<i>Item 4.</i> Main theme of the Fourteenth Congress: “Advancing crime prevention, criminal justice and the rule of law: towards the achievement of the 2030 Agenda”
2.30–5.30 p.m.	<i>Item 5.</i> Substantive items on the agenda and the topics of the workshops of the Fourteenth Congress
Wednesday, 27 March	
9 a.m.–12 p.m. and 1.30–4.30 p.m.	<i>Item 5.</i> Substantive items on the agenda and the topics of the workshops of the Fourteenth Congress (<i>continued</i>)
Thursday, 28 March	
9 a.m.–12 p.m. and 1.30–4.30 p.m.	<i>Item 6.</i> Recommendations for the Fourteenth Congress
	<i>Item 7.</i> Adoption of the report on the Meeting
	Closure of the Meeting