Activities to support countries in the implementation of the International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes (ICCS)

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What is the ICCS?

- The ICCS is the first international classification of crime for statistical purposes and will have far-reaching implications for crime data collection at all levels, hence for the UN-CTS.

- The ICCS was developed in a consultative process between 2008-2015 in which 77 countries + 10 int. organisations participated and was endorsed in 2015 by the UNSC and the CCPCJ.

- The two Commissions also endorsed UNODC as the custodian of the ICCS; the implementation plan for the classification and the creation of a technical advisory group.

- The implementation of the ICCS will improve data consistency within and between countries.
How will the ICCS affect the UN-CTS data collection?

• The UN-CTS is the primary instrument for promoting harmonized definitions of crimes and disaggregated data on offences, offenders and victims

• The UN-CTS will be revised in 2 steps to become fully consistent with the concepts, categories and definitions of the ICCS:

  1. UN-CTS 2016 will change the definitions of crime types used to make them fully compliant with the ICCS

  2. UN-CTS 2017 onwards will be substantially revised to reflect new data requirements and categories

UNODC provides support for countries implementing the ICCS in 4 main areas
1. Information/ Dissemination

- Translation to 6 UN languages (Official UN translation)
- Print version of ICCS (4/6)
- Publish ICCS on website with all supporting documentation, development of online tools
- Introduce in meetings/forums/conferences, scientific journals, mailing lists, websites, others
2. Methodological Support

- Developing Implementation Manual volume I: guidance to mapping national administrative crime statistics into the ICCS
- EGM on revising UN-CTS (May 2016)
- Developing Implementation Manual vol II: mapping victimization survey data into the ICCS (2018); vol III: review of counting rules; vol IV: ICCS codebook (subject to funding)
3. Technical Assistance

- E-learning and training materials
- Trainings and Regional Workshops

- Develop e-learning package to support implementation (2017; Centre of Excellence)
- Development of training curricula and materials
- Support to trainings and technical assistance (preferably in regional partnerships such as with Eurostat, the UNODC-INEGI Centre of Excellence etc.)
- Regional and national workshops to share practical experiences and know-how (e.g. UNDP in Central America)
4. Organizational Framework

- **Technical Advisory Group (TAG)**
  - Establishment of Technical Advisory Group, adoption of Terms of Reference (substantive experts from NSOs and other national institutions responsible for crime statistics, academia, int’l and regional organizations) – first meeting 11-12 May 2016

- **Partnerships**
  - Partnerships with regional organizations and institutions (Eurostat: support to implementation manual, translations to 22 EU languages; OAS: promotion of ICCS in the Americas)

- **Resources**
  - Fund raising activities to finance activities (Support from INL for meeting costs, methodological work and printing)
Thank you for your attention


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