Challenges of fostering Capacity Building

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International Activities for Supporting Crime Statistics Capacity Building
How to improve crime statistics?

- Roadmap to improve the quality and availability of crime statistics at the national and international levels (E/CN.3/2013/11)

- UN Statistical Commission (UNSC)

- Improving Capacity

- New Standards & Methodology

- Improving International Data Collections

- UN Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ)
1. International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes (ICCS)

2. Difficult-to-measure-crimes (corruption, OC, human trafficking, smuggling of migrants)

3. Data collection
   - Administrative data = Quality certifications.
   - Population and business surveys = Standardized questionnaire
   - Alternative sources of data. Spatial analysis of crime, Big data & homicide

4. Mainstreaming gender
1. The role of National Statistical Offices
2. Capacity Building
3. Centers of Excellence

2. International data repositories and crime reporting

3. Global Analysis and trends in crime levels

Improving International Data Collections
National Activities for Supporting Crime Statistics Capacity Building
UNODC-INEGI Center of Excellence

Contributing in the generation of more and better statistical information about crime and the criminal justice systems in the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean in order to support evidence-based policy-making considering specific projects, initiatives and international mandates.
Main activities

I. Dissemination of information to improve crime statistics systems in the region

II. Standardization of Victimization Surveys (VS)

III. International Crime Classification for Statistical Purposes (ICCS)

IV. Relevant research on crime statistics and related issues

V. Development of methodologies for the measurement of corruption
Advisory Committee of the Center of Excellence

- Ensure the relevance and quality of the activities of the Center
- Advise the Center on relevant activities and areas of opportunity
- Promote the Center and its activities at regional and international level
- Provide guidance on the Center’s priorities
- Synergy building
Dissemination of Crime Statistics

✔ 3 International Conferences on Governance, Crime and Justice Statistics with the participation of over 40 countries

✔ Over 28 other conferences related to crime statistics

✔ Technical Secretariat of the Crime Statistics Group within the ECLAC - Statistical Commission of the Americas to promote exchange of best practices
Victimization Surveys

- Latin America and the Caribbean Victimization Survey Initiative (LACSI): A Regional Victimization Questionnaire
- Task force developed between 2013-2016
- UNDP, OAS, IDB and 11 countries

- Obtains reliable and comparable data
- Explores 11 nuclear and 7 non-nuclear crimes
- Comparable with Chile, Colombia & Mexico
- Peru (pilot test in June 2016)
- Panama (July 2016)
- Guatemala (2016-2017)
- Argentina (2017)
- Dominican Republic (review of current module)
- El Salvador (review of current module)
Training on Victimization Surveys

✓ Online training in Spanish
  ✓ over 180 people have participated in 13 countries
  ✓ 8 weeks of an interactive course

✓ Online training in English
  ✓ Available in January 2017

✓ Onsite training
  ✓ 2 regional workshops and 4 country workshops (Panama, Guatemala, Ecuador, Argentina)
Sharing knowledge on Victimization Surveys

- Technical Assistance
- Methodological work to develop additional modules in Victimization Surveys
- Knowledge exchange via Vic Lab Talks
- Atlas on victimization surveys (questionnaires, methodological documents, results)
- Over 500 research articles on Victimization surveys
ICCS

✓ Organization of 3 expert group meetings for discussing the ICCS

✓ Regional consultation and testing of the ICCS final version

✓ Translation of the ICCS into Spanish

✓ Workshops on mapping the ICCS

✓ Currently developing the ICCS online training course (ENG-SP)
Research

- Specialized research on crime statistics:
  - Measuring organized crime,
  - Crime prevention,
  - Spatial analysis of crime
  - Safety audits.

- 6th annual International Theses Contests on Public Security, Victimization and Justice in Latin America and the Caribbean – with the submission of over 400 theses from 17 countries
Measuring corruption

- Establishment of an International Task Force to produce methodological guidelines on the measurement of corruption at national level to measure **SDG indicators** (Households and business)

- Statistical Offices (Cape Verde, Italy, Indonesia, Nigeria and Mexico)

- OECD, World Bank, Eurostat, UNDP

- Deloitte, PriceWaterHouseCoopers

- University of Maryland

- University of Laussane
What is needed to establish a Center of Excellence?

• Strong partner(s):
  – A technically strong partner is key to build on its capabilities
  – Solid reputation and experience on the matter

• Strong alliances at the national and regional level: Development Banks, UN regional commissions, political bodies

• Well defined work plan with real and achievable results

• Useful products that respond to user needs
  – Technical assistance
  – Training
  – Sharing knowledge

• Dissemination builds reputation
Thank you

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