18 May 2021 – The Independent Evaluation Section (IES) held an on-line side event on: “Learning from Independent Evaluations during COVID-19: UNODC’s Global Programme for the Implementation of the Doha Declaration” at the 30th Session of CCPCJ in Vienna. The side event was organized with the support of the UNODC Global Programme (GP) for the Implementation of the Doha Declaration.

The side event, moderated by Ms. Katharina Kayser, Chief, IES, focussed on the recently finalized in-depth evaluation of the GP. The evaluation was conducted during COVID-19 in a participatory manner, using innovative evaluation methods, delivering actionable results which have already been taken on by Programme Management.

The first speaker, Sheikh Abdulrahman bin Nasser Al-Thani, Third Secretary of the Permanent Mission of the State of Qatar, being the donor of the GP, gave a statement on the importance of the GP and the evaluation.

Mr. Marco Teixeira, Programme Coordinator, Global Programme for the Implementation of the Doha Declaration, briefly introduced the GP, aiming at following up and implementing the Doha Declaration, promoting peaceful, just and inclusive societies for sustainable development.

Mr. Punit Arora, Independent Lead Evaluator, focussed on the evaluation findings, recommendations, lessons learned and best practices. He highlighted the relevance of the GP to UNODC’s mandates and stakeholders’ needs, as well as its high visibility and political linkages, but also areas for further improvement, such as e.g. unexploited synergies among the various pillars.

Mr. Alexander Kiselinchev, Monitoring & Evaluation Expert, Global Programme for the Implementation of the Doha Declaration, presented the GP’s comprehensive monitoring and evaluation framework, as well as the importance of a human-rights and gender focus. His intervention was followed by Mr. Teixeira, referring to the utilisation of the evaluation results and the way forward, stressing that the evaluation recommendations had been instrumental for the design of the next phase of the GP, building on existing efforts.

Finally, Ms. Kayser thanked all speakers for the interesting presentations and insights, as well as the GP Management for their full engagement throughout the evaluation process.

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