At the conclusion of the 13th United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice held in Qatar, the Doha Declaration was adopted. Calling for the integration of crime prevention and criminal justice into the wider agenda of the United Nations, it was endorsed by the General Assembly.

To make the Doha Declaration a reality, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, with the financial support of the State of Qatar, launched the ambitious Global Programme for the Implementation of the Doha Declaration. Boosting judicial integrity is an integral part of the Global Programme as corruption in the justice system poses a real threat to confidence in the rule of law.

Officially launched in April 2018, the Global Judicial Integrity Network aims to assist judiciaries across the globe in strengthening judicial integrity and preventing corruption in the justice sector, in line with article 11 of the United Nations Convention against Corruption.

The Network promotes networking opportunities, facilitates access to existing resources, supports the development of new technical tools and resources and provides technical assistance, such as training programmes.

Participation in the Network is open to judiciaries and a broad range of individuals and institutions, including judges, magistrates, members of judicial councils, court personnel, judicial associations and other stakeholders, as well as relevant international organizations.
CONNECTING AND SUPPORTING PARTICIPANTS

Promoting networking opportunities through virtual and face-to-face opportunities for dialogue on best practices and experiences in the implementation of standards is a priority of the Network. These opportunities are conducted to advance the exchange of knowledge and mutual support.

The Global Judicial Integrity Network is also currently bringing together experts to pinpoint key issues related to judicial integrity and corruption prevention worldwide. To address these emerging challenges, the Network is documenting and analyzing good practices and experiences to prepare practical tools, guidance materials and knowledge products.

In addition to expert consultations, the Network also provides selected judiciaries with advisory services, including technical and policy advice, capacity and institution building, legislative assistance and support towards research, data-gathering and analysis. Thus far, the Network has reached over 230,000 judges and judicial stakeholders in approximately 189 countries. A set of new Judicial Ethics Training Tools have been used to train over 110 judicial trainers and more than 6,800 judges and members of judiciaries are involved worldwide in the Judicial Ethics Training Programme.

PROVIDING ONLINE JUDICIAL INTEGRITY RESOURCES

With the launch of the Network, a new website (www.unodc.org/ji) also went live and now acts as the hub of all Network activities. One of its main features is an online library of resources which provides access to existing guidance materials, tools and similar resources on judicial integrity topics. The library now contains more than 2,000 sources and is regularly updated with participants’ submissions.

In addition to the resource database, the Network’s website also contains information on past and upcoming events and activities, news articles and opinion pieces written by participants, as well as multimedia content, such as videos and podcasts. Network participants may also benefit from additional resources, a contact database and a queries section by registering for the restricted area of the website at www.unodc.org/ji/register.html.

JUDICIAL ETHICS TRAINING TOOLS

The Network is helping to identify and address technical assistance needs, including by facilitating peer-to-peer support and learning opportunities. One such effort is a new judicial ethics training package.

The judicial ethics training tools consist of:

- E-Learning Course: a widely applicable and interactive electronic course;
- Self-directed Course: a text-based version of the e-Learning course; and
- Trainers’ Manual: a guide for national trainers to develop and design their own training courses, tailored to the needs of their jurisdictions.

The Network also organizes workshops for trainers who will go on to initiate training activities in their jurisdictions.

These tools are aimed at providing newly appointed and serving members of judiciaries with a solid understanding of the Bangalore Principles of Judicial Conduct and the requirements of article 11 of the United Nations Convention against Corruption.

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