WELCOME

Welcome to the third issue of UNHQ in Review. We are delighted to continue this quarterly newsletter to provide the latest updates on recent and upcoming events and activities at UNHQ in New York, as well as the work of the UNODC New York Liaison Office (UNODC NYLO).

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The second quarter of 2022, which continues a highly active year for UNODC NYLO, is covered in this edition. In June, the Office had the privilege of facilitating and organizing Ms. Ghada Waly, UNODC Executive Director’s mission to UNHQ, which consisted of her attendance at the High-level Debate of the General Assembly on “Enhancing youth mainstreaming in crime prevention policies”, presenting the UNODC Strategic Vision for Latin America and the Caribbean, and a series of bilateral meetings with Member States and UN entities to further discuss areas of mutual interest and strengthen partnerships on key priorities for UNODC, including maritime crime, terrorism prevention, and corruption. In addition, the second Session and second Intersessional Consultation of the cybercrime Ad Hoc Committee also took place this quarter. These, and additional, events are outlined in more detail in this newsletter.

So, we hope you enjoy this issue of the UNHQ in Review and look forward to your continued partnership and engagement with our work in the year ahead.

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RECENT EVENTS IN FOCUS

GENERAL ASSEMBLY HIGH-LEVEL DEBATE ON YOUTH AND CRIME PREVENTION POLICIES

On 6 June 2022, the Executive Director, Ms. Ghada Waly delivered the opening remarks at the General Assembly high level debate on “Enhancing youth mainstreaming in crime prevention policies.” Mr. Junbert Parbon, the youth representative for Peace of the World Organization of the Scout Movement had the opportunity to give opening remarks alongside the Executive Director, Ms. Ghada Waly.

This event built on the momentum created by the Kyoto Declaration and offered the possibility of exchanging national or regional practices and case studies on ways in which to leverage the issue of youth mainstreaming in crime prevention and criminal justice systems. Likewise, it emphasized that although youth face many challenges that make them particularly vulnerable to crime, violence and victimization, it is important to remember that, by virtue of their age, confidence, determination and self-empowerment, young people are also key agents of change in creating a better future and have great potential to advocate for themselves and their communities.

PRESENTATION OF THE 2022 WORLD DRUG REPORT AT THE UNHQ

The report was presented in its entirety on June 28, 2022, and member states and civil society organizations had the opportunity to express their support and considerations. Consisting of five separate booklets, the World Drug Report 2022 provides an in-depth analysis of global drug markets and examines the nexus between drugs and the environment within the bigger picture of the Sustainable Development Goals, climate change and environmental sustainability. The report further emphasizes the importance of galvanizing the international community, governments, civil society and all stakeholders to take urgent action to protect people, including by strengthening drug use prevention and treatment and by tackling illicit drug supply.

HIGHER-LEVEL EVENT ON OUR STRATEGIC VISION FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

On 7 June 2022, UNODC NYLO held a high level event to present UNODC Strategic Vision for Latin America and the Caribbean 2022-2025 with its co-sponsors the Permanent missions of Panama, Colombia, Peru and the Dominican Republic. The Strategic Vision provides a roadmap for UNODC’s partnership with member states in strengthening concerted efforts to prevent and tackle organized crime, drugs and corruption. It is also an opportunity for UNODC to enhance its operational effectiveness and make use of its available resources to maximize its impact.

The event provided an important opportunity for member states to examine the intersectionality of issues confronting the region, express their support for the Strategic Vision, and underscore the need of international cooperation at both the regional and national levels to combat criminality. Read more here

ADDITIONAL EVENTS

- THE SECOND SESSION AND SECOND INTERSESSIONAL CONSULTATION OF THE CYBERCRIME AD HOC COMMITTEE.
HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT 5-15 JULY 2022

The General Assembly in its resolution 67/290 decided that the Forum meets annually under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council for eight days, including a three-day ministerial segment and every four years at the level of Heads of State and Government under the auspices of the General Assembly for two days. The themes for the forum consist of: (a) For 2022: Building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development; (b) For 2023: Accelerating the recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

The HLPF also hopes to review in-depth Sustainable Development Goals 4 on quality education, 5 on gender equality, 14 on life below water, 15 on life on land, and 17 on partnerships for the Goals. As well as the different impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic across all Sustainable Development Goals and the integrated, indivisible and interlinked nature of the Goals.

UPCOMING EVENTS

LEVERAGING INTERNATIONAL ACTION TO ADDRESS THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON DRUGS AND CRIME - INTEGRATED MULTIDISCIPLINARY RESPONSES BY THE CND AND THE CCPCJ

The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated the world drug problem, created new opportunities for crimes, and has hampered the efforts of the international community in drug- and crime-related matters. The side event aims at answering several key questions such as:

- WHAT DO WE KNOW about the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on drugs and crime trends?
- WHY SHOULD THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY INVEST in addressing the world drug problem, the rule of law and crime prevention and criminal justice, for furthering the implementation of the Agenda 2030?
- WHAT ARE THE VIENNA-BASED COMMISSIONS DOING to advance the work on these topics?

JAGUAR 2030 STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

The Jaguar 2030 Coordination Committee was formed in 2018 through the facilitation of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and includes representatives from UNDP providing light Secretariat functions, Panthera, WCS, WWF, and more recently, CITES, CMS, UNEP, UNODC, USAID, and Red Parques. The objective of this meeting is to facilitate range state governments’ implementation of the Roadmap, and to strengthen cooperation and coordination between range states and the global community for jaguar conservation and linked sustainable development benefits for People, Planet, and Prosperity.

UN CHIEFS OF POLICE SUMMIT 2022 29 AUGUST- SEPTEMBER 1

The purpose of this event is to bring together Ministers, Chiefs of Police and senior representatives of regional and professional policing organizations to United Nations Headquarters from 31 senior police leaders and engage on strengthening international peace, security, and development for all through the unifying power and enabling role of national and United Nations policing.