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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 third quarter of 2022, which continues a highly active year for UNODC NYLO, is covered in this edition. In July, the Office had the privilege of moderating a side event on the occasion of the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, August and September were extremely eventful with the Security Council Debriefs, Third Session of the Ad Hoc Committee, UNCOPS Summit, and the 77th General Assembly. These, and additional, events are outlined in more detail in this newsletter.

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.

RECENT EVENTS IN FOCUS

SECURITY COUNCIL DEBRIEF ON HAITI 26 SEPTEMBER

Ms. Ghada Waly, UNODC Executive Director briefed the Security Council on the crises in Haiti that have led to a desperate, deteriorating situation and large-scale unrest in the nation as a result of the government's recent decision to stop subsidizing fuel. She then pointed out that Haiti's 1,500 kilometres of coastline and its long land border with the Dominican Republic makes it particularly vulnerable to illicit trafficking. She detailed UNODC's work, including its efforts to address transborder challenges with regional actors, and stressed that investments in Haiti's security sector must be complemented with similar efforts throughout the entire national criminal justice system. Further, a better understanding of trafficking flows in Haiti is needed, as this would facilitate the design of tailored criminal justice and border-management responses



SECURITY COUNCIL DEBRIEF ON AFGHANISTAN 27 SEPTEMBER

Ms. Ghada Waly, UNODC Executive Director briefed the Security Council on the current situation in Afghanistan considering the Taliban de facto authorities announced a complete ban on cultivation and production of all narcotics, while granting a grace period that practically exempted the most recent major harvest of opium poppy, which was concluded in July 2022.

"We must prevent such threats from destabilizing the region and beyond, by monitoring the situation, improving regional capacities, and helping people." - M. Ghada Waly stated at the briefing. In support of the UN Transitional Engagement Framework for Afghanistan, UNODC is jointly working with UN partners on health interventions related to the use of illicit drugs in the south, north and central regions



THIRD SESSION OF THE CYBERCRIME AD HOC COMMITTEE 29-AUGUST-9 SEPTEMBER

The Ad Hoc Committee during its third session undertook the first readings of the provisions on international cooperation, technical assistance, preventative measures, mechanisms of implementation, final provisions and the preamble in accordance with the road map and mode of work. The Ad Hoc Committee will examine the written submissions of Member States, in the form of specific drafting suggestions or general comments on the provisions on technical assistance, articulated in line with the chapters contained in the approved structure of the convention.



UNGA 77

NYLO PARTICIPATED IN SEVERAL SIDE EVENTS RELATED TO UNODC'S MANDATES INCLUDING:

- NYLO delivered remarks at a side event entitled "Trafficking of women and girls for the purpose of sexual exploitation: Responding to prevention and protection challenges in the context of the war against Ukraine", organized by the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict
- "Research Launch Event" of the International Detention Coalition (IDC); the side event "Addressing Sexual Violence and Trafficking in Armed Conflict", organized by ODIHR
- "Co-Creating Reparations with Survivors of Conflict-Related Sexual Violence: Lessons Learned and Emerging Best Practice" organized by the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict, and in presence of Ms. Nadia Murad, UNODC Goodwill Ambassador
- "Conference on the Role of Technology in Fueling and Tackling Exploitation and Human Trafficking in Sports"



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **LAUNCH OF NEW UNODC TOOLKIT ON THE INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION OF TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS FOR ORGAN REMOVAL 26 OCTOBER**
- **THE LAUNCH OF THE UNODC GLOBAL PROGRAMME ON COUNTER-TERRORISM**
- **SECURITY COUNCIL DEBRIEF ON GABON 6 OCTOBER**

RECENT EVENTS IN FOCUS

UN CHIEFS OF POLICE SUMMIT 2022 29 AUGUST- SEPTEMBER 1

DTA Director John Brandolino, intervened in the second session of the UN Chiefs of Police Summit in New York to give insight on UNODC's mission and involvement to foster sustainable peace and development through United Nations policing. In addition, Delphine Schantz, gave remarks at the "Enhancing police effectiveness through training: Delivering as One UN" side event. This event was focused on the joint effort between UNODC, the UN Police Division, the DPO Integrated Training Service, with the support of Member States, in developing standardized training modules under the UNPOL Training Architecture Programme and planning a new initiative to enhance coordination and cooperation among police training centres and institutions globally.



THE TRANSFORMING EDUCATION SUMMIT 16 SEPTEMBER - 19 SEPTEMBER

On 16 September 2022, NYLO interviewed 27 year old Camila, a member of the UNODC YouthLED Integrity Advisory Board to the Global Resource for Anti-Corruption Education and Youth Empowerment Initiative (GRACE) who attended the Transforming Education Summit, that was organized in response to a global crisis in education

NYLO: Tell us about yourself?

As an anti-corruption practitioner and youth empowerment advocate, I am engaged in multiple projects to prevent corruption, enhance transparency, and strengthen compliance, integrity, and ethics.

I hold a B.A. in International Studies with a specialization in Law from Universidad Torcuato Di Tella, and a Master in Global Rule of Law and Constitutional Democracy from the Universitat de Girona and the Università degli Studi di Genova. Currently, I'm pursuing a master's degree in Anti-Corruption Studies from the International Anti-Corruption Academy. The program provides me with skills and tools to better tackle corruption and advance our shared anti-corruption agenda.

NYLO: what brings you to the Summit?

The Summit sought to mobilize stakeholders and push education transformation at the top of the political agenda while searching for concrete solutions and solidarity. In particular, I was invited to participate as the representative of the UNODC YouthLED Integrity Advisory Board. During my participation, I advocated for including anti-corruption-related topics in the discussions. Promoting anti-corruption education and reducing the impacts of corruption on the education sector are crucial for sustainable development. Hence, the importance of raising our voices. During my participation in the Summit, I worked to make stakeholders reflect on the essential role of anti-corruption measures and values for transforming education and implementing the adopted commitments.



NYLO: What is your takeaway from the Summit?

After three days of activities, we leave with homework. We comprehended that we need to transform the current educational systems and that we must act in solidarity to achieve this goal. The only path forward is to work together to implement our shared commitments. Without action, commitments are just words, and words do not translate into meaningful change.

Education is not a privilege; it is a right. Everyone should have access to education. Therefore, we need to enhance gender equality in the education systems. We need to include the marginalized and the most disadvantaged groups. We need to increase education funding and invest better. No one should be left behind.

HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT- SIDE EVENT

On 6 July 2022, UNODC and The Permanent Mission of Austria to the United Nations (New York) organized

"a side event on the occasion of the 2022 session HLPF in which Delphine Shantz moderated called "Leveraging international action to address the impact of COVID-19 on drugs and crime - integrated multidisciplinary responses by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice".



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