



# REGIONAL TRAINING ON MEASURING SDG16 IN AFRICA

## PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS



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### BACKGROUND

*The need for reliable comparable and timely data on SDG16*

Five years after the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development several countries are facing considerable challenges in monitoring targets in the areas of crime, violence, trafficking, access to justice and the rule of law. These targets are particularly relevant to Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 16 (“Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels”), but also to Goals 3, 5, 11 and 15.

The current COVID-19 pandemic highlights the value of measuring and monitoring: no strategy can be developed, and no measure can be implemented without a proper monitoring and evaluation system.

Several countries in Africa have included SDG 16 in the national development framework, thus recognising the importance to address peace, justice and inclusion as part of sustainable development. However, reporting on progress on SDG 16 indicators, which has been a challenge globally, also remains limited in the region. Insufficient availability and quality of statistical information on SDG16 remains and directly hampers the capacity to implement the 2030 Agenda, as it prevents countries from generating evidence-based and effective policy responses to justice, security and governance challenges.



Figure 1 Relevant SDG targets to measure progress towards SDG16

### OBJECTIVES – WHY?

The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) are organizing a series of interactive and focused online training workshops on measuring progress of SDG16 indicators in the African region.

The main objectives of the regional training are:

- To strengthen technical capacities of national authorities to produce, analyse and disseminate relevant SDG16 indicators;
- To strengthen the organisational framework and promote a “data community” among data producers and users for the exchange of experiences and challenges.

### TARGET AUDIENCE – WHO?

All crime and justice data producers in Member States across the African region are welcome to participate. This includes representatives from national institutions, including the Police, Prosecution, Courts, Prisons, National Statistical Offices, Ministries of Interior and Justice, other relevant national entities.

## SDG16 MONITORING – WHAT?

The training workshops will familiarize relevant stakeholders with the concepts, international standards, methodological tools, as well as an understanding of the challenges needed to measure SDG indicators related to preventing violence, strengthening criminal justice systems, prisons, access to justice, countering organized crime, illicit trafficking, and corruption. Key SDG16 methodological tools that will be discussed include:

SDG16 Methodological Tools									
International Classification of Crimes for Statistical Purposes (ICCS)	Guidelines for SDG indicators based on Victimization Surveys	Manual on Victimization Surveys	Manual on Corruption Surveys	Handbook on Governance Statistics	New methods to measure firearms trafficking	New methods to estimate undetected victims of TIP	New methods to measure illicit financial flows	Annual data collection: UN-Crime Trends Survey	New SDG16 Survey Initiative

## SCHEDULE – WHEN?

The regional training will be held over the course of five consecutive weeks –

**Every Thursday** at 12:00-13:30 (GMT-1); 13:00-14:30 (GMT+0); 14:00-15:30 (GMT+1); 15:00-16:30 (GMT+2); 16:00-17:30 (GMT+3); 17:00-18:30 (GMT+4)

<i>Webinar 1</i> – 19 November Measuring SDG16: <b>Opening Regional Meeting and cross-cutting issues</b>	All SDG16 Targets
<i>Webinar 2</i> – 26 November Measuring SDG16: <b>Homicide and other forms of violence</b>	SDG 16.1, 16.3
<i>Webinar 3</i> – 3 December Measuring SDG16: <b>Illicit trafficking and organized crime</b>	SDG 16.2, 16.4
<i>Webinar 4</i> – 10 December Measuring SDG16: <b>Corruption</b>	SDG 16.5
<i>Webinar 5</i> – 17 December Measuring SDG16: <b>Prisons, access to justice and strengthening CJS</b>	SDG 16.3, 16.6, 16.7

## FORMAT- HOW?

The webinars will be held via Webex. Facilitation of the workshops will be held in English.

The training workshops will encourage interactive dialogue and participants are encouraged to take an active role during sessions. During group exercises, participants will be invited to share their national country experiences in data collection and exchange challenges and concerns. SDG data-related **materials and resources** will be distributed to participants prior to each session.

## TRAINING CERTIFICATION - NOW

Participants who successfully attend all five workshops of the series will be awarded with a training certificate by the organisers.

To register for the Regional Webinar Series, please click the link below: