



Partnerships in Community-based Crime Prevention, Implementing the Kyoto Declaration

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Forum Discussion

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Background & Objectives

Well-planned crime prevention strategies not only prevent crime and victimization, but also contribute to sustainable development, including targets 16.1, 16.2 and 16.3 of the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals. The “[Kyoto Declaration](#)”, adopted at the 14th UN Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and endorsed by the General Assembly at its 76th session in December 2021, calls on States to promote tailor-made crime prevention strategies that take into account local contexts; to empower youth to become active agents of change in their communities; and to promote a rehabilitative environment in the community to facilitate the social reintegration of offenders.

“Community, or locally based crime prevention, instead of targeting individuals, targets areas where the risks of becoming involved in crime or being victimized are high. (...) Such programmes work to increase the sense of safety and security of the residents... to respond to community concerns and crime problems affecting the population and to increase the services and social capital or social cohesion in the community.” United Nations Handbook on the Crime Prevention Guidelines: Making them Work

This speaks to research that shows how community-based approaches to crime prevention, including social development strategies, can have a much greater impact on criminal behaviour than enforcement alone and can improve a broad range of health, education, and social outcomes. UNODC actively promotes interventions that combine traditional law enforcement with the provision of support and reintegration services for those engaged in crime and violence by, for example, probation officers, health professionals, community actors, considering that such an approach has shown positive results. In the same vein, the Office supports Member States across the globe to implement problem-oriented policing, allowing for more pro-active interventions and better cooperation between police and the citizens they serve. Furthermore, the Office actively promotes multisectoral approaches and partnerships, working with youth, sport, and education sectors, for empowering young people and engaging those that are more at risk of marginalization and exclusion. Policy makers and practitioners alike acknowledge that partnerships between different sectors of government and cooperation with civil society are key for strengthening community resilience and addressing root causes of crime, violence, and victimization. At the same time, good cooperation for crime prevention at the local level is often difficult to achieve and sustain.

Against this background, and with a view to responding to the United Nations Secretary-General’s report on “[Our Common Agenda](#)” that promotes a renewal of the social contract between institutions and people, UNODC has developed a new Global Programme on People-centred Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice which places community- and knowledge-based crime prevention at the centre of technical assistance initiatives and underlines respect for human rights as an objective and a “problem-solving measure”. Through this programme, the Office is able to better assist countries to implement effective crime prevention policies and programmes while strengthening partnership working with leading youth-, education-, sport- and other stakeholders.

The objectives of this Forum Discussion are to:

1. Inform Member States’ delegations in New York about efforts undertaken by UNODC and partners to support the implementation of the crime prevention pillar of the Kyoto Declaration.
2. Exchange experiences among participants on lessons learned and best practices in promoting partnerships for more effective community-based prevention.

3. Consider policy priorities for consideration by the Commission and Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice.

Format & Agenda

The Forum is open to Member States and Observers of the General Assembly and will be held in English format. It features a panel with experts from Member States, partner organizations and UNODC. The event will be chaired by Chair of the 31st Session of the United Nations Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, H.E. Mr. Hikihara Takeshi, supported by Ms. Delphine Schantz, UNODC Representative in New York and by Ms. Jo Dedeyne-Amann, Chief of the Secretariat to the Governing Bodies of UNODC and Secretary of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice.

Preliminary Agenda

10:00-10:10 Welcoming and Introductory Remarks

- **H.E. Mr. Hikihara Takeshi**, Chair of the 31st Session of the United Nations Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (Chair)
- **Ms. Jo Dedeyne-Amann**, Chief Secretariat of the Governing Bodies and Secretary of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

10:10-11:30 Presentations

- Crime prevention: the perspective of the European Union – H.E. Ambassador Silvio Gonzato, **Deputy Head of Delegation of the European Union**, followed by a video address by Mr. Michal Barbořik, Director of the Crime Prevention Department, Interior Ministry of the Czech Republic (EU Presidency)
- Promoting crime prevention at the local level – **H.E. Ms. Alicia Guadalupe Buenrostro Massieu**, Deputy Permanent Representative of Mexico to the UN, followed by a video address by Mr. Luis Nava, Mayor of Queretaro, Mexico
- Evidence-based crime preventing - **Mr. Chad Westmacott**, Director General of Community Safety, Corrections and Criminal Justice Directorate Public Safety, Canada
- Reintegrating offenders, lessons from the “Big Brothers and Sisters Movement” and the “Hogoshi” initiatives – **Mr. Watanabe Hiroyuki**, Deputy Director, General Affairs Division, Rehabilitation Bureau, Ministry of Justice, Japan
- Olympism 365 – Joint Action on “Sport, Peace and Safe Communities” – **Ms. Kirsty Coventry**, Member of the International Olympic Committee/Chair of the IOC Coordination Commission for the Youth Olympic Games Dakar 2026
- Save our Street Initiative New York – **Mr. James Brodick**, Director of Community Development and Crime Prevention, Centre for Court Innovation
- Implementation of an Urban Safety Intervention Model – **Ms. Ann Champoux**, Director General of the International Centre for the Prevention of Crime

11:30-11:40 Q&A

11:40-12:00 Luncheon and launch of the UNODC-IOC SC: ORE Initiative: Sport against Crime: Outreach, Resilience, Empowerment of at-risk youth

12:00 Closing remarks

- **Ms. Delphine Schantz**, Representative UNODC in New York



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LAUNCH EVENT

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SPORT AGAINST CRIME : OUTREACH – RESILIENCE – EMPOWERMENT

Monday 7th of November 2022

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Dakar 2026*

*The luncheon and launch of SC: ORE will follow the Forum Discussion on
"Partnerships in Community-based Crime Prevention – Implementing the
Kyoto Declaration", on Monday 7th of November 2022,
in UN HQ, Room CR-12 at 10:00-12:30*

