

CONTEXT

Africa has made considerable gains towards the Sustainable Development Goals and the aspirations of the Agenda 2063 of the African Union: *The Africa We Want*. Yet progress in several areas is not advancing at the scale nor speed required. Around the globe and in Africa, the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic threatens to reverse progress, hitting those most vulnerable hardest, and risking them being left behind further. Africa can leverage its many opportunities to help strengthen resilience to its challenges: the increasing youth demographic can come together in collective action for a sustainable future; Africa's commitment towards digital transformation and technology is bold and can drive fast-paced growth and foster inclusion; Africa's single market, wealth of natural resources and biodiversity offer advantages for the development of trade, industry, employment and tourism; urbanization widens opportunities for economic growth, human security, social development and cohesion.

MISSION

UNODC's Strategic Vision for Africa 2030 outlines our mission to provide more safety to Africa's people, government and institutions from drugs, crime, corruption, terrorism and illicit financial flows. Our Vision 2030 seeks to strengthen crime prevention, enhance justice, address organized crime, ensure a balanced response to drugs, improve the rule of law and bolster resilience. Building on decades of partnership and engagement with African countries, we will work within our unique mandate towards these goals with a focus on whole-of-society approaches and inclusion of the most vulnerable and marginalized populations.

VALUE PROPOSITION

In response to Africa's challenges, **we will apply our unique value proposition of analytic, normative and technical cooperation.**We serve as the guardian of international conventions and the secretariat to UN policy-making bodies.

We provide strong and authoritative research products, policy analysis and we strengthen capacities of Member States in data, analysis, research and statistics. We combine global and local expertise through our extensive presence in Africa, providing specialized technical assistance to Member States:



- As guardian of conventions and other legal instruments and by serving as the secretariat to global
 policy bodies on drug control, organized crime, terrorism and corruption
- As custodian of the UN standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice
- By providing normative support to Member States with ratification and implementation of these instruments
- By developing domestic legislation and providing services to intergovernmental policy-making bodies
- By strengthening Member States' legal and policy frameworks including civil society's involvement



- Through authoritative research products and analysis
- By strengthening Member States' data, analysis, research and statistics to generate a much needed evidence-base for legislative, policy and operational responses
- Through innovative and sustainable approaches reliant on regional and sub-regional partnerships. I.e. new regional data hubs and national observatories
- Through increased understanding of the causes and drivers of organized crime, crime group profiles and the nexus between drugs, organized crime types and other phenomena



- By combining substantive global expertise at HQ level with an extensive field presence that promotes approaches tailored to the African context
- By building capacities and expertise sustainably at national and regional level and furthering the growth of mentors and champions
- By maximizing South-South cooperation, facilitating mutually beneficial partnerships between countries and institutions

INVESTMENT AREAS

To enable tangible and sustainable progress in response to Africa's most pressing challenges, we will intensify our focus in **five investment areas**, setting ourselves bold Agenda 2030-driven goals to meet our **54 objectives**:



INVESTMENT AREA 1.

PROMOTING PEOPLE'S HEALTH THROUGH BALANCED DRUG CONTROL

- Improved data collection and analysis
- Strengthened responses to drug trafficking
- Improved responses to drug and related HIV prevention, treatment and care
- Better access to, and medical use of, controlled medicines containing narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances
- More protection from falsified medical products



INVESTMENT AREA 2.

SECURING THE SAFETY OF PEOPLE FROM ORGANIZED CRIME, TERRORISM AND VIOLENCE

- All Africans, and in particular vulnerable people, are better protected from terrorism and violent extremism
- People are safer from the harms and firearms
- Children are better protected from violence
- · Women and youth are safer from gender-based violence, sexual violence and exploitation
- People are safer from human traffickers and migrant smugglers
- People in Africa are better protected from cybercrime and online exploitation



INVESTMENT AREA 3.

PROTECTING AFRICA'S RESOURCES
AND LIVELIHOODS

- Africa's forests and wildlife are safer from crime
- Fisheries and the 'blue economy' are better protected from illegal exploitation
- Africa is better protected from hazardous waste
- Effective responses to illegal mining and trafficking in precious metals
- Africa's cultural property is better protected from trafficking



INVESTMENT AREA 4.

SAFEGUARDING PEOPLE AND INSTITUTIONS FROM CORRUPTION AND ECONOMIC CRIME

- Africa's institutions and individuals demonstrate increased integrity and accountability
- The economy is better protected from illicit financial flows and money-laundering
- Illicity obtained assets are recovered and returned



INVESTMENT AREA 5.

MAKING CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEMS MORE EFFECTIVE AND ACCOUNTABLE

- Africa's law enforcement and cross-border cooperation is improved
- Enhanced access to justice for all those in need without discrimination
- Justice systems in Africa are accountable, effective and independent
- Rehabilitative approaches to prison management are adopted

CHANGE ENABLERS

To make the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the AU Agenda 2063 a reality through transformation and broader impact, we will leverage six change enablers, mainstreaming these in our approaches across all five investment areas:

STRONG PARTNERSHIPS



AS A KEY PARTNER OF UN AGENCIES, CIVIL SOCIETY, ACADEMIA, THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND DIASPORA AND A STRENGTHENED ROLE AS FACILITATOR, CONVENER AND CONNECTOR OF PARTNERS AND NETWORKS.



REINFORCING THE ROLE OF WOMEN

PROGRAMMING THAT LEVERAGES THE PERSPECTIVES OF ALL GENDERS AND THAT IDENTIFY NEW OPPORTUNITIES AND RESPONSES WHICH PLACE AFRICAN WOMEN AS AGENCY AT ITS HEART.

EMPOWERMENT OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH



POLICIES THAT BUILD ON, AND ARE INFORMED BY, YOUNG PEOPLE'S VIEWS, EMPOWERING YOUTH AS KEY AGENTS OF TRANSFORMATIVE CHANGE.

PRIORITIZING PREVENTION



STRENGTHENED CAPACITIES AT ALL LEVELS TO PREVENT THREATS RELATED TO DRUGS, ORGANIZED CRIME, TERRORISM AND CORRUPTION BY ADDRESSING THEIR DRIVERS AND ROOT CAUSES.

INNOVATION-LED IMPACT

WITH MORE EFFECTIVE SOLUTIONS AND INNOVATIVE APPROACHES BUILDING ON THE RAPID TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGES TAKING PLACE ACROSS AFRICA.

ELIMINATING DISCRIMINATION AND STIGMA



INVESTMENTS TO REDUCE THE DISCRIMINATION FACED BY THOSE WHO ARE MOST STIGMATIZED AND ENABLING THEIR ACCESS TO MUCH NEEDED SERVICES AND SUPPORT.

WAY FORWARD

In support of the many gains made so far and to effectively address the challenges remaining, UNODC will accelerate levels of effort and take transformative action to support Africa's people, governments and institutions towards meeting its development goals. The detail needed to turn our goals into reality will be implemented through the next generation of context-specific Country and Regional Programmes, through new and innovative initiatives and grounded in our **UNODC Strategy 2021 - 2025.** Together with Africa, and in concert with partners, we will take decisive action to boost sustainable solutions to some of the greatest challenges faced ensuring no one is left behind.

THE LAUNCH OF THE UNODC STRATEGIC VISION FOR AFRICA 2030 TAKES PLACE VIRTUALLY ON **24 FEBRUARY 2021 AT 1PM CET**.

THE DOCUMENT WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT WWW.UNODC.ORG

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