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What We Do

- Promote rule of law and good governance as foundations of peace, security and sustainable development
- Strengthen national policies and practices consistent with international norms, standards, convention obligations and evidence-based best practices
- Strengthen institutional and individual capacities to prevent and combat transnational organized crime, illicit trafficking, violent extremism and terrorism
- Promote regional and international cooperation and partnerships against shared threats of crime and terrorism

Tunisia: New Premises to Prevent and Combat Trafficking in Persons

As a source, destination and transit country, Tunisia is particularly concerned with trafficking in persons. Against this background, the Tunisian Minister of Justice, H.E. Mr. Ghazi Jeribi, inaugurated the premises of the National Committee Against Trafficking in Persons (NCTIP) on 23 January 2018, in the presence of the President and Members of the Committee. UNODC, diplomatic missions in Tunisia, lawyers, human rights activists, and a number of representatives of Embassies, as well as national and international organizations, attended the event. "*Tunisia is particularly concerned with human trafficking as a cross-border crime*", said the President of the Committee, Mrs. Rawda Labidi, and she added that "*migrant smuggling networks exploit security and political chaos in neighboring countries*".

The new premises will facilitate the work of NCTIP in implementing the Law No. 61 of 3rd August 2016 on Preventing and Combating Trafficking in Persons, for which UNODC is providing technical assistance in close partnership with NCTIP.



UNODC also provided the National Committee with technical assistance to draft a National Strategy and an Action Plan to prevent and combat human trafficking, as well as key equipment for its mission. UNODC is supporting the operationalization of NCTIP since its establishment in 2016 through the project "*Strengthening Criminal Justice Responses and Regional Cooperation Efforts to Combat Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling in Tunisia*", funded by the United Kingdom and implemented under the project "*Strengthening the Framework of the Arab Region to Prevent and Combat Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling*". (Funded by UK-CSSF).

Tunisia: Manual for Judges – How to Deal with SoM & TiP Cases

In partnership with the [Magistrate Training Institute](#) and the National Committee Against Trafficking in Persons, UNODC organized in February a training session for 160 Tunisian judges based on the updated Manual for Judges tailored to the [Tunisian law 2016-61 on Preventing and Combating Human Trafficking](#) which was adopted in August 2016.

To help judges identify and better understand cases of human trafficking and smuggling of migrants, UNODC supported the development of the above Manual. A first version was drafted by three Tunisian judges during a UNODC-supported Training of Trainers' program in 2015. After the adoption of the 2016 law aligning Tunisian

Legislation with international standards, the manual was revised by the same local experts.

Subsequently, in the past two years, local experts have trained more than 400 judges and law enforcement agents on the new legislation with UNODC support. *(Funded by UK-CSSF).*

Egypt - Kick-off Workshop for Judges on Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking in Persons

In collaboration with the National Coordinating Committee on Preventing and Combating Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling and the National Center for Judicial Studies, UNODC organized the first training seminar for 27 senior judges from Upper Egypt and Cairo including two military judges from Aswan. Egypt is a source, transit, and destination country for trafficking in persons and the smuggling of migrants. Primary smuggling routes are from the Horn of Africa and Eastern Africa taken by migrants seeking passage to Europe by departing Egyptian shores.

In 2016, Egypt adopted Law No. 82/2016 on Combating Illegal Migration and the Smuggling of Migrants, which merged the National Coordinating Committee for Combating and Preventing Illegal Migration and the National Coordinating Committee for Combating and Preventing Trafficking in Persons (NCCPIM & TIP). Together with law no. 64 of 2010 on trafficking in persons, Egypt has a comprehensive legal framework to combat trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants. UNODC supports the implementation of the legal framework with training series for police officers,

prosecutors and judges in order to strengthen national capacity to investigate, prosecute and adjudicate crimes of human trafficking and migrant smuggling.

The participating judges gave very positive feedback, highlighting the need to continue its training series all over the country to acquaint the majority of the judiciary personnel with the related laws, and international conventions and protocols. In particular the need to raise awareness on the importance of adopting a victim-centered approach when dealing with TiP cases was highlighted. *(Funded by UK-CSSF).*

National Committee Against Trafficking in Persons - Tunisia

The Committee was established under the Law “Preventing and Combating Trafficking in Persons”, that was ratified by the Tunisian Parliament in August 2016.

National Coordinating Committee on Preventing and Combating Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling - Egypt

The NCCPIM was established on 4th March 2014, following a decree from the Egyptian Prime Minister. Its mandate is to lead governmental efforts to prevent and combat illegal migration in Egypt as a country of origin, transit and destination.

Container Control Programme

CCP is a UNODC-WCO collaboration. It aims to strengthen Member States capacity to facilitate and secure its containerized cargo.

WCO

It was established in 1952 as the Customs Co-operation Council which is an independent intergovernmental body whose mission is to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of Customs administrations. Today, it represents 182 Customs administrations across the globe that collectively process approximately 98% of world trade.



Jordan: First National Training on Countering Illicit Trafficking of Cultural Heritage

During the opening ceremony of the first national specialized training course on countering trafficking of cultural objects, an excitement filled the room revealing the innovative work of this joint UNODC ([Container Control Programme](#)) – WCO [World Customs Organization](#)'s efforts. This hands-on training that piqued the interest of all the participants took place in Amman, Jordan, from 11-15 February 2018, and was made possible thanks to the funds received from the Norwegian Government. The training was tailored for law enforcement and security agencies to raise awareness and shed light on the severity of the threats arising from trafficking of

cultural objects, as well as to equip the Port Control Units (PCUs) at the Port of Aqaba and Queen Alia International Airport with operational tools and instruments that will advance their work in the airport and seaport environments.

The training was based on modules developed by the WCO and first rolled out at a regional MENA Train-the-Trainer event in Beirut, Lebanon, in September 2017.

The training gathered participants from WCO, UNODC, INTERPOL, as well as the Ambassador of Norway in Jordan and officials from Jordan represented by Customs, the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities, the Public

Security Directorate's Anti-Narcotics Department and Special Branch, the Department for Military Security and the General Intelligence Directorate. As the training was comprehensive in nature, participants had the opportunity to be trained on a number of practical issues: identification, handling and documentation of cultural objects, the use of international and national databases, and resources available to law enforcement agencies. In the same time, it included the analysis of the national legislation on import, export and transit procedures as well as on the protection of movable and immovable heritage in Jordan. *(Funded by Norway)*



Egypt: Rehabilitation and Reintegration of Children in Conflict with the Law

UNODC celebrated on 12 February, the achievements of its [Rehabilitation and Reintegration Programme for Juveniles in Conflict with the Law](#) in a conference called '**My Right to a Second Chance**' at Semiramis InterContinental in Cairo. In cooperation with the [Ministry of Solidarity](#) and the [New Horizon Association for Social Development](#), UNODC has provided vocational training, legal aid services and reintegration services - including social, psychological and economic support - to more than 3,500 children in five institutions in Egypt since the start of the project in 2006. The highlight of the conference '**My Right to a Second Chance**' was the recognition of four boys who had been part of the programme during their imprisonment in El Marg

(Egypt's detention centre for young male offenders) as well as after their release. The four boys have successfully put into action what they had learned in prison. Shafi and Omar have both opened tailor shops, Tarek has a little workshop where he repairs and maintains bicycles and Amir has set up an ironing place in the 5th Settlement. All four were able to repay the credit they received to kick-start their businesses. The children had received assistance, either in form of money or equipment, as part of the 'life plan' developed together with the social worker, Salah Ishak Samuel, contracted by UNODC, who has supported these and many other boys on their transition from detention back into society.

During the conference, participants could take part in two activities. In one activity, they could vote by putting small balls either into a 'yes' or a 'no' box whether they would offer a juvenile offender a job after his release - by the end of the conference, most of the balls had found their way into the 'yes' box. In a second activity, participants had the chance to leave encouraging and supportive notes on sheets of paper for boys who are currently in detention and involved in the programme. Read some of the messages. *(Funded by Drosos Foundation).*

Second Chance Initiative

Read some of the encouraging and supportive messages:

'Believe in yourself - change is possible!'; 'Keep hope alive - there are still a lot of opportunities out there for you!'

Jordan: Strengthening Together Justice for Children and Criminal Investigation



Please see the following two awareness raising videos clips:
['Outcomes of the project](#)
['Strengthening the working methodologies of the Public Security Directorate in Jordan 2014-2016'](#)
[and 'The roles and responsibilities of the Juvenile Police Department in Jordan'](#).

Since 2014, UNODC has provided technical assistance to Jordan in order to accompany the Governmental institutions in their efforts to strengthen the criminal justice system. This was undertaken in close partnership with [the Public Security Directorate](#) and [the Judicial Council](#) under the framework of the project '[Strengthening the Working Methodologies at the Public Security Directorate \(PSD\) in Jordan](#)'. Under this project, UNODC focused on two main areas: justice for children and criminal investigation. As a result, in close partnership with the Juvenile Police Department and the Criminal Investigation Department (CID), and in line with international norms and standards, a child-friendly environment was established at the police station level; four juvenile police branches refurbished in different cities;

and a number of police officers and personnel of juvenile police were trained across the country.

The project contributed in improving the criminal investigation techniques through specialized and advanced capacity building activities and technical support provided to more than 1,200 criminal investigation officers. To ensure sustainability and national ownership, a training center for CID was established and provided with specialized training material and guidelines. These were developed by UNODC jointly with a national committee in cooperation with the Judicial Council and the Prosecution Office and endorsed by CID for training purposes.

The project achieved the expected results by automating criminal investigations and interviews,

as well as the management of criminal case files and procedures.

A monitoring and tracking electronic system to monitor juvenile cases, collect necessary data, produce indicative reports and track procedural violations of laws and regulations at the police level was developed. Similarly, UNODC extended its support to CID and developed a new electronic monitoring and tracking system that will enable 50 branches of CID to collect criminal information, track any violations against laws and human rights and unify the procedures at the police station's level. The system links 50 branches of CID to Headquarters, allowing for a high-quality casefile preparation process and the extraction of qualitative reports on crime trends and criminal statistics. *(Funded by the EU).*



Egypt: Online Tools in Criminal Investigations

A Must to Combat Organized Crime & Money-Laundering

The internet is undeniably considered an essential tool in a wide range of investigations. When used right, it can effectively contribute to the successful gathering of evidence, prosecution and presentation before the court. In recognition of this and within the framework of the cooperation between the [Egyptian Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing Combating Unit](#) (EMLCU) and UNODC, a workshop took place between 11-14 February 2018 on "Open Source Internet Investigation". The workshop aimed at providing participants from a broad background of concerned national agencies and organizations with the requisite knowledge and skills that

can help them in obtaining essential information and data for their investigations directly from the internet and different social platforms by using open source tools. The workshop was opened by Judge Ahmed Said, the chairman of the board of trustees of the EMLCU, and Ms. Cristina Albertin, UNODC Regional Representative for the Middle East and North Africa, who both emphasized the importance of open source tools in conducting internet investigation. A broad range of concerned national organizations agencies participated in the workshop, such as the Public Prosecution, the National Security, the Administrative Control Authority, the EMLCU and the Central Bank

of Egypt.

The workshop covered several important topics such as: planning an online investigation, search techniques, capture and handling internet evidence. In addition to the deep web, and cryptocurrencies and other relevant topics. The hands-on training course was designed to provide a practical understanding of conducting an online internet investigation, during which the participants got the chance to apply what they had learnt. *(Funded by Japan).*

EMLCU

The Egyptian Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing Combating Unit is an independent financial intelligence unit established in 2002 under the Anti-Money Laundering Law No. 80 of 2002 for combating money laundering and terrorist financing activities in Egypt.

Regional: Sahel and North African Governments Meet to Tackle Security Challenges

The following **recommendations** were formulated at the end of the North-Africa-Sahel Forum:

- Encourage customs administrations of the African Union countries to join the Customs Enforcement Network for the fight against fraud (CENcomm);
- Under the aegis of the African Union, to study the possibility of establishing a secure communication channel between the G5 Sahel platform and AFRIPOL through the national liaison offices;
- Initiate reflection on the possible opening of cooperation platforms to countries interested to cooperate

North African and Sahel Governments have launched national security policies and strengthened their capacities in countering terrorist and transnational threats to prevent further destabilization caused by a potential expansion of criminal networks. Several regional and bilateral mechanisms already exist through which operational and technical cooperation on security and judicial matters between the North African and Sahel Governments has been improved.

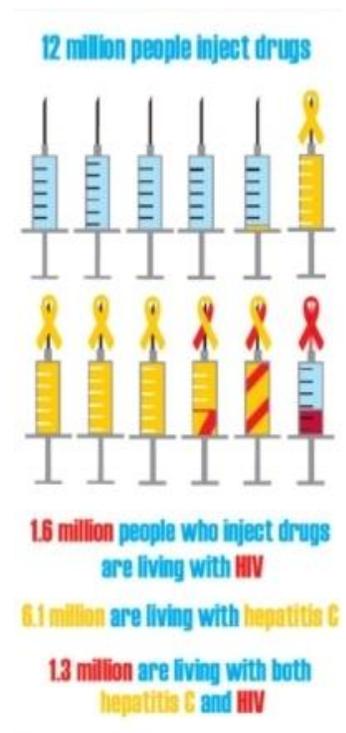
Regional: Addressing the Needs of People Who Inject Drugs in the MENA Region

UNODC advocates for the urgent and drastic scaling up of the harm reduction packages for PWIDs and those living in closed settings across the MENA region. To provide baseline data for the analyses and response to drug use in the Arab Region, UNODC conducted different studies. Two feasibility studies on Opioid substitution therapy (OST) were conducted in Egypt and Palestine with the aim of developing an operational model, gathering the support of key decision-makers. As a result of regular advocacy in the region, Palestine started

In order to strengthen these mechanisms, UNODC through its Regional Offices for the Middle East and North Africa, and the West and Central Africa, joined efforts to organize a trans-regional forum in Algiers, Algeria, from 23 to 25 January 2018, to exchange knowledge, experience and best practices between these countries. Besides UNODC and international experts and donors, Representatives of

this gathering brought together Representatives of the Ministries of Justice and Foreign Affairs as well as the Police, Gendarmerie and Customs Services of Algeria, Burkina Faso, Chad, Libya, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, and Tunisia. A regional analysis of the various security threats and routes used by smugglers and terrorist groups were presented during this high-level event. *(Funded by Japan & The Netherlands).*

an OST Programme, becoming the third country in the region implementing the much-needed intervention, which helps drug users leading a stable life. An OST feasibility study was also conducted in Egypt, in cooperation with the Ministry of Public Health and Population with the objective to roll-out OST at the pilot level in the near future. *(Funded by Drosos Foundation, the EU, and Sweden).*





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Upcoming Events

- **14 – 25 May 2018 – Conduct Basic and Intermediate Crime Analysis Theoretical Training Using the Developed Modules (ANACAPA), Tunis, Tunisia.**
- **28 May – 8 June 2018 - Conduct Basic and Intermediate Training on Intelligence Software (Analyst's Notebook), Hammamet, Tunisia.**
- **1 – 20 June 2018 – Awareness-Raising Activities for DGPR Personnel (7 one-day sessions in different governorates, moderated by the members of the drafting committee), Tunis, Tunisia.**
- **11 – 15 June 2018 - Conduct Basic-Intermediate Operational and Strategic Intelligence Analysis Training for Trainers Using Modules Developed, Hammamet, Tunisia.**
- **17 June 2018 - Official Launch of the Code (half-day presentation event), Tunis, Tunisia.**
- **25 – 28 June 2018 - Awareness Raising Workshop for Journalists, Khartoum, Sudan.**
- **26 – 27 June 2018 - National Workshop on the Criminal Justice Response to the Involvement of Women in Terrorist Activities, Rabat, Morocco.**

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