

## Fourth Regional Meeting on Crime and Criminal Justice Statistics

9-11 July 2024, Bangkok, Thailand

### Concept Note

#### I. Background

The Regional Meetings on Crime and Criminal Justice in Asia and the Pacific have been instrumental in implementing the framework outlined in the ‘Roadmap to Improve the Quality and Availability of Crime Statistics at the National and International Level’ (E/CN.3/2013/11) approved by the UN Statistical Commission (UNSC) and the UN Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ) and its following reports (E/CN.3/2015/8, E/CN.3/2019/19, and E/CN.3/2022/14).

The Meetings serve as platforms for national and international experts across various areas of crime and criminal justice to make a collective effort to produce reliable and comparable crime statistics for evidence-based policymaking. These gathering aim to introduce newly developed international standards and methodologies for measuring different types of crime, to identify challenges in adopting and implementing these standards within the region, and to facilitate the exchange of national experience and practices.

Through joint partnerships between international organizations and national institutions responsible for crime and criminal statistics, UNODC has regularly convened three regional meetings in 2014<sup>1</sup>, 2016<sup>2</sup>, and 2019<sup>3</sup> as well as two regional trainings on Crime Victimization Surveys (CVS)<sup>4</sup> and the International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes (ICCS)<sup>5</sup>, both in 2017. Around 200 representatives from more than 30 countries in Asia and the Pacific have participated and actively engaged in the discussions.

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<sup>1</sup> First Meeting on Crime Statistics and Victimization Surveys in Bangkok, Thailand on 1-3 Dec 2014, co-organized by UNODC, UNESCAP, TIJ, and KICJ, [meeting-crime-stats-Asia \(unodc.org\)](https://www.unodc.org/meeting-crime-stats-Asia)

<sup>2</sup> Second Meeting on Crime and Criminal Justice Statistics: Development of crime and criminal justice statistics and their contribution for SDG monitoring in Asia-Pacific in Seoul, Republic of Korea on 14-15 Nov 2016, co-organized by UNODC, UNESCAP, TIJ, and KICJ, [regional-meeting-seoul-2016 \(unodc.org\)](https://www.unodc.org/regional-meeting-seoul-2016)

<sup>3</sup> Third Meeting on Crime and Criminal Justice Statistics: Towards modern and efficient crime statistics systems in Chengdu, China on 29-31 Oct 2019, co-organized by the Institute for Crime Prevention of the Ministry of Justice of P.R. China (ICPMJ), UNODC, UNODC-KOSTAT CoE, UNODC-INEGI CoE, UNESCAP, and TIJ, [Third Regional Meeting on Crime and Criminal Justice Statistics \(unodc.org\)](https://www.unodc.org/third-regional-meeting-on-crime-and-criminal-justice-statistics)

<sup>4</sup> Training Course on Victimization Surveys for the Asia-Pacific Region in Pattaya, Thailand on 29 May – 2 Jun 2017, delivered by UNODC, UNESCAP, TIJ, KICJ, and UNODC-INEGI CoE, [cvstraining \(unodc.org\)](https://www.unodc.org/cvstraining)

<sup>5</sup> Training Seminar on the Implementation of the ICCS in the Asia-Pacific Region in Daejeon, Republic of Korea on 5-7 Dec 2017, delivered by UNODC, UNESCAP, TIJ and Statistics Korea (KOSTAT), [Crime and criminal justice statistics \(unodc.org\)](https://www.unodc.org/crime-and-criminal-justice-statistics)

Despite the challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic since 2019, countries in Asia and international bodies have demonstrated considerable efforts to enhance crime measurement and quality statistics through strong partnerships. Initiatives have been undertaken, including the implementation of the International Classification for Statistical Purposes (ICCS) and household surveys capturing non-reported crime cases on violence, corruption, and trafficking in persons. Pilot studies aimed at measuring complex phenomena such as Illicit Financial Flows (IFFs) or gender-related killings have been initiated. Furthermore, emerging needs and demands in critical areas such as cybercrime and crime against the environment have been recognized.

In light of these collective efforts, the United Nations on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the UNODC-KOSTAT Centre of Excellence for Statistics on Crime and Criminal Justice in Asia and the Pacific (UNODC-KOSTAT CoE), are primed to leverage this momentum by resuming the 4<sup>th</sup> Regional Meeting in Bangkok, Thailand, hosted by the Thailand Institute of Justice (TIJ), in partnerships with the Korean Institute of Criminology and Justice (KICJ) and the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP).

## **II. Objectives**

The 4th Regional Meeting will strengthen the statistics network on crime and criminal justice in Asia and the Pacific and promote active collaboration across countries and sectors, fulfilling the following list of the specific objectives:

- Obtain a clear understanding of the regional context and challenges on crime and criminal justice data and statistics systems, including the analysis of pre-meeting surveys completed by participants.
- Exchange challenges and lessons learned in implementing the ICCS at the national level and discuss the need of revision.
- Identify emerging and evolving crimes that require standardized measurement and data collection, such as Illicit Financial Flows (IFFs), Trafficking in Persons (TiPs), Corruption, and Cybercrime.
- Present newly developed guidelines to produce crime statistics at different stages of the criminal justice system and share national experiences on crime data management.
- Discuss the distinct roles and functions of household surveys in capturing the dark figure of crimes and producing statistical information and explore the utilization of this data for evidence-based policymaking.
- Highlight the importance of gender mainstreaming in crime and criminal justice statistics, with a special focus on the measurement of gender-based violence.
- Develop regional strategies for enhancing international data collection efforts of the United Nations Surveys of Crime Trends and Operations of Criminal Justice Systems (UN-CTS) and monitoring the SDG indicators on violence, rule of law, and access to justice.

### **III. Format and participation**

The 4<sup>th</sup> Regional Meeting will be held for 3 days, on 9-11 July, at the premises of the Thailand Institute of Justice (TIJ) in Bangkok, Thailand, with interactive presentations and roundtable discussions. Prior to the meeting, a questionnaire on the national crime statistics system and the current progress of the ICCS implementation and crime-related surveys will be sent to participants. The analysis and insights based on its results will be presented during the meeting.

The meeting will invite a wide range of experts, including technical practitioners and decision makers from national statistical offices, ministries, and law enforcement agencies responsible for collecting and producing crime and criminal justice data. Representatives from research institutes, academia and civil society organizations who are active data users will also be invited.

Limited funding will be available to cover travel expenses for up to 50 participants. Moderators and speakers for the sessions will receive full support, including economy-class flight tickets, accommodation, meals, and transportation. In our commitment to diversity, organizers will fund selected representatives from various countries and institutions after a thorough review process. Additionally, self-funded participation is welcome. However, please note that confirmation by the organizer will be required due to venue capacity constraints.

### **IV. Budget allocation**

The TIJ will host the 4th Regional Meeting at its premises, providing catering services (lunch and coffee breaks) and transportation between accommodation and the venue. The UNODC-KOSTAT CoE will cover travel expenses for up to 50 international travelers. This includes economy class flight tickets, accommodation with breakfast and dinner for four days, and transportation between airports and hotels. The KICJ will provide 5 experts to serve as speakers for multiple sessions, covering their travel expenses.

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