NEWSLETTER

UNODC-KOSTAT Centre of Excellence Activities

The Centre of Excellence lead Five UN Entities Deliver the Regional Training on Measuring SDG 16 in Asia

Regional Training on
Measuring SDG 16 in Asia
Every Thursday (Online), 16:00 (UTC+9)
16 September - 4 November

Following the Regional Trainings on Measuring SDG 16 in Africa and Latin America and the Caribbean, the UNODC-KOSTAT Centre of Excellence for Statistics on Crime and Criminal Justice in Asia and the Pacific (CoE), led six United Nations entities in delivering the Regional Training on Measuring SDG 16 in Asia.
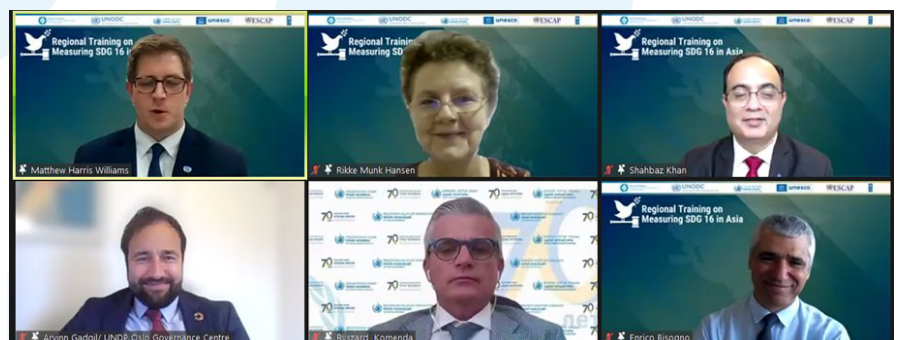
The Training aimed to strengthen technical capacities of national authorities to produce, analyse and disseminate data for twenty SDG 16 indicators and promote a community among data producers and users, to facilitate the exchange of experiences and challenges.

The online webinars were launched across eight weekly sessions from 16 September to 4 November 2021, had an average attendance of 602, with representation from 83 countries, and 1,509 registrations for the supporting online platform, the SDG 16 Hub.

Each webinar featured approximately three indicators with presentations by United Nations custodian agencies and detailed national experiences of data collection for policymaking in the areas of: homicide and other forms of violence; illicit trafficking and organized crime; corruption and independent national institutions; accessing and

and penal justice systems, including prisons; inclusive public institutions and satisfaction with public services; protecting human rights and eliminating discrimination; and birth registration and public access to information.

The organizing entities included United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), United Nations Development Programme Oslo Governance Centre (UNDP OGC), Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNOHCHR), United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) and United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

This "One-UN" approach to assisting Member States with data collection for the SDGs will be replicated in 2022, for the Regional Training on Measuring SDG 16 in the Pacific.

Addressing New Trends in Crime Data Collection at UN World Data Forum 2021

The UN World Data Forum was hosted by the Swiss Confederation and the Federal Statistical Office from 3 to 6 October 2021, with support from the Statistics Division of the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, under the guidance of the United Nations Statistical Commission and the High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building (HLG-PCCB) for Statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The forum aims at gathering data experts and users to spur data innovation, mobilize high-level political and financial support for data, and build a pathway to better data for sustainable development.

The session on "Real-time data collection systems for agile policymaking and foresight to prevent trafficking of Covid-19-related falsified vaccines and other medical products" was organized by UNODC, INEGI, UNODC-INEGI CoE, and CoE.

The session's goal was to show how different data collection systems can respond to the challenges of providing real-time data – a key attribute in today's data market – while maintaining minimal standards of accuracy, validity and transparency.

In this session, Ms. Hyun Jung Park, Coordinator of CoE pointed out major changes in our daily lives, such as telecommuting, OTT media service consumption, and the increase in the digital platform industry; and how those changes and innovations will be needed in data collection and analysis in supporting evidence-based policymaking. Also, it is critical to reflect on new trends in crime

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1 — Political/ Institutional Support

2 — Technical Support

3 — Knowledge Sharing

data collection and apply to practices accordingly. Ms. Park also introduced the work of CoE in assisting its 56 Member States with technical support and research activities to improve crime statistics in Asia and the Pacific region and share innovative cases in the future.

Other panellists discussed the importance of proactive responses to new and emerging threats through innovation and utilization of new technologies and changes for intervention arisen from digitalization in recent times; and the need for improved and coordinated monitoring and analysis at national, regional, and international level with regard to drug

and crime patterns and threats.

Ms. Angela Me, Chief of Research and Trend Analysis Branch at UNODC, pointed out the challenges that come with increased accessibility to illicit drugs via social media platforms, apps, and marketplaces in the dark web.

Ms. Me also mentioned how the transnational organized crime groups quickly adapted to the new environment, thus little to no change made to the level of consumption at the national, regional, and international level. Dr. Nicolas Christin, Associate Professor at Carnegie Mellon University also pointed out the surge in

online shopping as well as dark web markets during the pandemic.

2nd Regional Advisory Group (RAG) Meeting Held for CoE's Annual Review

The Second Regional Advisory Group (RAG) Meeting was held 12 – 13 October 2021. The RAG guides and reviews CoE progress and achievements to ensure the relevance and quality of CoE products, suggests new relevant activities, and areas of potential partnerships and

research areas.

The Advisory Group is comprised of individual experts in the field, from UN agencies, regional Member States and academia with technical expertise in the cross-cutting fields of statistics, crime and policymaking. Following up on the discussions during the First RAG Meeting, held in Bangkok, Thailand, 2020, in the 2nd RAG meeting, the Advisory Group helped identify potential areas of work to carry out in the coming years, reviewing CoE's current approaches, strategies, and activities, assessing adherence of the outcomes from last year against the initial objectives.

Some of the key outcomes

of the Second RAG Meeting include the identification of several areas the CoE should prioritize in the future, such as the development of tailored solutions for the data collection challenges in the region, and additional research on key themes, such as Cybercrime and Violence Against Women (VAW).

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CoE Commemorates Republic of Korea's 30 Years of Membership to the United Nations

In celebration of the 30th anniversary of the Republic of Korea's membership

to the United Nations, UN organizations, funds and programmes operating in the Republic of Korea together with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs jointly organized a special panel discussion on key challenges to sustainable development and the role of the Republic of Korea in shaping the future of multilateralism.
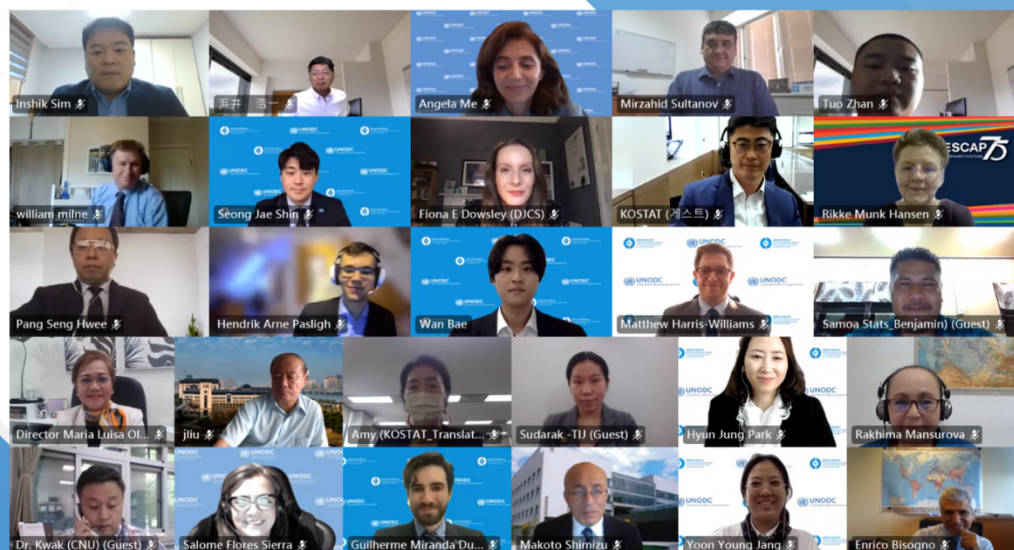
The Policy Dialogue helped bring together prominent experts and stakeholders to discuss some of the key global challenges requiring global action and the role of the Republic of Korea in supporting and strengthening forward-looking multilateralism and the United Nations.

REGIONAL ADVISORY GROUP MEETING
13 - 14 OCTOBER 2021

Ms. Hyun Jung Park, Coordinator of UNODC-KOSTAT CoE presented during the session 3 on 'Innovation and Digital Transformation', with a focus on major changes in our daily lives, and much-needed innovations in statistical data collection and analysis in supporting evidence-based policymaking.

With more than 300 participants, other prominent speakers are comprised of the Director-General for International Organizations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the directors/ heads of other UN agencies in the ROK.

The session recordings can be found at the following links:

* Session 1
* Session 2
* Session 3

CoE participated in American Society of Criminology (ASC) 76th Annual Meeting

To enhance collaboration with academics, CoE participated in American Society of Criminology (ASC) 76th Annual Meeting, which is the largest organization focused on disseminating knowledge and scholarly research in the fields of crime and criminal justice.
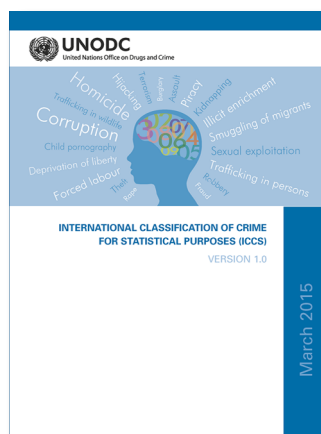

The 76th Annual Meeting theme was 'Science and Evidenced-Based Policy in a Fractured Era.' ASC Annual Meetings brought together crime and criminal

justice academics and experts from national organizations, universities including University of Oxford, University of Cambridge, Boston University, etc, think-tanks, civil societies, non-governmental organizations and private sector. An estimated 2,000 people attended the event amid the pandemic.

The CoE participated in the annual meeting with Korean Society of Criminology in America (KOSCA), and partook in a roundtable discussion on "Research Prospects in South and South-East Asia" and discussed crime data availability in the respective region. In addition, potential areas of research collaboration were discussed amongst the representatives of ASC, KOSCA, and the CoE.

INTERNATIONAL CLASSIFICATION OF CRIME FOR STATISTICAL PURPOSES (ICCS)

The International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes (ICCS) provides a comprehensive framework for producing statistics on crime and criminal justice. Its primary unit of classification is the act or event that constitutes a criminal offence and the description of the criminal acts is based on behaviours and not on legal provisions.

🔗 **For more information: https://bit.ly/UNODC_ICCS**

6th Korean Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes (KCCS) Seminar

The Sixth Korean Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes (KCCS) semiinar was organized by Statistics Korea (KOSTAT). The seminar brought together KOSTAT, Ministry of Justice, Korean National Police Agency, Police Science Institute, and respective academic research teams to discuss progress.

The Seminar was opened with Keunkwan Ryu, Commissioner of KOSTAT, Dae-kyung Kwak, Chairman, Korean Criminological Association, and Wook Kang, Chairman, Korea Security Science Association.

The CoE attended the meeting, to understand national challenges and to identify ways to provide further technical assistance to RoK in ICCS (International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes) implementation.

The program offered presentations and panel discussions on ICCS implementation progress and challenges in RoK. Due to KOSTAT's continuous effort to implement, RoK is at 82.3% to finishing the correspondence tables with ICCS.

The CoE strengthened partnership with ICCS implementing stakeholders by participating in the panel discussion 'Areas of Improvements for KCCS'. During the session, Dong Kyu Lee, Superintendent, Police Human Resources Development Institute,

delivered a presentation on 'Measures to utilize criminal classification to enhance international comparison of criminal classification to enhance international comparison of criminal statistics' and Hyun Jung Park, CoE Coordinator participated as a panelist.

Prominent topics during this session were the feasibility of police report data, after follow-up analysis, as an alternative data source for national crime statistics, possibility of piloting ICCS on police reporting data, and need for ICCS update according to crime trend. 60 relevant stakeholders attended.

New Publication: Regional Snapshot - Prison Population in Asia and the Pacific

Imprisonment is a growing issue in Asia-Pacific: between 2000 and 2019, the prison population in the region has increased more than 40%. In 2019, 5.47 million people were held in prisons in Asia-Pacific, almost half of the world's prison population.

In order to promote understanding of the dynamics of imprisonment in the region, and to support decision making, the CoE has published the first edition of its "Regional Snapshot: Prison Population in Asia and the Pacific". The publication provides concrete and accessible insights to inform policy makers from different backgrounds, including those with no previous knowledge of statistics.

In the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, and in a scenario of limited resources and competing priorities, finding alternative solutions for crime prevention and detention that are grounded on evidence becomes even more critical. Shedding light on data from the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the first edition
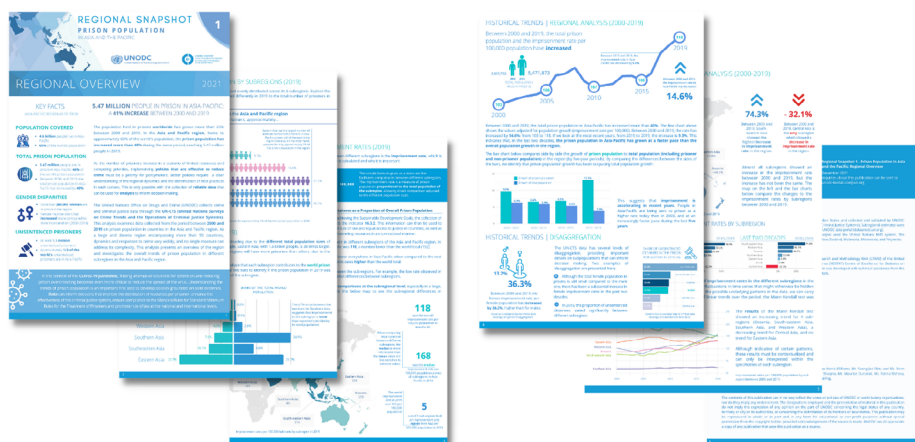
of the Regional Snapshot examines, with the use of data visualizations and concise findings, prison population trends at the regional level.

As part of its commitment to improve the collection and use of crime data for evidence-based policymaking in the Asia-Pacific region, the CoE is planning the launch of additional resources in 2022 to improve the understanding of subregional dynamics.

The objective is to reach a variety of actors involved in the criminal justice system, highlighting the ways in which data can be part of decision processes and improve crime response and prevention in the region.

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REGIONAL SNAPSHOT
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The first edition of the Regional Snapshot can be downloaded here.

ONGOING EVENTS

+ The Second Online Course on Crime Statistics from a Gender Perspective

— **Opening Webinar**
  • Date: 14 February 2022
— **Course Duration**
  • Date: 14 February - 14 March 2022
— **Registration**
  • Due Date: 18 February 2022
  • URL: bit.ly/CSGP_Online_Course

About the course:
The training provides the opportunity for participants to produce reliable indicators to monitor the relevant Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and to learn about gender concepts and frameworks on SDGs indicators relevant to crime and criminal justice statistics including gender-based SDG targets.

UPCOMING EVENTS

+ Regional Training on Measuring SDG 16 in Pacific Mid 2022 (TBD)

+ 6th International Conference on Governance, Crime and Justice Statistics November 2022 (TBD)

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