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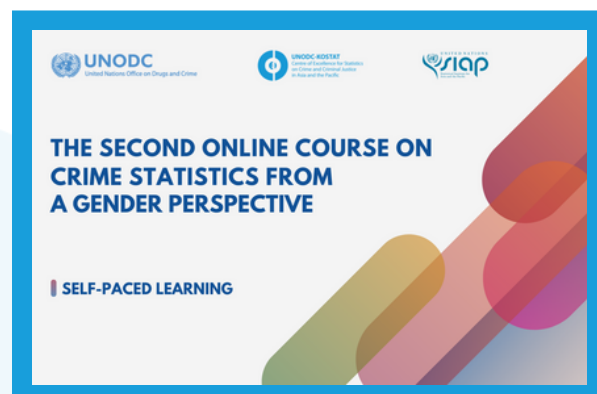
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UNODC-KOSTAT Centre of Excellence Activities

CoE, UNODC, and SIAP launches the self-paced version of 'The Second Online Course on Crime Statistics from a Gender Perspective'

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), UNODC-KOSTAT Centre of Excellence for Statistics on Crime and Criminal Justice in Asia and the Pacific (CoE), and United Nations Statistical Institute of Asia and the Pacific (SIAP) launched the **"The Second Online Course on Crime Statistics from a Gender Perspective**" on 20 June 2022.

The demand for timely and high-quality crime statistics are on the rise to meet the challenges of monitoring the crime and criminal justice related

Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) indicators. Following the success of the facilitated version of this course, UNODC, the CoE, and SIAP are providing a continuous opportunity for participants to learn about the basic concepts, methods and frameworks required to compile crime statistics in relation to gender. Moreover, this training aims to provide knowledge on the challenges and opportunities of working with different types of data sources (administrative data, sample surveys).

Target participants are staff of relevant authorities responsible for the collection, production, analysis or dissemination of crime and/or gender-related statistics and SDG indicators. Moreover, anyone who is interested in learning more about crime and gender statistics is also encouraged to take the course.

To participate in this course, **self-register** on SIAP **e-learning website**.

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CoE organizes the session on ''Methodologies for Human Trafficking Statistics' to support the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons

The Intensive Course on Measures to Address Human Trafficking: the 3P Paradigm is co-organized by UN Institute for Training and Research International Training Centre for

Authorities and Leaders Jeju (UNITAR CIFAL Jeju) and Regional Support Office (RSO) of the Bali Process, 2-11 August 2022, in a metaverse platform.
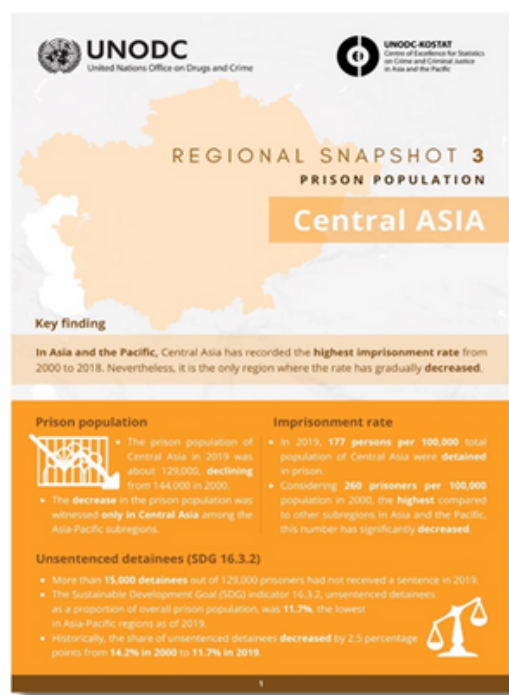
The course gathered academics, researchers, police force representatives, and anti-trafficking officials in Asia and the Pacific region and international organizations working on Trafficking in Persons (TiP).

The course was divided into four workshops, grouped according to theme: Understanding the TiP/SOM, The Necessity of Victim Protection and Protection Measures for Victims, Effective Legal Systems and Connection between Trafficking Victims and Prosecution, and Prevention Measures to Deter Trafficking. At the last workshop, the CoE organized the session on 'Methodologies for Human Trafficking Statistics' examining UNODC tools, standards, importance of data, and the difference between prevalence and detection related to TiP.

During this session, Seong Jae Shin, CoE Research Officer, moderated and presented on the 'UNODC CoE Research: TiP', elaborating on the role of the CoE in TiP data research. Marie Jane Fatiaki, Social Affairs Officer, UNODC Fiji, presented on 'TiP Data Collection Methods, Challenges and Opportunities', followed by presentations from Badar Munir, Information Management Consultant, UNODC and Javed Akbar Riaz, Director, Anti Human Smuggling (AHS) Directorate, Federal Investigation Agency of Pakistan, who shared national experiences on working with UNODC in collecting human trafficking and human smuggling data.

The conference provided a good opportunity for the CoE to strengthen ties with institutions and national institutions for future collaboration related to TiP and data.

New Publication: Regional Snapshot 3 – Prison Population in Central Asia
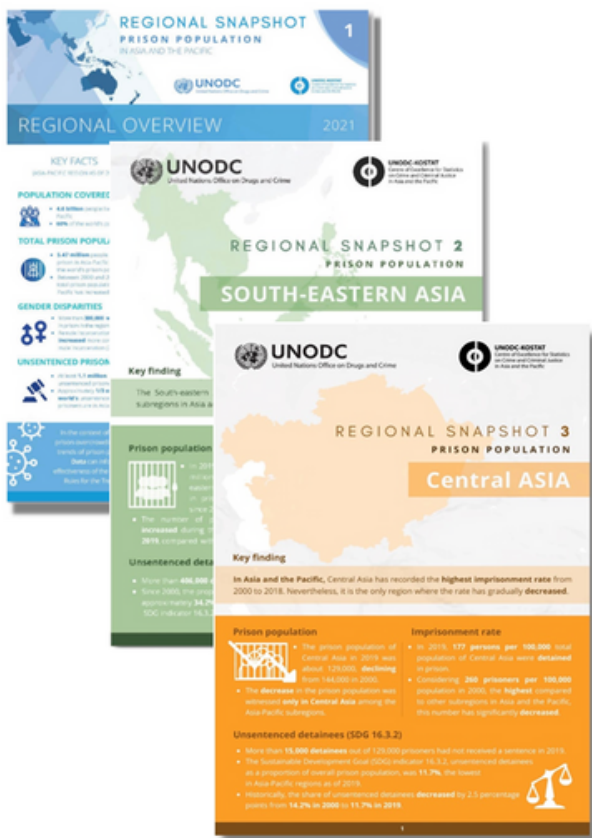

The CoE released the **Regional Snapshot 3 – Prison Population in Central Asia**.

Starting with the first publication of the Regional Snapshot series in Prison Population – Regional Overview, the series provides statistical information to promote understanding of imprisonment by focusing on prison-related issues such as population trends, unsentenced detainees, and prison overcrowding.

The third publication highlights the Central Asia prison population trends. In most years between 2000 to 2019, the number of detainees per 100,000 population in Central Asia was the highest among Asia-Pacific subregions.

However, it does not mean that the number of prisoners has remained constant in Central Asia. Rather than this, the prison population gradually decreased, especially the males. This publication sheds light on facts based on the data.

You can find Issue #1 - Regional Overview **here** and Issue #2 - South-Eastern Asia **here**.

The evidence-based policymaking presupposes concrete and accurate information from reliable sources. The data used in this publication series is collected by

Member states via the United Nations Surveys on Crime Trends and the Operations of Criminal Justice Systems (UN-CTS) and disseminated by UNODC on Data Portal for everyone to be accessible.

The CoE will always endeavor to improve data collection methods and use of crime statistics for evidence-based policymaking in the Asia-Pacific region at the same time delivering informative and interesting statistical information on crime and criminal justice.

CoE organizes the side event 'Innovative Methodology to Monitor SDG 16' at the 8th Session of the ESCAP Committee on Statistics

The CoE, with UNODC, co-organized a side event at the 8th Committee on Statistics (CST8) of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), 23-25 August 2022, in Bangkok, with attendants joining both remotely and in person.

CST8 included five formal committee sessions, three expert dialogues, and six side events. The Committee Session was opened by Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana, Executive Secretary, ESCAP, Chaiwut Thanakamanusorn, Minister, Ministry of Digital Economy and Society of Thailand, Stefan Schweinfest, Director of the Statistics Division (UNSD/DESA), and Gogita Todradze, Executive Director, National Statistics Office of Georgia.

Following the successful participation to the 7th Session ESCAP Committee on Statistics, 26-28 August 2020, the CoE in collaboration with UNODC Headquarters organized a side event to continue enhancing the capacity of the Asia-Pacific Member States and Associate Members in the areas of crime and criminal justice statistics.

This side event showcased recent UNODC methodological developments to ensure high-quality data and for evidence-based policymaking including SDG 16 Survey Initiative, presented by Ainur Dossanova, Head of Division on SDGs Statistics, Bureau of National Statistics, Agency for Strategic Planning and Reforms, Republic of Kazakhstan; International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes (ICCS), presented by Tae Kyun Kim, Assistant Director, KOSTAT; and a presentation on 'Statistical framework for measuring the gender-related killing of women and girls ("femicide/feminicide")', delivered by Hyun Jung Park, Coordinator of the CoE. The session was followed by a Q&A with the participants, which were 181 in total, both in Bangkok and online.

The session provided a platform to inform Member States and Associate Members about UNODC technical assistance in relation to the methodological

tools, advocate for the prioritization of crime and criminal justice statistics and highlight the role of the CoE as the regional hub for crime and criminal justice statistics.

The event provided a good opportunity for the CoE to strengthen ties with national and international institutions, academics and experts in the field of crime and criminal justice for future collaboration.

CoE participates in the National Statistical Classification Development Forum 2022 in its efforts to help implement ICCS in the Republic of Korea

The CoE participated in a forum held by KOSTAT on 26 September 2022. It brought a host of national organizations and relevant stakeholders together to discuss statistical classification in the Republic of Korea.

Participants included the Ministry of Justice, Korean National Police Agency, Korean Institute of Criminology and Justice (KICJ),

Police Science Institute, Korea Institute for Health and Social Affairs, Health Insurance Review and Assessment Service, Korea Development Institute, and academia.

The program introduced the work of the Republic of Korea in standardizing statistical classification across different areas such as industry, health, occupation, and crime in line with the international standards for evidence-based policymaking. During the session, Dae-Hoon Kwak, a professor from Chungnam National University delivered a presentation on 'Domestic Crime Trends and Crime Classification,' to share progress and suggest possible ways forward for ICCS implementation. Hyun Jung Park, CoE Coordinator, participated as a panelist sharing other national examples of utilizing artificial intelligence for ICCS.

The CoE participates in the global conference for the celebration of the International Day for Universal Access to Information in Uzbekistan

The CoE attended the global conference for the celebration of the International Day for Universal Access to Information (IDUAI) 2022 organized by UNESCO. The IDUAI 2022 took place in Tashkent, Uzbekistan from 28 to 30 September and provided an opportunity to discuss e-Governance, Artificial Intelligence, and Access to Information, covering both benefits and risks in terms of sustainable development.

The CoE was invited to the 4th session, 'Measuring Progress on Access to Information Laws and its Implementation' as a speaker.

The session aimed for exchanging key findings from the 2022 Report on SDG 16.10.2 and experience from various stakeholders related to the promotion of peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development and the establishment of effective, accountable, and inclusive institutions at all levels.

The CoE delivered a presentation about UNODC monitoring progress on SDG 16 and methodological tools for Member States to promote data availability in the field of crime and criminal justice. The UN Survey on Crime Trends and the Operations of Criminal Justice Systems (UN-CTS) and SDG 16 Survey Initiative (SDG 16 SI) were introduced to the participants together with other international standards tools developed by UNODC. By participating in the sessions and activities prepared by UNESCO and the Uzbekistan government, the CoE strengthened partnerships with international organizations, development agencies, and research institutions.

The CoE hosts 6th International Conference on Governance, Crime and Justice Statistics

The CoE hosted the 6th session of the biennial International Conference on Governance, Crime and Justice Statistics, jointly organized with KOSTAT, National Institute of Statistics and Geography (INEGI), UNODC, and UNODC-INEGI Center of Excellence. After the successful online organization of the 5th session of the Conference, the 6th edition was the first time this event was held in a hybrid format, with speakers and participants joining both in-person and online, with a total of 751 participants representing 95 countries from all continents.

The Conference opened with remarks by Hoon Han, Commissioner of KOSTAT, Graciela Márquez Colin,

President of INEGI, and Jean-Luc Lemahieu, Director of the Division for Policy Analysis and Public Affairs of UNODC.

They highlighted the importance of the event to foster more active exchanges of knowledge and bringing this topic closer to the Asia-Pacific region, being the first time this international Conference was hosted in the region.

Aiming to increase the availability, quality and use of data to inform evidence-based policy making, the Conference provided a good opportunity to discuss methodologies and strengthen national capacities in the areas of crime and criminal justice statistics.

The Conference consisted of a total of 16 sessions covering multiple thematic areas, with over 60 speakers sharing their expertise in relevant topics. Panels of the sessions were arranged in a hybrid format, with speakers and moderators joining both online and in-person. A special workshop session was organized on Thursday, covering the measurement of crime and violence through population surveys. Throughout the conference, interpretation was available in four different languages – English, Spanish, Russian, and Korean.

Hyun Jung Park, Coordinator of UNODC-KOSTAT CoE, delivered a joint presentation with Melissa Alvarado, UN Women, in the session 'Data-Driven Decision Making in Eliminating Gender-based Violence and Violence in Conflict'. In the presentation, they discussed the necessity to raise awareness on femicide, particularly in the Asia-Pacific region, and Park presented the 'Statistical framework for measuring the gender-related killing of women and girls ("femicide/feminicide")'.

Closing remarks were delivered by Yeonok Choi, Deputy Commissioner of KOSTAT, Adrián Franco, Vice President of INEGI, and Angela Me, Chief of the Research and Trend Analysis Branch of UNODC. They emphasized the importance to focus on closing data gaps related to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and highlighted the role of the Conference, which brings together representatives from National Statistics Offices, policy-makers, practitioners and academics in the field of crime and criminal justice statistics.

The program, recordings and other presentation materials from the Conference, will be available on the Conference **website**.

UNODC and KOSTAT agree to further their collaboration for the work of CoE

The CoE, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and Statistics Korea (KOSTAT) discussed potential areas of collaboration and signed the extension of the CoE, 5-6 December 2022 in Vienna, Austria.

The CoE started as a joint project between UNODC and KOSTAT in 2019. Following the success of the first term, UNODC and KOSTAT signed an extension agreement for the project to continue researching and providing technical assistance and training activities to support regional Member States to improve statistical methodologies and technical capabilities with respect to the production, collection, analysis, and dissemination of crime and criminal justice data as the basis for evidence-based policymaking.

The CoE discussed the project and shared ideas and experiences on data collection with the UNODC Trend and Analysis Branch (RAB), such as the latest updates on the International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposed (ICCS) implementation and providing targeted technical assistance to Member States.

During the meeting, the parties discussed previous activities conducted by the CoE, such as the Regional Training on Measuring SDG 16 in Asia and the Second Online Course on Crime Statistics from a Gender Perspective, as well as plans for future endeavours. In particular, UNODC and the CoE agreed to further the collaboration in the next four years by enhancing the tools including the ICCS Implementation Manual, conducting the SDG 16 Training in the Pacific, and providing targeted technical assistance to Member States in implementing the ICCS and surveys.

We look forward to the new term and the activities that will follow to establish the CoE as a regional knowledge hub.

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Strong **Policy,**
Safe **Community.**

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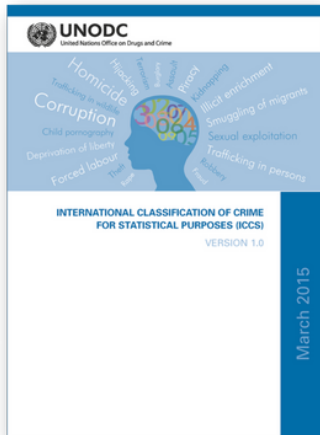United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

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📅 ONGOING EVENTS

ICCS Implementation Workshops

The CoE will provide technical assistance to the following Member States implementing the ICCS:

- **Indonesia**
  - Date: 10-11 January 2023
- **Mongolia**
  - Date : Q1 2023

📢 UPCOMING EVENTS

Regional Training on Measuring SDG 16 in the Pacific

The objectives of this training include:

- Strengthen capacities and mechanisms at the regional and national levels to collect data, monitor and analyze SDG 16
- Outreach and advocacy to foster data producing community
- Implementation of UNODC survey modules

About the training:
The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), and the Pacific Community (SPC) are organizing an interactive training on measuring SDG 16 indicators in the Pacific.

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