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## UNODC-KOSTAT Centre of Excellence Activities

### The CoE delivered a regional workshop on the International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes (ICCS) for the Arab Region

Tunis (Tunisia), 4-6 July – The CoE, in collaboration with UNODC Research and Trend Analysis Branch (RAB), the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), the Arab Institute for Training and Research in Statistics, and the Tunisian National Institute of Statistics, organized a regional training on the implementation of the International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes (ICCS) in the Arab region.



The workshop was organized to introduce participants from National Statistical Offices, law enforcement and criminal justice institutions to the ICCS, its main use and strengths, and potential challenges that can be encountered during the implementation. Participants included experts of relevant national agencies from a total of 15 countries: Algeria, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Syria, Tunisia and Yemen.

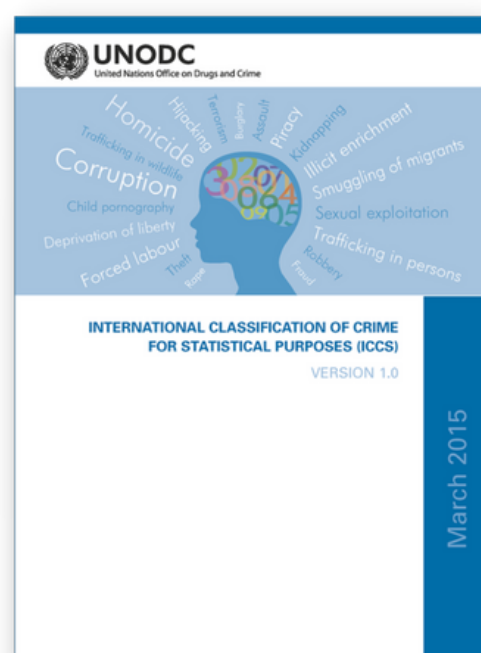
The workshop was held over the course of three days, with presentations detailing ICCS use and structure followed by practical exercises. During the first day of the training, the trainers focused on the importance of crime and criminal justice statistics, UNODC methodological tools, the basic logic of the ICCS and the roadmap for ICCS implementation.

The second day focused on the production of correspondence tables and the use of disaggregating variables, as well as a presentation on the newly developed “Statistical Framework for Measuring the Gender-Related Killing of Women and Girls (also referred to as femicide/feminicide)”.

During the third day of the workshop, UNODC placed the ICCS into a broader context by showcasing some of the tools for Member States to collect relevant data that are aligned with ICCS definitions, including the national experience of Tunisia presented by UNDP and a counterpart of the Tunisian government in employing the joint UNODC, UNDP and OHCHR SDG 16 Survey Initiative.

The meeting fulfilled its objective of bringing together different relevant institutions from countries all over the region, raising awareness for the needs of a standardized crime classification, and providing concrete examples and exercises to facilitate the understanding of the ICCS and its implementation process.

Participating countries were encouraged to map all relevant national stakeholder involved in the creation of crime and criminal justice statistics and form a National Working Group to formally lead the ICCS implementation process in their respective countries.



## Briefing on the 2023 Data Collection Cycle on Crime and Criminal Justice for Asia and the Pacific

27 July 2023 - Every year, UNODC celebrates Data Day, during which countries are encouraged to gather and submit drug and crime data. The data collection cycle for the year 2023 was initiated on May 12, 2023, as questionnaires were sent to national focal points and permanent missions in Vienna. These crime and criminal justice data collections offer Member States a centralized opportunity to gather crucial information, enabling the identification of crime patterns and trends for crime prevention, as well as the examination of their national criminal justice system's performance, information flow, and inter-agency collaboration in the crime statistics system. The surveys adhere to standardized definitions as outlined in the International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes (ICCS) and play a direct role in collecting data to monitor 10 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) indicators.



The CoE led the session of the UNODC Briefing on the 2023 Data Collection Cycle dedicated to Crime and Criminal Justice for Asia and the Pacific.

The objective of the session was to provide information to the member states of the regions about the ongoing data collection cycle and clarify the role of national focal points in the cycle, with the final aim of enhancing their responses to three data collection tools:

- United Nations Survey on Crime Trends and the Operations of Criminal Justice Systems (UN-CTS).
- Questionnaire for the Global Report on Trafficking in Persons (GLOTIP).
- United Nations Illicit Arms Flows Questionnaire (UN-IAFQ).

As a parallel breakout session of the Asia-Pacific briefing on the 2023 data collection cycle, the session began with welcoming remarks by Jonghee Choi, Coordinator of the CoE, followed by a regional perspective of data collection presented by Jisu Kim, Data Analysis Officer. For each data collection, the UN-CTS was introduced by David Ravaux, Methodology Officer. The session also featured a presentation on GLOTIP by Giulia Serio, Social Affairs Officer of Data, Analytics and Statistics Section, UNODC, and the introduction of UN-IAFQ by Markus Schwabe, Statistician, Data Analytics and Statistics Section, UNODC. Finally, the questions from the participants were addressed.



effects of new technologies and evolving criminal tactics. As international crimes continue to adapt and evolve, they have leveraged these technological advancements to operate with heightened secrecy and agility. To combat maritime crimes such as illegal smuggling, piracy, human trafficking, or illicit resource extraction, the convergence of technology and criminal enterprise necessitates a united front of maritime law enforcement agencies to keep pace with evolving criminal methods.

## **The CoE participates in the Second Transnational Maritime Crime Response Conference**

Incheon (Republic of Korea), 31 August 2023 - Transnational crime has incorporated new technologies to become more secretive, nimbly crossing the countries' borders. Maritime crime has not remained immune to the transformative

After the success of the first Conference in 2022, the Second Transnational Maritime Crime Response Conference was organized to set a platform for discussions among relevant organizations on transnational crimes, future directions of improving systems and policies, ways to promote international coordination and cooperation.





David Ravoux, Methodology Officer of the CoE, presented about “Trafficking in Persons in the Fishing Industry: High-quality data for a more effective combat strategy”. The presentation showcased the main trends of trafficking in persons in Asia-Pacific, its relation with the fishing industry in the region, as well as the methods to combat this crime with high-quality data and innovative statistical approaches.

The CoE reiterated its support to Member States to enhance the quality and quantity of crime and criminal justice statistics in Asia and the Pacific by providing targeted technical assistance based on standardized methodologies.

The Conference covered three thematic sessions (international cooperation, drugs, and technology protection) and was attended by over 120 participants from a 20 agencies, including the Federal

Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), and the Japan Coast Guard, as well as the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of SMEs and Startups, the Defense Intelligence Command, the Supreme Prosecutors' Office, the National Police Agency, and the Korea Customs Service.

## **The CoE co-hosted the International Conference on Ending Gender-Related Killings of Women and Girls**



Seoul (Republic of Korea), 25-27 September 2023 - As part of continued efforts to enhance awareness of gender-based violence and gender-related killings, the UN Women Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, the UN Women Centre of Excellence for Gender Equality, and the CoE organized the International Conference on Ending Gender-Related Killings of Women and Girls. The conference brought

together experts and practitioners to discuss the challenges of and good practices in implementing and evaluating relevant policy and legal measures to address gender-related killings of women and girls, starting by monitoring and measuring such killings through the Statistical Framework for Measuring the Gender-Related Killing of Women and Girls (“femicide/feminicide”), jointly developed by UNODC and UN Women.

The International Conference on Ending Gender-Related Killings of Women and Girls opened with welcoming remarks delivered by Hyoungh Il Lee, Commissioner, Statistics Korea (KOSTAT), opening remarks from Jeongshim Lee, Director, UN Women Centre of Excellence for Gender Equality, and a keynote message from Reem Alsalem, United Nations Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women and Girls, Its Causes and Consequences. The Conference offered presentations by experts in the field and national representatives sharing their countries’ experiences, with sessions ranging from national definitions of femicide to methods and tools to measure such crime,

as well as the availability of data and its use for evidence-based policymaking. Experts from Viet Nam, Mongolia, Cambodia, Indonesia, Fiji, Pakistan, and Republic of Korea shared their experience on strategies and methods for collecting homicide and femicide data.

The Conference fulfilled its objective of stimulating inter-agency cooperation, highlighting the need for an international approach to measuring femicide and enhancing system responses, and providing a forum to share needs, experiences and challenges. The Conference consisted of a total of 9 sessions over the course of three days, with 25 speakers sharing their expertise in the field. The sessions were arranged in a hybrid format, with speakers joining both online and in-person, and each session was followed by an interactive Q&A session. Throughout the three days, a total of 68 participants joined the Conference.

Claudia Pontoglio, Associate Research Officer, CoE, and Roberto Murguia Huerta, Project Specialist, UNODC-INEGI Center of Excellence, presided over the session “Statistical Framework for Measuring the Gender-Related Killing of Women and Girls”, where they discussed in depth the use of the framework itself, which was introduced by UN Women in the previous days. In particular, they explored the use of the disaggregated variables introduced in the framework in the crime and criminal justice statistics system, as well as the implementation process with examples from the pilot study started early in the year in four countries in Latin America.

In closing, Jonghee Choi, Coordinator of the CoE, emphasized, “Our collective efforts here show a strong commitment to ending gender-related killings of women and girls. It's through collaborative initiatives like this that we can bring about lasting change. Especially by encouraging countries to collect specific information about where these killings happen, the gender motives, and to analyze root causes based on the Statistical



Framework for Measuring Femicide, it enables evidence-based policymaking on femicide."

This conference was organized as part of several initiatives pushed forward by UNODC and UN Women to raise awareness and introduce tools to tackle the lack of data on gender-based violence.





## The CoE delivers a workshop on Crime Statistics in Kyrgyzstan



Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan), 10-12 October 2023 – The CoE, in collaboration with the UNODC Information Centre in Uzbekistan, delivered a workshop on Crime Statistics: Development Perspectives and International Approaches.

A total of 39 representatives from national line ministries/agencies responsible for producing crime statistics, such as the National Statistical Commission (NSC), Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Justice, and Supreme Court, as well as civil society organizations and International Organizations have participated in the first two days of the workshop. The participants actively engaged in the workshop and demonstrated a strong commitment to improving crime and criminal justice

statistics in line with international standards.

On the first day, Salomé Flores, the head of the UNODC Information Center, and Jisu Kim, the Data Analysis Officer of the CoE, delivered the sessions on the CVS with interactive group discussions. The trainers presented the main steps for planning and implementing a national CVS and the development of instruments, highlighting the importance of stakeholder engagement. During the group discussions, participants examined available data sources from various institutions and identified information gaps that can be complemented by implementing a national CVS.

The second day focused on generating and managing administrative records to produce crime and criminal justice statistics. The importance of the ICCS, its basic logic, and the key phases of the implementation process were presented.





Another topic for the day was the Statistical Framework for Measuring the Gender-Related Killing of Women and Girls. Participants were asked to share the types of disaggregating variables of the intentional homicide cases and discussed the possibility of piloting the Framework in the Kyrgyz Republic.

The last day of the workshop was led by Jisu Kim with 15 experts from the NSC. The sessions aimed to discuss practical issues brought up from the previous experience on victimization surveys: determining the sampling size at national and regional levels, identifying key indicators and their calculations, sampling weights, and analyzing the survey results. Based on the results of the workshop, the NSC and UNODC will continue to work collaboratively to implement the national CVS in the Kyrgyz Republic in line with international standards.

The workshop was carried out as part of “Justice for ALL: Mainstreaming People-Centred Reform in the Justice Sector of the Kyrgyz Republic” project, a four-year-long European Union and

UNODC co-funded project implemented by UNODC and the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Fundamental and Human Rights (LBI-GRM) to promote the humanization of the criminal justice systems in the Kyrgyz Republic and to scale up the country’s capacity to implement its criminal justice reforms in line with international standards and norms.

## The CoE co-hosts the ICCS International Conference



Daejeon (Republic of Korea), 23 October 2023 – The CoE hosted the ICCS (International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes) International Conference, jointly organized with Statistics Korea (KOSTAT), and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).



The Conference opened with remarks by Yeonok Choi, Deputy Commissioner of KOSTAT, Angela Me, Chief of UNODC Research and Trend Analysis Branch, and Cheol-Hyun Park, President of the Korean Criminological Association. They highlighted the importance of an internationally standardized classification of crime, and the role of CoE in ensuring the implementation of the ICCS throughout Asia and the Pacific, starting from the Republic of Korea.

In the first session, Jonghee Choi, Coordinator of the CoE, provided an overview of the Centre, including the background of its establishment and current activities carried out in the region. Claudia Pontoglio, Associate Research Officer of the CoE, elaborated on the support CoE provided to implement the ICCS in Indonesia, Mongolia, the Arab Region and the upcoming workshop in Maldives. Then, Angela Me provided an introduction to the ICCS, its structure and praxis, and the benefits of implementation.

In the following session, representatives from the Republic of Korea and Indonesia involved in the ICCS implementation delivered presentations on the process, as well as the challenges faced in the course of implementation. Kyeongbo Sim, Deputy Director of KOSTAT and Dae-Hoon Kwak, Professor at Chungnam National University, discussed the steps in developing the Korean Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes (KCCS) and the achieved results. Trophy Endah Rahayu, Associate Statistician at Statistics Indonesia (BPS), and Ni Made Martini Puteri, Head of Criminology Department at University of Indonesia, shared their experience in implementing the ICCS in the national context, including the support provided by the CoE in early 2023.

Closing remarks were delivered by Hyung Ik Ahn, Director General of KOSTAT, who emphasized Korea's readiness to champion the ICCS implementation on a regional level and emphasized a closer collaboration between KOSTAT and UNODC through the CoE.

## The CoE holds the 3rd Regional Advisory Group (RAG) Meeting



Daejeon (Republic of Korea), 24-25 October 2023 – The CoE held the third Regional Advisory Group (RAG) meeting at the Statistical Center, gathering 33 experts from national, regional, and international organizations, as well as academia in the field of statistics, crime, and policymaking. Over the course of two days, RAG members reviewed CoE's progress and achievements, sharing their insights on the strategy and workplan for 2024-2025 to ensure the relevance and quality of its activities.

The third RAG Meeting was comprised of four sessions: Introduction of UNODC tools and the CoE; Regional and national experiences; Regional overview of crime and criminal justice statistics and challenges in Asia and the Pacific; and Way forward for Asia and the Pacific, followed by group discussions.

During the first session, representatives of UNODC and the CoE presented various approaches to improving national data and statistics on crime and criminal justice taken by UNODC and their implementation in the two regions. These included technical assistance carried out by the CoE on the implementation of the International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes (ICCS), Crime Victimization Surveys (CVS), and Corruption Surveys (CS), the development or revision of methodologies and their training modules, and lastly, pilot study of the Statistical Framework for Measuring the Gender-Related Killing of Women and Girls.

The second session focused on exchanging experiences with regard to crime and criminal justice statistics at the national and regional levels. The National Statistics Office of Mongolia shared their status of implementing the first national victimization survey, progress, expected outcome, and key takeaways. The Samoa Bureau of Statistics briefed on SDG 16 data availability and identified challenges, advocating for support to the Pacific.



The UNODC Regional Office for South Asia introduced their support and initiatives focused on the use of data for evidence-based policymaking. The UNODC Information Centre in Central Asia highlighted the importance of securing the basic set of crime data, a challenge faced by many countries in the region.

The following two sessions were dedicated to in-depth discussion to broaden understanding of the regions, identify challenges where the CoE can provide support, review ongoing and scheduled activities, and strategize future action plans. Based on insights and feedback from participants, the CoE confirmed its commitment to strategizing future workplan and activities to better tailor its assistance and address the issues in the region.

The meeting successfully achieved its objectives, fostering enthusiasm for concerted efforts to enhance the member states' capacity in collecting, producing, analyzing, and disseminating crime and criminal justice statistics and improve data availability and comparability in Asia and the Pacific. RAG members and the

CoE will continue maintaining regular communication and collaboration to provide ongoing support in the region.





## CoE participates in the 14th Asian Criminological Conference



Colombo (Sri Lanka), 27-29 October 2023 - The 14th Asian Criminology Conference was held in Colombo, jointly hosted by the Asian Criminological Society (ACS) and the Faculty of Criminal Justice of General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University.

The 14th ACS addressed the topic of Crime and Criminal Justice - Sustainable Development, Peace and Security in Asia, gathering experts such as scholars and law enforcement representatives from Asian countries to present the latest research findings and keep abreast of criminological developments.

As a regional knowledge hub on crime and criminal justice statistics in Asia and the Pacific, the CoE participated in the 12th ACS where it organized a session on “Measuring Crime for Evidence-based Policymaking: International Initiatives and Data-Driven Innovation”.

At the 14th ACS Conference, David Ravaux, Methodology Officer at the CoE, presented “Trafficking in Persons: High-quality data for a more effective combat strategy”, sharing the main trends of trafficking in persons in Asia and the Pacific, as well as the methods to produce high-quality data on trafficking in persons and measure this crime with innovative statistical approaches.



By attending the event, the CoE acquired valuable insights into the latest research findings and stayed informed about criminological developments in Asia.

## Subregional Training on Gender Statistics for Monitoring the Sustainable Development Goals



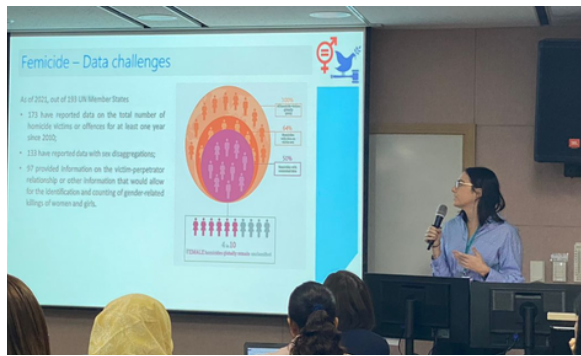
Daejeon (Republic of Korea), 30 Oct – 3 Nov 2023 – The CoE participated in the Subregional Training on Gender Statistics for Monitoring the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) organized by United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, UN Women Centre of Excellence for Gender Equality, United Nations Statistical Institute of Asia and the Pacific (SIAP), and Statistics Korea (KOSTAT).

A total of 21 participants from 10 countries in Southeast Asia joined the training: Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam, Timor-Leste, along with

representatives from the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). Each participating country nominated two representatives: one data producer from the national statistical office responsible for gender statistics, and one data user, such as a gender focal point or representative from a line ministry or civil society organization involved in using or providing gender-related information for policy setting or advocacy.

The subregional training was built upon the Gender Statistics Training Curriculum, which was developed by SIAP, ESCAP and UN Women to support the capacities enhancement of national statistical offices to produce and effectively utilize gender statistics for tracking progress on the SDGs. The training encompassed a comprehensive blend of theory, discussions, hands-on exercises, and practical modules derived from the curriculum.

Throughout the training, the instructors introduced the definitions of key concepts, discussed gender data literacy and delved into calculating gender



statistics for SDG monitoring from both data producer and data user perspectives. Claudia Pontoglio, Associate Research Officer at the CoE, organized a session on the 'Statistical Framework for Measuring the Gender-Based Killing of Women and Girls (Femicide/Feminicide)'. The session covered the global and regional context of gender-based killings, the framework's development and structure, and the statistical definition of femicide. Participants actively engaged in discussions, sharing insights into the definition and perception of femicide in their respective countries, and seeking clarification on adapting the framework to national needs.

The training also served as a platform for participants to interact with training materials, facilitators, and colleagues from other countries, fostering the exchange of good practices. In addition, the training provided a valuable

opportunity for the CoE to strengthen its collaborations with national institutions for future endeavors on tackling crime from a gender perspective.

This session was organized as part of several initiatives pushed forward by UNODC and UN Women to raise awareness and introduce tools to improve the availability of gender-based violence data.

## **The CoE Participates in the Technical Assessment Workshop on Enhancing Police Integrity and Accountability in the Philippines**



Quezon City, the Philippines (Online), 7 November 2023 – The CoE delivered a virtual session at the Technical Assessment Workshop on Enhancing Police Integrity and Accountability in the Philippines co-organized by the UNODC and the Philippines National Police Commission (NAPOLCOM).



The objective of the workshop was to provide a platform for experts, practitioners, and stakeholders to address the critical concerns surrounding integrity, accountability, transparency, and trust in public institutions, with a special focus on national police forces. With this regard, the CoE delivered a presentation, highlighting the importance of crime and criminal justice data and statistics and national examples in the region.

Jisu Kim, Data Analysis Officer at the CoE, introduced UNODC approaches to enhance the quality and availability of crime and criminal justice data and methodological tools developed, such as the International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes (ICCS), Manual on Victimization Surveys (CVS) and Corruption Surveys (CS) with relevant indicators of Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). To exchange best practices in the region, the CoE invited Statistics Korea to share their experience in implementing the ICCS.

32 representatives from the NAPOLCOM and the Philippines

National Police (PNP) participated in the workshop featured sessions and roundtable discussions to achieve the objective of the workshop and develop an Action Plan for 2024.

This workshop is a part of the “Strengthening Regional Cooperation and the Capacity of ASEAN Countries to Counter Corruption and Other Serious Crimes, 2020-2023” project, funded by the Republic of Korea. The project aims to support ASEAN countries implementing the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) and the United Nations Transnational Organized Crime Convention (UNTOC) while strengthening regional cooperation between countries.





## The CoE delivers a workshop on the implementation of the International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes (ICCS) in the Maldives



Malé (Maldives), 7-8 November 2023 – The CoE, in collaboration with the UNODC Research and Trend Analysis Branch (RAB), delivered a workshop on the implementation of the International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes (ICCS) in the Maldives.

The workshop was organized to introduce participants from national institutions with relevance to crime and criminal justice statistics to the ICCS, detailing its application, benefits, strengths, and potential challenges that can be encountered during the implementation.

Conducted over two days, the workshop featured presentations detailing the utility and structure of ICCS, complemented by practical exercises and the introduction to the Statistical Framework for Measuring the Gender-related Killing of Women and Girls. Through these exercises, participants gained insights into the comprehensive implementation process, underscoring the significance of consistent open communication among institutions. Taekyun Kim, Assistant Director of Standard Division at Statistics Korea (KOSTAT) joined the trainers to share insights on their national experience in implementing the ICCS in the Korean context.

Participants included technical experts from pertinent national agencies: Maldives Bureau of Statistics (MBS), Department of Judicial Administration, National Integrity Commission, Anti-Corruption Commission, Maldives Police Service, Children's Ombudsperson's Office, Maldives Correctional Service, Human Rights Commission, Attorney General's Office, Prosecutor General's Office, Judicial Service Commission, Family Protection

Authority, Department of Juvenile Justice, and Ministry of Health.

The meeting brought together Maldivian institutions involved in crime and criminal justice statistics, fostering awareness of the necessity for a standardized national crime classification. Concrete examples and exercises facilitated a deeper understanding of the ICCS and its implementation process.

Throughout the workshop, participants actively engaged in proposed activities, and representatives from various national institutions expressed their commitment to advancing inter-agency collaboration and reiterated their dedication to implementing the ICCS under the guidance of MBS.

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### **The CoE Participates in the Training on GBV Statistics for High-level Officials and Staff from Lao PDR**

Daejeon (Republic of Korea), 8 November 2023 – The CoE participated in the Second Invitational Training Program for High-level Official and Staff, an activity of the project on Prevention and Elimination of Violence against Women for Mainstreaming Gender into the National Development Agenda in Lao People's Democratic Republic (Lao PDR) and introduced the CoE and its activities related to gender and crime statistic.

The training began with the opening remarks by Junhyuk Song, Director-General of the Statistics Research Institute (SRI), Republic of Korea, and H.E Lavan Southisan, Vice-president of the Lao Women's Union (LWU). The first session was delivered by SRI, focusing on Korea's experiences in data collection, management, and application, particularly on gender-related violence issues, including



data for monitoring Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

In the following session, Jisu Kim, Data Analysis Officer at the CoE, delivered a presentation on global and regional approaches to measuring gender-based violence. Following the brief introduction of the CoE, the estimates of killings of women and girls, particularly in the private sphere, were presented to highlight the importance of measuring gender-based violence with a special endeavour. In this regard, the Statistical Framework for Measuring the Gender-related Killing of Women and Girls and the ongoing pilot study by the CoE was introduced. The CoE also invited participants to the Second Online Course on Crime Statistics from a Gender Perspective, jointly developed by UNODC, the UN Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (SIAP) and the CoE.

A total of 14 high-level officials and practitioners from the Lao Women's Union (LWU) and lines ministries visited the Statistics Research Institute (SRI) for the training. This training workshop is a part of the progress to establish the Center for Gender Equality and Elimination of Violence Against

Women (GEVAW) in Vientiane, Laos, funded by the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) and implemented by the Korea Institute for Development Strategy (KDS), with TACTEEN Naeil.

## The CoE delivers Workshop on Measuring Illicit Financial Flows in Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan



Tashkent (Uzbekistan), 14 Nov & Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan), 21 Nov 2023, Online - The CoE participated in the workshop "Measuring Illicit Financial Flows" which took place in Tashkent and in Bishkek, to deliver a presentation on measuring illicit financial flows (IFFs) related to drug trafficking, with key methodologies tailored-made for these two countries.

The workshop was organized by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), with the aim of strengthening the statistical capacities of both countries to measure the SDG 16.4.1 'Total value of inward and outward Illicit financial flows' under the Project 'Measuring and Curbing Illicit financial flows'.

Representatives from law enforcement agencies, Financial Intelligence Units, Customs and Tax Agencies, Central Banks, as well as National Statistical Offices participated in the workshops with 12 representatives from Kyrgyzstan and 16 from Uzbekistan respectively. The participants actively contributed to the discussions to adapt the strategies and methods to measure and reduce IFFs in their countries.

The workshops commenced with an opening meeting with representatives of law enforcement agencies and responsible institutions on measuring IFFs and with an overview of the methodology and policy implications related to trade and taxation-related IFFs.

Topics of discussion included IFF-related risks and a policy formulation on measuring and curbing tax and commercial IFFs.

The CoE presented a comprehensive overview of the methodological framework to measure IFFs related to drug trafficking, with a focus on the main aggregates to take into account, i.e., exports, imports, illicit gross income, illicit intermediate expenditure and illicit net income. The pilot process to implement the framework was detailed, considering key steps, such as the data availability assessment, data collection and estimates feasibility assessment.

The presentation also included three case studies broken down into production, transit-destination, and destination countries, based on the UNODC experience in two capacity-building projects led both in Latin America (2019-2020) and in Asia (2021-2022).

The countries' representatives discussed the challenges of measuring the consumption of drugs and carrying out a data availability assessment among the relevant data holders.



The important tools identified for conducting the measurement are the Individual Drug Seizure database, a UNODC database on singular apprehensions of drugs by each Member State, as well as the UNODC research on illicit financial flows from the trafficking of opiates along the northern route.

The meeting successfully achieved its objectives by providing the key methodological framework for measuring IFFs from drug trafficking and fostering a dialogue among the relevant national institutions of Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan. The CoE will continue providing support on SDG indicators in the crime and criminal justice realm, such as SDG indicator 16.4.1, to Member States in Asia and the Pacific together with other UN agencies.

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## **The CoE visits Jakarta to enhance cooperation with ASEAN and Indonesia**

Jakarta (Indonesia), 19-20 December 2023 - The CoE engaged in a series of meetings with key national and regional institutions based in Jakarta to enhance collaborative efforts in crime and



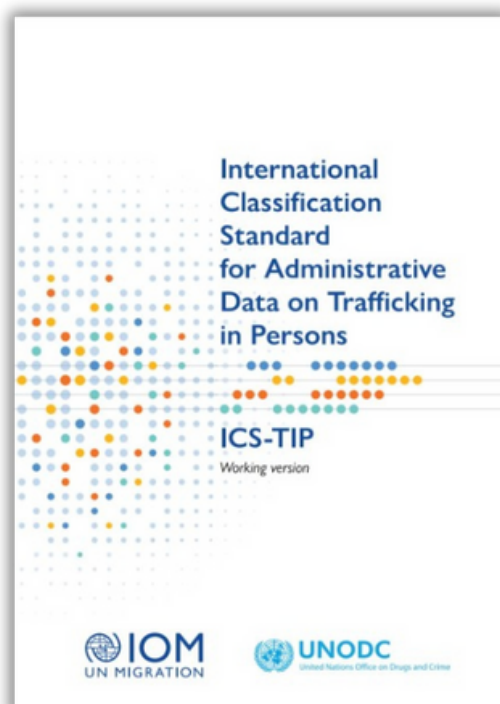
criminal justice statistics for Indonesia and for the Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

The CoE and Statistics Indonesia (BPS) discussed enhancing the statistical capacity of producing data for trafficking in persons (TiP). BPS expressed a desire to cooperate on TiP, highlighting the need for evidence-based crime prevention strategies through collecting and analysing empirical data, disaggregated systematically and coherently in line with the international standards. The CoE proposed tailored activities to support national institutions in the production of high-quality TiP data.

The CoE met the ASEAN Statistics Division to identify partnership opportunities in enhancing the statistical capacities of the ASEAN Member States to produce harmonized crime and criminal

justice data. The potential area of collaboration includes increasing SDG 16 data availability and interoperability among the ASEAN Member States. The two institutions decided to join forces to organize a sub-regional training to support ASEAN Member States in producing crime and criminal justice data, based on the United Nations Survey on Crime Trends and Operations of Criminal Justice Systems (UN-CTS).

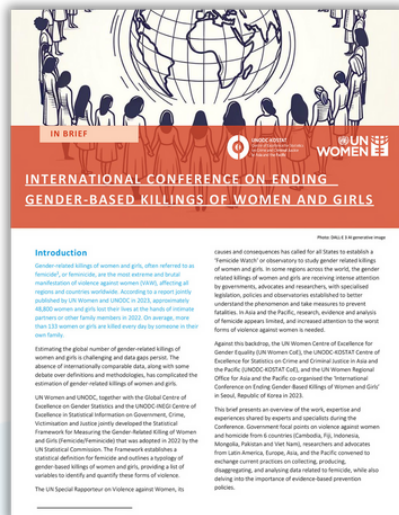
Finally, the CoE had a meeting with the Program Management Team (PMT) of the ASEAN-KOREA Cooperation Fund, seeking potential areas of cooperation to better support ASEAN Member States in implementing UNODC methodological tools. The PMT aims to strengthen the relationship between ASEAN Member States and the Republic of Korea through various cooperation activities on public health, education and training, culture and tourism, economic resilience and the environment, safety and peace.





## PUBLICATIONS

### In brief - International Conference on Ending Gender-Based Killings of Women and Girls



**This report** provides the latest information on femicide worldwide and an overview of the International Conference on Ending Gender-Based Killings of Women and Girls organized by the UN Women Centre of Excellence for Gender Equality, the UN Women Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific and the CoE in Seoul (Republic of Korea) in 2023.

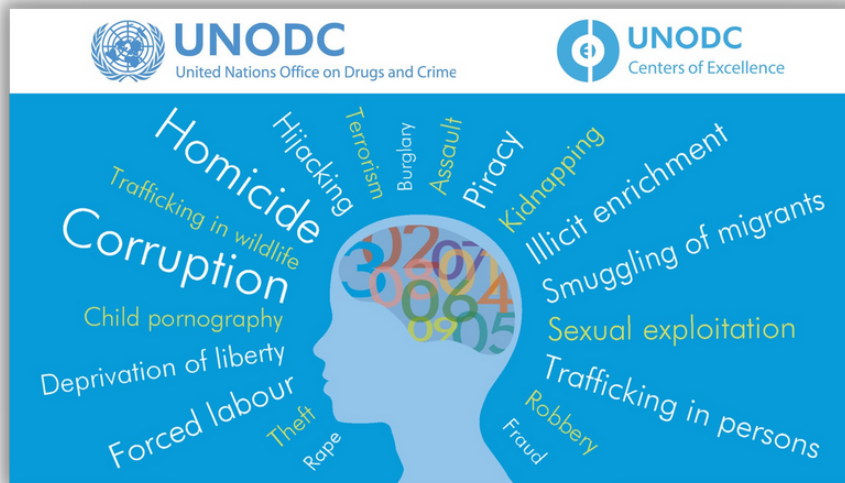


The **Regional Snapshot** is a publication series developed by the CoE to deliver statistical information in the field of crime and criminal justice and to provide an example of how numbers can be transformed into information for evidence-based policymaking.



## ONLINE COURSES

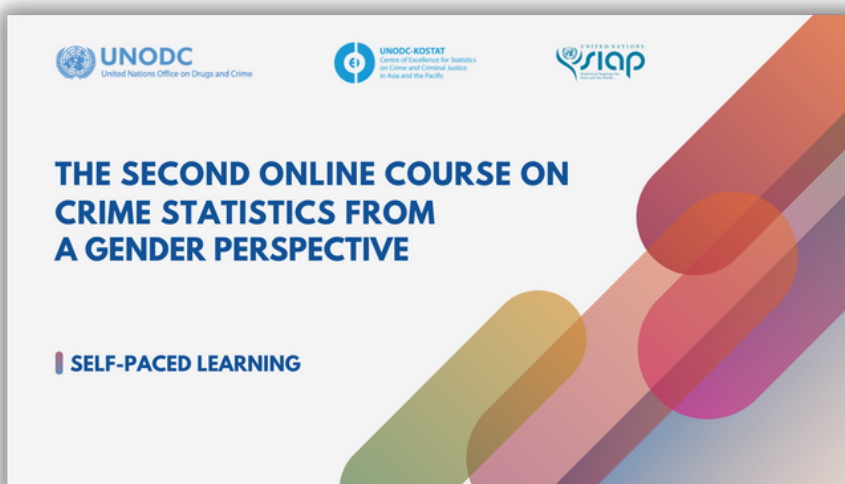
### ICCS eLearning Course



- Self-paced
- 2 modules
- Duration: 110 min
- Available in: English
- Free

**This course** outlines what the ICCS is and how it enables the cross-cutting monitoring of criminal offences across all criminal justice institutions.

### Crime Statistics from a Gender Perspective



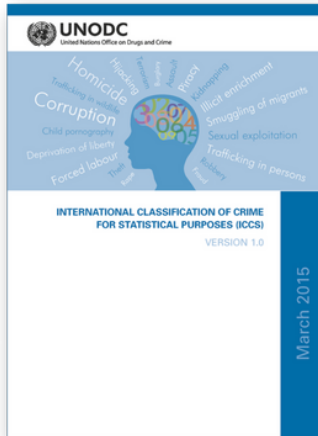
Learn more about the basic concepts, methods and frameworks required to compile crime statistics in relation to gender through **this course**.





## METHODOLOGICAL TOOLS

### The International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purpose



The **International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purpose** (ICCS) is:

- The first international classification of crime for statistical purposes
- A methodological tool that provides a comprehensive framework for producing statistics on crime and criminal justice
- A hierarchical classification whose categories are mutually exclusive and exhaustive



### Manual on Victimization Surveys



The **Manual on Victimization Surveys** serves as a comprehensive source of information for developing national crime victimization survey

SDG Indicators covered by the Manual on Victimization Survey

16.1.3	Physical, sexual, or psychological violence
16.1.4	Perception of safety
16.3.1	Access to justice: Physical, sexual, or psychological violence
16.5.1	Bribery (population)
11.7.2	Physical or sexual harassment



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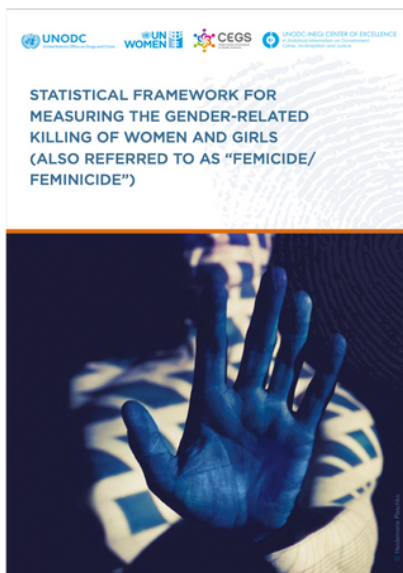
### Manual on Corruption Surveys



The **Manual on Corruption Surveys** provides countries with practical guidance to develop, plan and implement corruption surveys particularly for SDG 16 target 5: "Substantially reduce corruption and bribery in all their forms".



### Statistical Framework for Measuring the Gender-Related Killing of Women and Girls (also referred to as "Femicide/Feminicide")



The **Statistical framework for measuring the gender-related killing of women and girls** was jointly developed by UNODC and UN Women to provide a comprehensive framework for measuring the gender-related killing of women and girls by identifying the list of variables that can be used to identify and count the various types of such killings.

The framework also identifies the main data that should be collected for providing information on victims, perpetrators and state response to gender-related killings of women and girls.



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### International Classification Standard for Administrative Data on Trafficking in Persons (ICS-TIP)

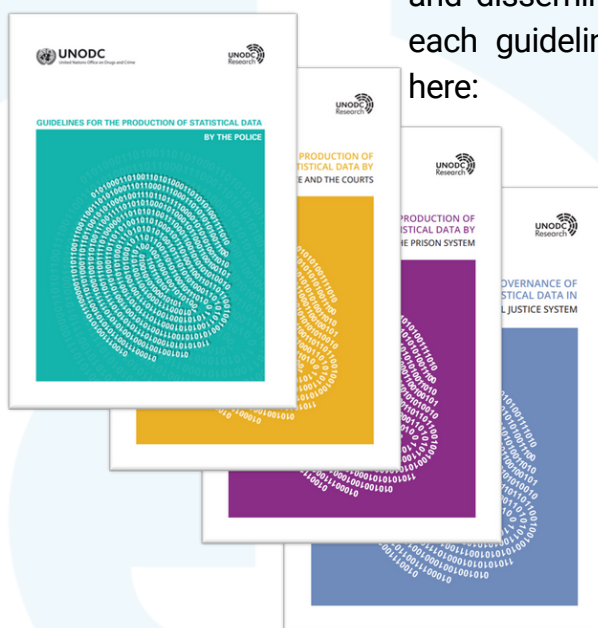


The **ICS-TIP** was developed by IOM, in partnership with UNODC, as a common international classification standard, that aims to facilitate the production and dissemination of high-quality administrative data relating to various aspects of the crime of trafficking in persons.



### Guidelines for the Production of Statistical Data

The Guidelines for the Production of Statistical Data provide support to countries in the collection, production and dissemination of high-quality statistics. Delve into each guideline's details by criminal justice institution here:



- [Police](#)
- [Prosecution service and court](#)
- [Prison system](#)
- [Criminal Justice System](#)



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### SDG 16 Survey Initiative



The **SDG16 Survey Initiative** jointly developed by UNDP, UNODC and OHCHR provides a high quality, well tested tool that countries can use to measure progress on many of the survey-based indicators under SDG16.



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