CONCEPT NOTE

SIDE-EVENT: Innovative Methodology to Monitor SDG 16

Lead Organizer: UNODC-KOSTAT Centre of Excellence for Statistics on Crime and Criminal Justice in Asia and the Pacific

Co-Organizer/partner: United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

Mode of meeting: Hybrid (MR-H, UNCC and Zoom)

23 August 2022 (16:00-17:00 UTC+7)

Background:
The UNODC-KOSTAT Centre of Excellence (CoE) previously contributed to the 7th Session of the ESCAP Committee on Statistics, 26-28 August 2020, by making an intervention and providing contributions to Action Area A: Engaging users and investing in statistics. The intervention presented UNODC’s contributions and plans of the CoE to improve crime and criminal statistics in the Asia-Pacific region and provided an opportunity for the statistical community to further learn of the role and support offered by the CoE which was also made available in the report.¹

In August 2022, the 8th Session of the ESCAP Committee on Statistics will provide the opportunity for development partners to inform the Chief Statisticians of the Asia-Pacific region on statistics-related work undertaken over the last two years to advance official statistics for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Alongside the Formal Session and Expert Group Meetings, the Session will also host several side events to supplement the main proceedings.

Objective:
To continue to enhance the capacity of Asia-Pacific Member States and Associate Members in the areas of crime and criminal justice statistics, the CoE, in collaboration with UNODC Headquarters, will host a side event at the 8th Session of the ESCAP Committee. As the custodian entity of SDG indicators predominantly found in SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions, UNODC continuously develops tools to enhance the quality and quantity of data available at the national level; this side event will showcase recent UNODC methodological developments to ensure high-quality data for evidence-based policymaking.

The three methodological tools which will be presented at the side event are:

- SDG 16 Survey Initiative²
- Statistical framework for measuring the gender-related killing of women and girls (also referred to as “femicide/feminicide”)³
- International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes⁴

¹ ESCAP/CST/2020/INF/9, Advancing official statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: initiatives by global, regional and subregional organizations with respect to the collective vision and framework for action, July 2020.
² UNODC, UNDP, & OHCHR, SDG 16 Survey Initiative Questionnaire & SDG16 Survey Initiative Implementation Manual, March 2022
³ UNODC & UNWOMEN, Statistical framework for measuring the gender-related killing of women and girls (also referred to as “femicide/feminicide”), March 2022
This side event will aim to highlight UNODC innovative methodological tools to:

1. Encourage Member States and Associate Members to enquire about and receive UNODC technical assistance in relation to the aforementioned methodological tools.

2. Advocate for the prioritization of crime and criminal justice statistics, particularly but not limited to, National Statistics Offices and other entities working in the areas of crime and criminal justice statistics.

3. Continue to highlight the role of the CoE as the regional hub for crime and criminal justice statistics.

Key questions to be discussed in the side event:

1. Which methodological tools are available to Member States and Associate Members to enhance national capacity in the areas of SDG 16? And what technical assistance is provided by UNODC to assist implementation?

2. How can NSOs contribute to the development of national capacity in the fields of crime and criminal justice statistics, amongst an array of national institutions?

3. How can all stakeholders promote the prioritization of crime and criminal statistics at national and regional levels?

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