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ON CRIME PREVENTION AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE
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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

A. *FORMAT AND SUBSTANTIVE FOCUS:*

Q: What is the Fourteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice?

A: The Fourteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (Fourteenth UN Crime Congress), which is hosted by the Government of Japan, will take place in Kyoto, Japan, from 7 to 12 March 2021, with pre-Congress consultations scheduled for 6 March 2021. The United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (UN Crime Congress) is the world's largest and most diverse gathering of Governments, civil society, academia and experts in crime prevention and criminal justice. The UN Crime Congresses have been held every five years since 1955 in different parts of the world, dealing with a vast array of topics. They have made a considerable impact in the field of international crime prevention and criminal justice and influenced national policies and professional practices. As a global forum, the UN Crime Congresses enable the exchange of information and best practices among States and professionals working in this field. Their overall goal is to promote more effective crime prevention policies and criminal justice measures all over the world.

Q: What is the format of the meeting?

A: The UN Crime Congress has a formal part and an extensive informal part. The formal part takes place in the Plenary and in two Committees which take place in parallel with the Plenary. The formal part consists of the opening and the closing sessions, the “high-level segment” in Plenary immediately after the opening, the discussion on the four agenda items, and the discussion in the four workshops.

The informal part consists of a large number of so-called ancillary meetings and meetings of regional groups. The Congress will be held in a hybrid format, combining a limited in-person component in the Kyoto International Conference Centre (KICC) with a large online presence for participants worldwide.

Q: What is the theme of the Fourteenth UN Crime Congress?

A: The theme of the Fourteenth UN Crime Congress is “Advancing crime prevention, criminal justice and the rule of law: towards the achievement of the 2030 Agenda”, as decided by the United Nations General Assembly (GA Resolution [72/192](#)).

Q: What will be discussed at the Fourteenth UN Crime Congress?

A: The agenda items and the topics for the workshops of the Fourteenth UN Crime Congress were determined by the United Nations General Assembly in its resolution [72/192](#).

There are four substantive items on the agenda, each of which is linked to a workshop organized within the framework of the Fourteenth UN Crime Congress. The agenda items and topics of the workshops are as follows.

Agenda item 3: Comprehensive strategies for crime prevention towards social and economic development

Workshop 1: Evidence-based crime prevention: statistics, indicators and evaluation in support of successful practices

Agenda item 4: Integrated approaches to challenges facing the criminal justice system

Workshop 2: Reducing reoffending: identifying risks and developing solutions

Agenda item 5: Multidimensional approaches by Governments to promoting the rule of law by, inter alia, providing access to justice for all; building effective, accountable, impartial and inclusive institutions; and considering social, educational and other relevant measures, including fostering a culture of lawfulness while respecting cultural identities, in line with the Doha Declaration

Workshop 3: Education and youth engagement as key to making societies resilient to crime

Agenda item 6: International cooperation and technical assistance to prevent and address all forms of crime: (a) Terrorism in all its forms and manifestations; (b) New and emerging forms of crime

Workshop 4: Current crime trends, recent developments and emerging solutions, in particular new technologies as means for and tools against crime

A high-level segment will be held at the beginning of the Fourteenth UN Crime Congress, where Heads of State or Government, Ministers and other high-level government representatives will address the overall theme of the Fourteenth UN Crime Congress.

Subjects relating to crime prevention, criminal justice and the rule of law will also be discussed at numerous side meetings organized by non-governmental organizations.

Q: What is the expected outcome of the Fourteenth UN Crime Congress?

A:

- The Fourteenth UN Crime Congress will adopt a single declaration to be submitted for consideration to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, which acts as the preparatory body for the UN Crime Congress and is the principal policymaking body of the United Nations in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice.
- The Fourteenth UN Crime Congress will provide a platform for increased cooperation between governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations on the whole spectrum of crime prevention and criminal justice issues, thus promoting more effective international action in this field.

Q: What has already happened in the run-up to the Fourteenth UN Crime Congress?

A: In preparation for the Fourteenth UN Crime Congress, the Secretariat organized a series of regional preparatory meetings in 2019 to provide a regional perspective on the topics to be discussed at the Fourteenth UN Crime Congress. The meetings were held in:

- [Asia and the Pacific, Bangkok / Thailand](#) (22-24 January 2019)
- [Latin America and the Caribbean, Santiago / Chile](#) (5-7 February 2019)
- [Western Asia, Beirut / Lebanon](#) (26-28 March 2019)
- [Africa, Addis Ababa / Ethiopia](#) (9-11 April 2019)
- [Europe, Vienna / Austria](#) (23-25 April 2019)

Based on the outcomes of the regional preparatory meetings, a draft declaration will be negotiated and prepared well in advance of the Fourteenth UN Crime Congress.

B. SIDE EVENTS, EXHIBITIONS AND YOUTH FORUM:

Q: What kinds of side events will be organized at the margins of the Fourteenth UN Crime Congress?

A: In accordance with past practice, ancillary meetings of non-governmental and professional organizations participating in the Fourteenth UN Crime Congress will be organized as well as meetings of professional and geographical interest groups. Those side events provide an opportunity to develop and maintain partnerships with the private sector and civil society organizations.

Further information on these meetings can be found [here](#).

Q: Is it also possible to organize exhibitions in the margins of the Fourteenth UN Crime Congress?

A: During the Fourteenth UN Crime Congress, to be held from 7 to 12 March 2021, governments, organizations and the private sector will have the opportunity to exhibit their programmes, goods and services. Exhibitions will be administered by the host country, Japan. Most exhibitions will be also carried out in an online format. More information on exhibitions, which are all coordinated by the Host Country, can be obtained [here](#).

Q: Will there be a Youth Forum in the Fourteenth UN Crime Congress?

A: The host country of the Fourteenth Crime Congress, Japan, will also host the Kyoto Congress Youth Forum which will be held in the Kyoto International Conference Center on **27 and 28 February 2021**.

The first Youth Forum, the Doha Youth Forum on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, was organized by the Government of Qatar, in cooperation with the Qatar Foundation, prior to the Thirteenth UN Crime Congress in 2015. In its resolution [70/174](#) of 17 December 2015, the General Assembly invites host countries of future congresses to consider the holding of similar events.

The overall theme of the Kyoto Congress Youth Forum is “Youth Engagement for our Safe and Secure Society towards Achieving the SDGs”. Approximately 120 young people are expected to attend the youth forum.

Further information can be found [here](#).

C. PARTICIPATION AND REGISTRATION

Q: Who will participate?

A: The UN Crime Congresses are unique in their mix of participants. They bring together the largest and most diverse gathering of senior policy-makers, practitioners, representatives of UN agencies, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations as well as individual experts in crime prevention, law enforcement, prosecution, the courts, corrections and related fields. In doing so, they provide an opportunity to invigorate policy discussions by permitting front-line practitioners, civil society representatives and individual participants to raise issues of concern, bringing these to the attention of policy-makers.

Q: Can individual experts participate in the Fourteenth UN Crime Congress?

A: Persons with an interest in crime prevention and the treatment of offenders had the opportunity to apply to the Secretariat for an invitation to participate at the Fourteenth Congress as individual experts. The deadline for expressions of interest by individual experts to participate as observers in the Fourteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice expired on **10 February 2020**. All those who had expressed an interest to participate by **10 February 2020** and whose applications **were approved**, were contacted and have received a confirmation email with the invitation to register in INDICO.

Further information on how to register for the Congress as individual expert can be found [here](#).

Q: I have not expressed interest to participate as individual expert previously, but I have been invited to speak as panellist in the Committee / special event / ancillary meeting. How can I register?

A: Individual experts, who are invited to speak in a workshop, special event or ancillary meeting will need to tick the box in Indico registration form that they are invited to speak as panellist in a workshop, special event or ancillary meeting together with uploading a message from the UNODC workshop, special event or ancillary meeting organizers indicating that this is the case. Only then the Congress Secretariat will be able to assign a speaker slot.

Q: Can I follow proceedings if I am not registered to participate in the Congress?

A: For all interested who are not registered to participate in the meeting, it will be possible to follow the webcasting of all **official segments** of the Congress (plenary and committees) [here](#).

Q: I do not reside in Japan. Can I participate as in-person participant?

A: In-person participants from abroad will be subject to regulations on the entry to and during their stay in Japan, as specified by the host country. Please familiarize yourself, prior to registration, with the current border control and quarantine measures of Japan (information on the latest border control measures is available [here](#)). Participants are encouraged to keep any travel arrangements flexible and remain alert to a dynamic situation that may require further adaptations.

Q: How can I register for the Congress?

A: In order to participate in the Congress, all participants attending in-person or online must register in INDICO within the registration period **from 20 January to 18 February 2021**. The [Congress webpage](#) contains details on the registration modalities for each of the category of participants, including the numbers of maximum in-person and online participants as well as the documents required to enable registration in Indico. The [webpage](#) also contains a link to the Indico registration form, as well as a link to the registration guide.

Q: I have already registered in Indico, but I need to make some changes in my registration form. How can I do it?

A: Once the registration form has been submitted in INDICO, an acknowledgement email is sent to the participant. As long as the registration form in INDICO has not been approved by the Congress Secretariat, participants can modify their registration form (for example to change the photo or to upload a different /additional document). To access and modify the registration form, participants can click on the link in the acknowledgement email sent by the Congress Secretariat. If the registration form has to be modified after it has been approved, the participant should first contact the Congress Secretariat. The Secretariat will set up a pending action, review and approve the form.

Q: Who should be contacted in case of technical problems by registering in INDICO?

A: If you have any technical problems registering in INDICO, please contact the INDICO support team (support.accreditation@un.org)

Q: If I wish to deliver my statement online, do I still need to register in Indico?

A: Yes. Only those high-level representatives who will only deliver a **video statement** at the high-level segment of the Congress and will not participate in-person or online at any other time **do not need** to register via Indico. They will still need to be listed in the Note Verbale and Credentials though.

Q: If I am participating in-person, will I also receive a link to the online platform?

A: Yes, in-person participants will by default receive access to the online event platform, but **only as observers**. If an in-person participant wishes to obtain also an online speaker role, he/she needs to be registered as one of the online speakers.

Q: I need to upload my photo in Indico, but I am not sure what the photo requirements are. Where can I find the information on photo requirements?

A: Photo requirements can be found [here](#).

Q: What are Credentials, who needs to be included and what is the required format?

A: Member States need to submit Credentials to designate their official representatives. Credentials need to be submitted in addition to the note verbale from the Permanent Mission that needs to be attached during the registration process in INDICO.

Credentials need to be signed by the Head of State, Head of Government or Foreign Minister. They cannot be issued by the Ambassador.

The original Credentials need to be submitted to the Secretariat of the Crime Congress in hard copy. Advanced scanned copies should be shared via email (unodc-sgb@un.org), but do not substitute the submission of the original. In light of the COVID-19 situation, the CCPCJ recommended to the Credentials Committee to accept the provisional participation of delegations that only submitted scanned copies.

Credentials need to include all representatives of the Member State, including in-person participants, online participants and representatives delivering video statements. Support personnel, such as drivers and assistants, do not need to be included.

Q: Will the interpretation for the Congress meeting will be provided in the six official languages of the United Nations?

A: Interpretation in the six official languages of the United Nations will be provided for all the **formal proceedings** (Plenary sessions and Committees I and II). Ancillary events will be generally in English only.

Q: Where can I find the Congress Documents?

A: Congress documents are published on the [Congress website](#).

Q: Can a Member State deliver more than one statement during the high-level segment?

A: Member States can only deliver one statement each during the high-level segment.

Q: Where is the Congress event platform?

A: The link to the Congress event platform is [here](#).

Q: How can I access the Congress event platform?

A: You need to register for the Congress in Indico. After the end of the registration period all registered participants will receive personalized access links.

Q: Can anyone not registered for the Congress access the Congress event platform?

A: No, only registered participants have access.

Q: Can I share my link to the event platform with another person?

A: No. If you share your link with another person, he/she will be logging in under your name and you will no longer have access to the platform. The link to the platform is for personal use only.