

UNODC helps countries and its people to reduce illegal drugs and crime throughout the world and to address justice and human security. It helps Member States with technical assistance, legal advice and research within the framework of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and its three Protocols, the United Nations Convention against Corruption and the three United Nations Conventions on Drugs.

UNODC South Asia is present in Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal and Sri Lanka.

Bhutan: Standard Operating Procedures on Anti-Human Trafficking



UNODC is working in close collaboration with the Royal Government of Bhutan to address trafficking in persons. In this regard, Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) are being developed for investigating trafficking cases by law enforcement agencies. The SOP will enable law enforcement officials to effectively investigate trafficking cases in line with a human rights based approach and victim friendly procedures. It will also enable the law enforcement agencies to expedite responses in cases of human trafficking.

To discuss the development of the SOP, a first working group consultation was jointly organized by UNODC and the National Commission for Women and Children (NCWC) in January 2015 in Paro, Bhutan. Representatives from the Royal Bhutan Police, Office of the Attorney General, Bureau of Law and Order under the Ministry of Home and Cultural Affairs, Ministry of Labour and Human Resources, Department of Immigration and NGO – RENEW were present. At the consultation, SOPs from different countries were shared and practical challenges encountered by law enforcement agencies were discussed. Priority areas for human trafficking interventions and the way forward for the development of the SOP were agreed. The SOP will be finalized and shared with relevant stakeholders in the first half of 2015.

India: Global E-Learning Programme on Drug Law Enforcement



UNODC's Global E-Learning Programme on drug law enforcement has been installed at the cyber lab of the Punjab Police Academy in Phillaur. The programme is an interactive training software which is based on international best practices and has been developed to enhance the skills and knowledge of law enforcement personnel on drug law enforcement and other organized crimes like money laundering, human trafficking etc. This is the 31st Global E-Learning Programme centre in India. Such centres have already been set up at the Central Reserve Police Force, Narcotics Control Bureau and the National Academy of Customs, Excise and Narcotics. The Punjab Police is the first state police in India to have this training facility in its academy.

Upcoming Events

25 – 27 March 2015, Kathmandu, Nepal
UNODC together with the Executive Directorate of the Counter-Terrorism Committee (CTED) in collaboration with the Government of Nepal is organizing a regional workshop for South Asian countries on 'Strengthening International Cooperation in Criminal Matters with a Focus on Terrorism Cases'.

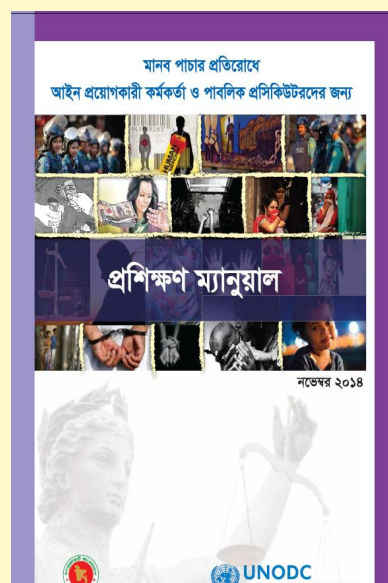
30 – 31 March 2015, Kathmandu, Nepal
UNODC in collaboration with the Government of Nepal is organizing a national workshop for criminal justice officials on 'Strengthening Domestic Cooperation in Criminal Cases with a Focus on Terrorism Cases'.

Bangladesh: Anti-Human Trafficking Training



As part of an ongoing anti-human trafficking initiative in Bangladesh, UNODC is working with the Government of Bangladesh to provide protection and assistance to victims of human trafficking. Under this project, a training toolkit for law enforcement officers

and public prosecutors has been developed to enhance capacity for investigation and prosecution of cases against human trafficking. Based on it, UNODC in partnership with the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) of Bangladesh Police organized trainings for 100 police officers. The trainings covered human trafficking related national laws, international and regional instruments and the role of law enforcement agencies and public prosecutors in addressing human trafficking. The training toolkit has been developed in Bengali (the official language of Bangladesh) and has been translated into English.



Bangladesh: Container Control Programme



Under the UNODC – World Customs Organization's Global Container Control Programme, UNODC has established a Port Control Unit (PCU) in Chittagong, Bangladesh. The first of its kind in the country, the PCU comprises personnel from the customs. The PCU will be responsible for profiling containers at the port of Chittagong. The overall impact will be to prevent trafficking of drugs and other contraband whilst facilitating legal trade.

UNODC Internal News



The Office would like to welcome Mr. G S Shreenivas

Shreenivas joined the Office in New Delhi in January 2015 as a HIV/AIDS Programme Officer. Prior to this, he has worked with the Maharashtra State AIDS Control Society and with the National AIDS Control Organisation-Transport Corporation.

The Office bids farewell to Mr. Kamal Gupta

Kamal was with UNODC since December 2013, providing support to the regional project on prevention of HIV and AIDS amongst drug users. We thank Kamal for the dedication and enthusiasm he brought to the Office and wish him all the very best for his future.

