



UNODC
United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

UNODC STRATEGY

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THE UNODC STRATEGY

UNODC's mission is to contribute to global peace and security, human rights and development by making the world safer from drugs, crime, corruption and terrorism. This Strategy for the next five years will equip UNODC to deliver effectively, efficiently and with accountability, elevating our support to Member States to build just, inclusive and resilient societies that leave no one behind.

COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic changed the world. The resulting health, humanitarian and economic crises are seriously putting at risk the lives and livelihoods of people everywhere. It has exacerbated problems of fragility, crime and terrorism and exposed inequalities.

This also jeopardizes the multilateral consensus reflected in the vision of wellbeing for all that is contained in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The pandemic clearly demonstrates that the challenges we face are global, and that the solutions are also global. We will help to forge these common solutions by bringing together countries to share knowledge, skills, and to combat the challenges of drugs, crime, corruption and terrorism.

OUR RESPONSE

Cohesive, safe, and resilient societies are critical if this mission is to be realised. UNODC works with and for Member States, Civil Society, Academia and other partners to promote justice and the rule of law at all levels.

The knowledge that we have gained in implementing projects, and by analysing data and trends can help rapidly identify new trends and threats and design policy and programmatic responses to address them.

Our interventions will pay special attention to human rights, protection of children, gender equality, empowerment of women and youth.

In order to serve the people better, the UN is engaged in a series of measures to improve the services we provide, to ascertain how they are provided, and to determine if they are reaching those most in need.

The coming five years will see UNODC deploy innovative methods, leverage new technologies and create an organizational culture that is based on trust, respect and accountability.



**WORLD
DRUG
PROBLEM**

Improved prevention, treatment and care

Effective criminal justice responses to trafficking

Greater access to controlled medication for those in need

Sustainable alternatives to illicit drug cultivation

Strengthened international law enforcement cooperation

Improved understanding and monitoring of illicit drug markets



Effective legal frameworks to combat transnational organized crime

Improved investigation and prosecution of criminal cases, and assistance to victims

Better responses to cybercrime

Greater and more timely analysis and monitoring of trends



Strengthened legal, policy and institutional frameworks to counter corruption

Increased cooperation among and between institutions at the local, national and international levels to prevent and counter corruption

Fast track implementation of the UN Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) review mechanism recommendations



TERRORISM

Effective and accountable criminal justice responses to terrorism

Increased international cooperation related to terrorism and its financing

Application of human rights compliant measures to prevent terrorism and protect its victims

Better programmes to prevent and counter violent extremism which can lead to terrorism



CRIME PREVENTION AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Strengthened access to justice for all, particularly the most vulnerable

Effective, community and knowledge based crime prevention

Better prevention of violence and increased access to gender responsive justice

Strengthened prevention of and responses to violence against children

Reforms to ensure safe and humane custody of prisoners

OUR PARTNERS

Flexible and wide-ranging partnerships are critical for ensuring that we can continue to deliver assistance to counter the social and health effects of drugs, crime, corruption and terrorism when and where needed; to build national and local ownership and sustainability and maximize impact.



OUR COMMITMENT

This Strategy is premised on political and financial partnerships, transparency and continuous engagement. We shall hold ourselves accountable to achieving the goals and aspirations and undertake to communicate our results, successes and setbacks in a transparent manner to all our stakeholders.

We will expand the reach of our resource mobilization and our partnership efforts and provide better financial and substantive reporting.

We will conduct evaluations in all areas of work and use evaluation and oversight results to produce actionable recommendations.

We recognize communications as a key strategic driver of UNODC fulfilling its mandate and as such we will increase investments in communications capacities throughout.



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