

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.

Bangladesh: South Asia Global Fund Proposal Writer's Workshop



The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM) is an international financing mechanism that works as a partnership between governments, civil society, the private sector and communities to address HIV and AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria through grant programmes. To orient country partners and consultants about the GFATM Round 11 proposal process, a South Asia Global Fund Proposal Writer's Workshop was organized from 26 to 28 September, 2011 in Dhaka. The workshop was held in collaboration with the Global Fund, the International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh (ICDDR, B), Technical Support Facility (TSF), UNICEF, UNAIDS and ACTIONAID, with support from UNODC.

Around 35 participants from Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives Nepal and Pakistan participated in the workshop. They were mostly senior consultants and writers of Global Fund proposals, implementers of Global Funds programmes and representatives of international NGOs. On the first day, the Global Fund team explained the new architecture of the Global Fund Round - 11 to the participants. Resource persons from SWASTI, an NGO in India and other independent consultants provided hands on training through group exercises on the second and third day to familiarize participants with the new Global Fund proposal format.

Maldives: Training of Trainers programme on Drug Dependence, Treatment and Care



UNODC in collaboration with the Government of Maldives conducted a Training of Trainers programme for relevant government and NGO personnel on drug dependence, treatment and care from 18 to 25 September 2011 in Male. The training focussed on three thematic areas: a) initial screening, assessment and treatment planning; b) elements of psychosocial treatment; and c) addiction medications and special populations. It was aimed at improving the participants' knowledge and skills in the technical aspects of drug dependence and treatment and to enhance their skills in conducting interactive training sessions. 31 trainees

including staff from the Department of Drug Prevention and Rehabilitation Services (DDPRS) and the Department of Penitentiary and Rehabilitation Services (DPRS), Government of Maldives and 14 NGOs have been trained as national trainers and facilitators, each specialising in one of the three aforementioned thematic areas. UNODC and DDPRS will support them to provide ongoing training to service providers in the country. The roll out of the national training has been envisaged to take place during 2012.

The training, supported by the European Union, was based on the UNODC TREATNET II Training Package, a globally acclaimed World Health Organisation (WHO) - UNODC training designed to build capacities of service providers in evidence-based drug dependence treatment, in order to improve the quality of drug treatment services. Maldives was the 27th country globally to have majority of its drug - use related practitioner workforce trained in Treatnet II.

Trainings and Consultations in South Asia

India: Consultation on 'Safe and Honourable Tourism'

Marking World Tourism Day on 27th September 2011, the Ministry of Tourism (MoT), Government of India along with UNODC organized a stakeholders consultation on 'Safe and Honourable Tourism' in New Delhi. Nearly 75 members of the tourism fraternity came together to brainstorm and develop ideas to implement the 'National Code of Conduct on Safe and Honourable Tourism', which was developed by the MoT, UNODC, Save the Children and PATA and launched on 1st July 2010.

India: Addressing human trafficking with special focus on women and children

The National Institute of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India organized a training on anti human trafficking from 28 - 30 September 2011 in New Delhi, aimed at increasing awareness about effective collaboration among stakeholders to address human trafficking. UNODC made a presentation on the 'Role and models of partnership in addressing prevention of human trafficking'.

India: Refresher training on UNODC developed Computer Based Training (CBT) for drug law enforcement

UNODC, in collaboration with the National Academy of Customs, Excise and Narcotics (NACEN), held a refresher training for CBT Managers and senior staff conducting CBT courses on drug law enforcement in Chennai from 11 - 13 September 2011. A review of the CBT trainings held by NACEN in 2010 - 11 also took place. It was noted that the average gain in knowledge of participants about drug law enforcement related issues (pre and post test scores) taking the course was impressive.

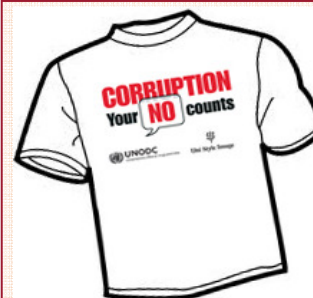
Nepal: Inter-Institutional training to combat illicit trade in small arms and light weapons

The UN Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific (UNRCPD) organised a training from 12 - 16 September 2011, for law enforcement personnel from Nepal to address the issue of illicit trade in small arms and craft guns in Nepal. UNODC made a presentation on the 'Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, their Parts and Components and Ammunition', known as the Firearms Protocol, which supplements the UN Convention against Transnational Organised Crime (UNTOC).

Sri Lanka: Refresher training for project implementing partners

UNODC, together with the National Dangerous Drugs Control Board (NDDCB) and the Sri Lanka Federation of Non Government Organisations Against Drug Abuse (SL-FONGOADA), held a refresher training for implementing partners of the UNODC project "Prevention of transmission of HIV among drug users in SAARC Countries". Held from 5 - 7 October 2011 in Colombo, the training revisited the basics of drug use, links between drug use and HIV, counselling for drug use related issues and service provisions. The partners also presented their project achievements so far and discussed the way forward.

India: Say no to corruption!



As part of their corporate social responsibility (CSR) activities, the Uni Style Image (USI), a garment manufacturing company produced t-shirts on anti - corruption using the UNODC 'Corruption - Your No Counts' logo.

"Corruption is something that affects our personal and business life," says Ashvinder Singh, the MD of USI. "A lot needs to be done at various levels and this is our little way of raising awareness about the issue". The t-shirts have been distributed to UNODC and USI's NGO, corporate and educational partners. We thank USI for their kind gesture!

Upcoming Events

India - 28 Oct - 2 November: Colombian Musician **Cesar Lopez's** visit to New Delhi. Cesar performs with a musical instrument called the 'Escopetarra' - a guitar fashioned out of decommissioned AK- 47 rifles.

14-17 Nov: UN Communication for Development round table

14- 15 Nov: Paris Pact meeting on precursor control

Maldives - 23 Oct - 2 Nov: Round 3 Training to teachers in life skills by UNODC in collaboration with UNICEF, UNFPA, DDPRS and Ministry of Education

UNODC INTERNAL NEWS CORNER

Our office welcomes on board three new colleagues!



Mr Abraham Lincoln has joined UNODC in New Delhi as Project Officer, providing technical guidance and policy advice for implementing activities under UNODC's regional project on HIV prevention in prisons. Abraham shares, "I look forward to complement the policy level efforts being taken by UNODC to provide comprehensive HIV prevention for prison populations in South Asia"



Mr. A.B.M Kamrul Ahsan has joined UNODC as HIV/AIDS Specialist in Bangladesh, providing policy and technical advice on HIV/AIDS and drug use related issues. He says, "I look forward to enhancing my skills in the areas of HIV/AIDS, drug use and anti-corruption. I also look forward to contributing to UNODC's programmatic mandates for this region".



Rajesh Kumar joins UNODC in New Delhi as IT Associate, managing the IT systems in the office and providing support to the Global IT team. With over ten years of experience in the management of hardware/software resources, Rajesh looks forward to his new assignment!