

“Universal Periodic Review”

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Inputs from the United Nations office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

Botswana

- 28-29 November 2007 - Botswana participated in the sub-regional workshop on the Preparation of Responses by Southern African Countries to the United Nations Security Council Committees dealing with counter-terrorism, organized by the Terrorism Prevention Branch of the UNODC in cooperation with the expert groups of the three United Nations Security Council Committees dealing with counter-terrorism.
- 17-19 September 2007 - Botswana participated in the Sub-regional workshop on the Implementing the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy in Southern Africa, organized by Institute for Security Studies (ISS) and the Southern African Development Community (SADC) with substantive involvement by TPB/UNODC, held in Johannesburg, South Africa.
- 5-7 December 2006 - Botswana participated in the training workshop for senior criminal justice officials from all SADC member states on countering terrorism and its financing, the application of the universal legal instruments against terrorism and international cooperation in criminal matters, in partnership with SADC, held in Windhoek, Namibia.
- July 2006 - National workshop was held on the universal instruments against terrorism, and international cooperation related to counter-terrorism.
- 23-24 March 2006 - TPB briefed several senior criminal justice and foreign affairs officials on the universal legal framework against terrorism and provided preliminary technical assistance to some members of their Counter-Terrorism Centre on how to draft reports to the Counter Terrorism Committee (CTC). More substantial training and legislative drafting assistance is planned.

Regional Initiatives

Regional Smuggling of migrants initiatives

UNODC has launched two regional programmes for ECOWAS member states and Mauritania. The two projects aim at containing irregular migration and stamp out smuggling of migrants. Beneficiary countries will receive both the legislative assistance required for criminalizing smuggling of migrants, and the technical assistance empowering law enforcement and national border control agencies with operational capabilities for prosecuting smugglers.

Regional plans - Sahel Band

UNODC have convened an *Informal Ministerial Session* during the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in Vienna in April 2008 with a number of West African Ministers to discuss the security situation in the sub-region, with special focus on the *Sahel band*. Technical assessment missions are planned in the region in the second half of 2008. A preliminary study on the transnational trafficking and the rule of law in the sub-region is under preparation. A high-level ministerial meeting with ECOWAS is being planned to take place in October in **Cape Verde**. The meeting will discuss the critical situation in relation to the illicit trafficking and related crimes, response and way forward. The donor community is being informed about UNODC plans and expressed interest in follow-up. The African Development Bank has been offered partnership in this initiative, and the Peace Building Commission has also offered support to ODC plans in the region.

Regional reports that in some way cover certain countries under review

A study was prepared and released in June 2008 entitled “Crime and its impact on the Balkans and affected countries.” The report can be found on the following link:

http://www.unodc.org/documents/data-and-analysis/Balkan_study.pdf.

A joint report by the United Nations office on Drugs and Crime and the Latin America and the Caribbean Region of the World Bank was released in March 2007. This report, “Crime, Violence, and Development: Trends, Costs and Policy Options in the Caribbean,” is available on the following link: http://www.unodc.org/pdf/research/Cr_and_Vio_Car_E.pdf

“Crime and Development in Africa,” a report published in June 2005 focusing on how crime is undermining development. Such can be found under:

http://www.unodc.org/pdf/African_report.pdf

“Transnational Organized Crime in the West African Region,” focusing on specific modes of operation of West African criminal groups, highlighting in particular their very loose and networked structures. Such is available on: http://www.unodc.org/pdf/transnational_crime_west-africa-05.pdf

“Organized Crime and Irregular Migration from Africa to Europe,” is a rapid assessment to analyze the extent of which irregular migration from Africa to Europe is mediated by organized crime, available on: http://www.unodc.org/pdf/research/Migration_Africa.pdf

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