

# REGIONAL TRAINING TO MEASURE SDG 16 IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

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#### CONTEXT

#### The need for reliable, comparable and timely data for SDG 16

Six years after the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, several countries face challenges in monitoring indicators on governance, crime, violence, human trafficking, access to justice and rule of law.

Issues particularly relevant for Sustainable Development Goal, SDG 16: Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels, but also for SDGs 1, 3, 5, 11 and 15.

The current COVID-19 pandemic highlights the value of measurement and monitoring: no strategy can be developed and no action can be implemented without adequate monitoring and evaluation.

Several Latin American and Caribbean countries have included SDG 16 in the national development framework, recognizing the importance of addressing peace, justice and inclusion as part of sustainable development.

However, reporting on progress on SDG 16 indicators has been a challenge globally and is still limited in the region. The insufficient availability and quality of statistical information on SDG 16 remains a direct obstacle to the ability to implement the 2030 Agenda, as it prevents countries from generating evidence-based and effective public policies to respond to justice, security and governance challenges.

# **OBJECTIVES - WHY?**

The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) are organizing a series of training webinars focused on measuring progress on SDG 16 indicators in Latin America and the Caribbean. The main objectives of this training are:





- 16.1 Significantly reduce all forms of violence and related death rates everywhere
- 16.2 End abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence against and torture of children
- 16.3 Promote the rule of law at the national and international levels and ensure equal access to justice for all
- 16.4 By 2030, significantly reduce illicit financial and arms flows, strengthen the recovery and return of stolen assets and combat all forms of organized crime
- 16.5 Substantially reduce corruption and bribery in all their forms
- 16.6 Develop effective, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels
- 16.7 Ensure responsive, inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making at all levels
- 16.10 Ensure public access to information and protect fundamental freedoms, in accordance with national legislation and international agreements
- 16.a Strengthen relevant national institutions, including through international cooperation, for building capacity at all levels, in particular in developing countries, to prevent violence and combat terrorism and crime
- 16.b Promote and enforce non-discriminatory laws and policies for sustainable development
- Figure 1. Targets to be covered in this training to measure progress on SDG 16. <u>UN Statistics Division, 2020.</u>
- Strengthen the technical capacities of authorities and coordination between data producers and users to generate, analyse and disseminate SDG 16 indicators;

• Strengthen the organizational framework and promote a "data community" among data producers and users for the exchange of experiences and challenges.

## TARGET AUDIENCE - WHO?

All data producing institutions in the field of crime, justice and human rights or non-discrimination and equality in Latin American and Caribbean Member States are invited to participate. This includes representatives of National Statistical Offices, Police, Prosecutor's Office, Courts, Prisons, Ministries of Interior and Justice, National Human Rights Institutions, as well as other relevant entities.

## SDG 16 MONITORING - WHAT?

These training webinars will familiarize stakeholders with concepts, international standards and methodological tools, as well as an understanding of the challenges required to measure SDG indicators related to violence prevention, strengthening criminal justice systems, prisons, access to justice, combating organized crime, illicit trafficking, corruption, preventing conflict-related deaths, protecting fundamental freedoms, strengthening national institutions, promoting and enforcing non-discriminatory laws and policies.

Key SDG 16 methodological tools to be discussed include:

| International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes (ICCS) | Guidance for SDG  | Manual on  | Manual on   | Handbook on                     |
|---|---|--|---|---------------------------------|
|   | indicators based on   | Victimization  | Corruption  | Governance                      |
|   | victimization surveys   | Surveys  | Surveys   | Statistics                      |
| Methods for measuring firearms trafficking                            | Methods for<br>estimating<br>unidentified victims<br>of human trafficking | New methods to<br>measure illicit<br>financial flows | Annual data<br>collection: Crime<br>Trends Survey | New SDG 16<br>Module Initiative |

#### FORMAT - HOW?

The webinar series will be conducted virtually and delivered in Spanish and English.

This training will foster interactive dialogue and participants are encouraged to take an active role during the sessions.

During the group exercises in the sessions, participants will be invited to share their countries' experiences in data collection and to exchange challenges and concerns. In addition, each participant will have access to the <a href="SDG16">SDG16</a> Hub platform which will be used as a forum for thematic discussions throughout the 7 weeks of the training.

Materials and resources related to SDG 16 will be sent to participants prior to each session.

## SCHEDULE - WHEN?

The regional training will take place over **seven consecutive weeks**, from **April 22nd to June 3rd 2021, every Thursday** from 8:00 to 9:30hrs Guatemala City, San Salvador | 9:00 to 10:30am Mexico City, Panama, Lima, Bogotá | 10:00 to 11:30am Caracas, Santiago, Asunción | 11:00am to 12:30pm Buenos Aires, Montevideo:

| 1 | April 22nd   | All SDG16 Targets                 |
|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|   | Measuring SDG16: Opening and cross-cutting issues  |                                   |
| 2 | April 29th   | 16.1.1, 16.1.3,                   |
|   | Measuring SDG16: Homicide and other forms of violence  | 16.1.4                            |
| 3 | May 6th  | 16.2.2, 16.4.1,                   |
|   | Measuring SDG16: Illicit trafficking and organized crime   | 16.4.2                            |
| 4 | May 13th   | 16.5.1, 16.5.2,                   |
|   | Measuring SDG16: Corruption and satisfaction with public services  | 16.6.2                            |
| 5 | May 20th   |                                   |
|   | Measuring SDG16: Access to civil and criminal justice, and strengthening the criminal justice system, including prisons  | 16.3.1, 16.3.2,<br>16.3.3         |
| 6 | May 27th   |                                   |
|   | Measuring SDG16: Responsive, inclusive, participatory and representative institutions                                    | 16.7.1, 16.7.2                    |
| 7 | June 3rd   | 16.1.2,                           |
|   | Measuring SDG16: Human rights, strengthening national institutions, leaving no one behind and eliminating discrimination | 16.10.1, 16.a.1,<br>10.3.1/16.b.1 |

## TRAINING CERTIFICATE

Participants attending the seven webinars will receive a training certificate from the organizing agencies.

To register for the *Regional Training to Measure SDG16 in Latin America and the Caribbean*, please use our <u>registration form</u>.

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