

Peace and the rule of law challenges in Asia and the UNODC response, integrating efforts with the SDGs

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UNODC – global coordination

20 representational offices, 30 programme offices Member of the UN Development Group

Areas of leadership

- Transnational organized crime and illicit trafficking
- Anti-corruption
- Counter terrorism
- Criminal justice
- Drugs and health including HIV/AIDS
- Sustainable alternative development



UNODC Headquarters



UNODC governing bodies

Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND) and Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ)



Two governing bodies

 Functional commission of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)

 Provides guidance to member states and to UNODC





UNODC mandates – key conventions



organized crime



UNODC in Southeast Asia and the Pacific

Regional office in Thailand with six country/project offices

- Cambodia
- Indonesia
- Lao PDR
- Myanmar
- Viet Nam
- Fiji







- Southeast Asia:
 - Brunei Darussalam
 - Cambodia
 - Indonesia
 - Lao PDR
 - Malaysia
 - Myanmar
 - Philippines
 - Singapore
 - Thailand
 - Timor-Leste
 - Viet Nam
- Liaison function:
 - China

– Japan

• Pacific:

- Australia
- Cook Islands
- Fiji
- French Polynesia
- Kiribati
- Marshall Islands
- Micronesia
- Nauru
- New Caledonia
- New Zealand
- Niue

– Palau

- Papua New Guinea
- Samoa
- Solomon Islands
- Tonga
- Tuvalu
- Vanuatu

- Republic of Korea

Mongolia



ASEAN – UNODC partnerships

Alignment to ASEAN

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ASEAN-UNODC MOU

Coordination of Security, Crime and Drug Control Agendas in Southeast Asia: UNODC and ASEAN

August 2013

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Coordination of security, crime and drug control agendas in SEA: UNODC and ASEAN



Partnerships with non-ASEAN regional frameworks and international partners Alignment to non-ASEAN regional frameworks and the international partners



Mekong MOU Sub-regional A action Plan (2015 – 2017) UNODC

UNODC and Non-ASEAN Regional Coordination Mechanisms: Addressing Priority Crime and Security Challenges in Southeast Asia

August 2016



Non-ASEAN regional framework s



Addressing Priority Crime, Drug and Security Challenges in Southeast Asia: Coordination of Development Agendas

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International partners



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Dark-side of regionalisation: transnational crime contributes to conflict and exposes vulnerabilities





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- Illicit drugs : US \$31.3 billion

- Counterfeits : US \$30 billion
- Environmental crime : US \$24 billion
- People: US \$2 billion

Source: UNODC



Regional methamphetamine seizures

Largest meth market in the world



Methamphetamine seizures in E/SE Asia

Source: DAINAP *2017 data is preliminary Large proportion seized in the Mekong

Surpassed the amount seized in North America since 2015

- No sign of slowing down



Major methamphetamine trafficking flows in the region

Reach of the Golden Triangle meth expanded





Location	Okinawa, Japan
Crime	Crystal meth trafficking
threat	
Routes	Golden Triangle – Japan
Description	Seized 600 kg of meth, the
	largest ever. Arrested six
	Taiwanese people.



Prisons illustrate the extent justice systems are overwhelmed by illicit activities



Source: World Prison Brief



Trafficking for forced labour disproportionately impacts women and girls





Trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants

Primary maritime smuggling routes within the region





Crime threat	Smuggling of migrants / Trafficking in persons
Routes	Myanmar – Thailand – Malaysia
Description	Mass graves found in Wang Kelian, Malaysia near the border with Thailand
Indicative threat level	High



Environmental crimes: wildlife trafficking

Growing in sophistication, scale and profitability



Pangolin





Elephant lvory



Rhino horn

- Rapidly growing demand in the region, serving as a major destination
- Extinction of species
- Sophisticated criminal networks operating intra-regionally and inter-regionally
- Inadequate criminal justice responses



Source: South Africa Department of Environmental Affairs



Environmental crimes: timber trafficking

Not a story of small loggers with a chainsaw, rather a white collar crime



Siamese Rosewood (found in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand and Vietnam)

 Entails high level corruption, money laundering, fraud and impunity

- Illicit trade embedded in legal trade

Share of rosewood seizures by country identified as destination (metric tons), aggregated 2007-2015



Source: World WISE



Foreign Terrorist Fighters within the ASEAN region

Growing number of terrorists travelling from the region





Capacities of countries and institutions to address illicit activities vary significantly





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UNODC Regional Programme for Southeast Asia

What is the Regional Programme?





UNODC Regional Programme for Southeast Asia

The first integrated regional programme

- Rapid regional consolidation –to support frameworks and networks that align with national, sub-regional and regional responses, including those of ASEAN Community vision 2025
- Developed based on consultation and research on current and emerging drugs, crime and terrorism challenges



Sustainable Development Goals and UNODC in Southeast Asia



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Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages



Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all

Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation



Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss

Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels

Recognition of peace, the rule of law, human rights, governance, development and equality

Overlapping areas between SDGs and UNODC mandates







SDG 8: Decent work and economic growth

Example: trafficking in persons (TiP) and smuggling of migrants (SoM) and development assistance to opium farmers

 Identify trends and develop policies to prevent and combat TiP and SoM

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Voluntary Reporting System on Migrant Smuggling and Related Conduct (VRS-MSRC)



Trafficking in persons from Cambodia, Lao PDR and Myanmar to Thailand

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Switching from opium to coffee: signed a contract with MALONGO, Myanmar



SDG 9: Industry, innovation and infrastructure

Example: border management

 Build safeguard measures around opportunities for organised crime that arise from infrastructure investments



Protecting peace and prosperity In Southeast Asia: synchronizing economic and security agendas

February 2016







BLOs established along major trafficking routes / risk areas

> High-level border management conference to support ASEAN 2025



SDG 15: Life on land

Example: environmental crimes

 Address both demand and supply of illegal wildlife products



Training on risk profiling to enhance interception of illegal wildlife Trade in Lao PDR and Viet Nam, Lao PDR



Criminal justice response to wildlife crime in Malaysia

A rapid assessment



Criminal justice response to wildlife crime in Malaysia





Building operational plans between African and Asian law enforcement authorities



SDG 16: Peace, justice and strong institution Example: anti-corruption, terrorism prevention, and criminal justice





Promoting prison reforms in Southeast Asia



Promoting Effective Responses to the Foreign Terrorist Fighters Situation in Southeast Asia



Promoting effective responses to the foreign terrorist fighters situation in SEA



Open-data for anti-corruption efforts in Thailand



SDG 16: Peace, justice and strong institution Example: protecting rights of women and children



 Support to reduce genderbased violence



Third regional legal research group meeting to address sexual crimes against children, Cambodia





Launch of a training programme on gender based violence, Myanmar

Regional training to strengthen cybercrime investigation to address online sexual exploitation of children, Cambodia



High Level Conference on Sustainable Development, Crime Prevention and Safe Societies





 March 2018 at the UN in Bangkok

- First in Southeast Asia that brings together national, regional and international experts and partners to discuss the SDGS
- High level officials across the region, including the Vice Minister of Justice of Japan



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Conclusions

- UNODC, as the lead UN agency on criminal justice and drug control, assists and collaborate with Governments to better address peace and the rule of law challenges
- Transnational crime in Southeast Asia contributes to conflict and exposes vulnerabilities
- Capacities of countries and institutions to address illicit activities vary significantly
- Overlapping areas between UNODC mandates and SDGs



Thank you

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