# UNODC - United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

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• Finalization of the following regional/global Reports: Global Report on Homicides, Crime in Africa, Corruption in the Western Balkans, The Impact of the financial crises on crime.
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• Support to the implementation of victimization and corruption surveys in requesting countries.
• Establishment of the center of excellence on crime statistics in INEGI, Mexico with the purpose of supporting countries in the region to improve their crime statistics systems and develop a laboratory for developing/improving methodology on the conducting of victimization survey and the recording of crime in administrative records.
• Develop an on-line data collection portal on the web to facilitate countries to report their crime data.
• Development of methodologies for improving data quality and data dissemination.

**Illicit Drugs**

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• Ongoing collection, analysis and publication of data on global illicit drugs. Covering a period of more than 15 years, the UNODC database contains more than 100,000 entries related to various aspects of worldwide illicit drug production, trafficking and demand. The data is collected primarily from the Annual Reports Questionnaire (ARQ) received from governments and supplemented by other sources, including UNODC surveys in various countries. Thousands of new entries are added every year and an effort is now being made to search archives and retroactively expand time series. A data-matching system involving UNODC, Interpol and WCO is now resulting in improved data on significant individual seizures cases.
• Ongoing work on the publication series including the World Drug Report, a Bulletin on Narcotics and Studies on Drugs and Crime monographs.
• Assessment and analysis of global trends in drugs and crime, for integrated comparative analysis.
• Assistance to countries to monitor the cultivation of illicit crops and the production of illicit drugs.

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• National/regional workshops to improve the international data collection on illicit drugs through the newly approved ARQ.

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