

Ref: Regional Training Course on the Implementation of the ICCS

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Dear Madam/Sir,

It is with pleasure that we invite you, or a representative of your office, to attend the “*Regional Training Course on the Implementation of the International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes (ICCS)*” which will take place in Daejeon, Republic of Korea, on 5-7 December 2017, hosted by Statistics Korea (KOSTAT). The event is jointly organized by the United Nations Office for Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), in partnership with and supported by the Thailand Institute of Justice (TIJ) and Statistics Korea (KOSTAT).

This training is a follow-up to the First Global Meeting of Focal Points of the United Nations Survey of Crime Trends and Operations of Criminal Justice Systems (UN-CTS), held in Vienna in May 2016 and two successful regional workshops on crime and criminal justice statistics held in Bangkok in December 2014 and Seoul in November 2016, respectively, as well as the Regional Training Course on Victimization Surveys held in Pattaya, Thailand, in June 2017.

This training course, based on the experience of UNODC in supporting the implementation of the ICCS in countries around the world, aims to raise awareness about the importance of establishing and applying common statistical concepts on crime and criminal justice data and to provide guidance on the implementation of the ICCS across institutions and jurisdictions. The course will also use concrete examples and exercises to discuss practical aspects of planning and implementing a ‘road map’ for ICCS implementation and for mapping national crime categories into the international framework. An important aspect of the course will be the international reporting through the annual UN-CTS data collection. The 2017 UN-CTS data collection instrument has been fully revised to comply with the categories and definitions of the ICCS, to respond to new data requirements under the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and to address new information needs on emerging crimes.

We kindly ask you to coordinate the participation of your national delegation by extending this invitation to other national institutions involved in the production and use of crime statistics, such as national ministries, agencies or institutions with a prominent role in producing or analyzing statistical data on crime.

We would appreciate it if you could kindly confirm your participation by sending an email by 31 October 2017 to Mr. Deniz Mermerci ([deniz.mermerci@unodc.org](mailto:deniz.mermerci@unodc.org)), with copy to Mr. Donghyeok Yang ([ygyg86@korea.kr](mailto:ygyg86@korea.kr)) of KOSTAT. In this email please indicate if you need assistance to obtain the visa to travel to the Republic of Korea. In selecting the representative(s) from your office that will attend the meeting, it is encouraged that due consideration is given to ensure equal opportunities to male and female staff from your institution, as relevant.

Please find attached to this invitation the concept note. A detailed agenda and information note for the meeting will be sent directly to registered participants. Please note that this meeting will be held in English only.

For your information, besides the national statistical office, an invitation to this training has also been sent to the national UN-CTS Focal Point, in countries where such a Focal Point has been appointed. In principle, up to two representatives per country (one from the national statistical office and another from a relevant criminal justice institution) are welcome. A maximum number of 40 participants is foreseen and requests of participation will be processed on a 'first come – first served' basis.

The course is provided free of charge to two nominated participants per country. Accommodation (at the Statistical Center) and travel to/from the Incheon airport will be provided free of charge by the KOSTAT to all nominated participants. Participants are expected, however, to pay for their own costs for travel and meals. Limited funding from TIJ and KOSTAT is also available to cover the remaining travel expenses of some participants (air ticket, and meals) upon submission of a justified application. If you are interested to apply for such funding, you are kindly requested to fill in and return the attached form by 31 October 2017 to Mr. Deniz Mermerci ([deniz.mermerci@unodc.org](mailto:deniz.mermerci@unodc.org)), with copy to Mr. Dong-hyeok Yang ([ygyg86@korea.kr](mailto:ygyg86@korea.kr)) and Ms. Sudarak Suvannanonda ([stats@tijthailand.org](mailto:stats@tijthailand.org)). We will inform applicants about the decision on their funding request as soon as possible.

If you have any questions about the training, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and we look forward to your participation.

Yours Sincerely,

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