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## COMMISSION ON CRIME PREVENTION AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

United Nations principal policymaking body  
in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice

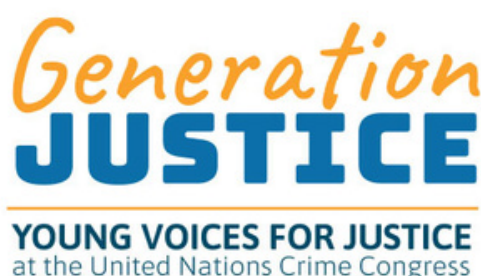
### On the road to the 15th UN Crime Congress

The CCPCJ acts as the preparatory body for the Crime Congresses. In its resolution [78/223](#), negotiated with the CCPCJ, the General Assembly decided on the organizational arrangements for the 15th Congress, to be held from 25 to 30 April 2026 in Abu Dhabi, UAE, and on the main theme of the Congress, which is “Accelerating crime prevention, criminal justice and the rule of law: protecting people and planet and achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the digital age”.



Between January and April 2025, 5 regional preparatory meetings were held in Bangkok (Thailand), San Jose (Costa Rica), Vienna (Austria), Addis Ababa (Ethiopia) and Marrakesh (Morocco) to formulate recommendations for the 15th UN Crime Congress reflecting, inter alia, regional priorities and challenges.

The negotiations for the Abu Dhabi Declaration, held within the CCPCJ, started in September 2025, with a view to achieve a structured, short and concise declaration as called for in the General Assembly Resolution [79/186](#).



The [Generation Justice \(GenJust\) initiative](#) was launched in 2024 with a view to making the 15th UN Crime Congress and the process leading up to it, the most youth-inclusive one ever, by creating space for young people and amplifying their voices as well as facilitating their contributions.

### Joint responses to "leave no one behind"



At the regular 34th session in May 2025, the Commission adopted 4 resolutions covering topics including: preparations for the United Nations Crime Congress; smuggling of migrants; smuggling of commercial goods; prison management and treatment of offenders and advancing crime prevention at all levels.

#### Enhancing multi-stakeholder partnerships

In implementing the 2030 Agenda, the Commission actively cooperates with other functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council and works closely with the relevant United Nations entities.

#### Harnessing digital tools for greener meetings

The Commission has been spearheading the use of digital tools to facilitate meeting's participation and significantly reduce the carbon footprint, contributing to a more sustainable future.

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