

## **“Universal Periodic Review”**

### **Report mandated by the General Assembly Resolution 60/251**

#### **Inputs from the United Nations office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)**

##### **Burkina Faso**

- 12-16 May 2008 - Burkina Faso participated in the Fifth Conference of the Ministers of Justice of Francophone African countries for the implementation of the universal instruments against terrorism, organized by UNODC. Held in Rabat, Morocco.
- 5-9 November 2007 - National drafting workshop was conducted on the universal legal instruments against terrorism and related international cooperation.
- 25-27 September 2007 - Burkina Faso participated in the Sub-regional Workshop on the preparation of responses to the United Nations Security Council Committee dealing with counter-terrorism, organized in cooperation with the Counter Terrorism Executive Directorate (CTED), Sanction Committee and 1540 Committee, held in Dakar, Senegal.
- 20-22 March 2007 - Burkina Faso hosted the 4<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Ministers of Justice of Francophone African countries for the implementation of the universal instruments against terrorism held in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso.
- 24-26 July 2006 - Participated in Sub-regional Training Seminar for ECOWAS Member States on international legal cooperation against terrorism, held in Abuja, Nigeria.
- 25-27 May 2006 - Participated in the Madrid Ministerial Round Table for West and Central African Countries on Counter-Terrorism Legal Framework.
- 27 February-18 March 2006 - TPB/UNODC organized a Specialized Training Programme in combating terrorism for 5 judges and prosecutors.
- 7-9 February 2006 - Attended the Conference of the Ministers of Justice of Francophone African Countries for the Implementation of the Universal Instruments against Terrorism in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt. Jointly organised with International Organization of the Francophonie (OIF) and the Government of Egypt.
- 25-27 October 2005 - Magistrates from Burkina Faso participated in a videoconference on “the fight against international crime: corruption and crime” for francophone African countries jointly organized by TPB and the Agence inter-gouvernementale de la Francophonie.
- 5-7 January 2005 - TPB conducted a mission to provide technical assistance on the implementation of the twelve Universal Instrument against terrorism and the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and its three Protocols, as

well as training for law enforcement officers on international cooperation related to these instruments.

- 25-27 October 2004 - Burkina Faso attended Regional Ministerial meeting of Francophone countries on the UN Conventions against corruption, transnational organized crime and the universal instruments against terrorism in Mauritius.

UNODC assistance to Burkina Faso has been delivered so far exclusively through regional projects in the areas of trafficking in persons (Support to the ECOWAS Plan of Action against trafficking in persons), money laundering (Support to the ECOWAS Plan of Action against money laundering) and anti-terrorism (“Strengthening the Legal Regime against Terrorism”).

In the area of anti-human trafficking, UNODC actively pursued activities to train law enforcement officials, magistrates and legal practitioners in West Africa to investigate and prosecute trafficking cases as well as to strengthen international cooperation in this field. Such training was also widely delivered along with prevention activities such as training of social workers and NGOs on trafficking in persons, assistance to victims, and the running of public awareness campaigns in the ECOWAS region.

Train-the-trainers workshops were held in **Burkina Faso, Ghana and Nigeria** for key selected law enforcement officials and members of the judiciary of the three countries, engaged in counter-trafficking activities. Training exercises provided trainers from law schools, law enforcement agencies, social worker schools, and NGOs with training skills to deliver adequate training on trafficking in persons, especially with regards to the international and national legal frameworks against trafficking in persons, on prevention, and investigation techniques, as well as prosecution of traffickers, protection of victims and international cooperation.

Practical modalities have been discussed with the competent authorities, as well as the Law School, the Police Academy and the Gendarmerie Academy of **Burkina Faso** to include UNODC training material against trafficking in persons in the schools’ curricula. UNODC training manuals were provided to each of the professional schools.

Most recently, a regional initiative on smuggling of migrants (funded by EC) has just been launched and Burkina is one of the beneficiary countries.

Capacity building in the area of anti-corruption has also been provided. UNODC preliminary assistance to the capacity building of the anti-corruption commission of Burkina Faso has been provided as well assistance in the drafting of draft national legislation.

## **Regional Initiatives**

### **Regional Smuggling of migrants initiatives**

UNODC has launched two regional programmes for ECOWAS member states and Mauritania. The two projects aim at containing irregular migration and stamp out smuggling of migrants. Beneficiary countries will receive both the legislative assistance required for criminalizing smuggling of migrants, and the technical assistance empowering law enforcement and national border control agencies with operational capabilities for prosecuting smugglers.

## **Regional plans - Sahel Band**

UNODC have convened an *Informal Ministerial Session* during the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in Vienna in April 2008 with a number of West African Ministers to discuss the security situation in the sub-region, with special focus on the *Sahel band*. Technical assessment missions are planned in the region in the second half of 2008. A preliminary study on the transnational trafficking and the rule of law in the sub-region is under preparation. A high-level ministerial meeting with ECOWAS is being planned to take place in October in **Cape Verde**. The meeting will discuss the critical situation in relation to the illicit trafficking and related crimes, response and way forward. The donor community is being informed about UNODC plans and expressed interest in follow-up. The African Development Bank has been offered partnership in this initiative, and the Peace Building Commission has also offered support to ODC plans in the region.

## **Regional reports that in some way cover certain countries under review**

A study was prepared and released in June 2008 entitled “Crime and its impact on the Balkans and affected countries.” The report can be found on the following link:

[http://www.unodc.org/documents/data-and-analysis/Balkan\\_study.pdf](http://www.unodc.org/documents/data-and-analysis/Balkan_study.pdf).

A joint report by the United Nations office on Drugs and Crime and the Latin America and the Caribbean Region of the World Bank was released in March 2007. This report, “Crime, Violence, and Development: Trends, Costs and Policy Options in the Caribbean,” is available on the following link: [http://www.unodc.org/pdf/research/Cr\\_and\\_Vio\\_Car\\_E.pdf](http://www.unodc.org/pdf/research/Cr_and_Vio_Car_E.pdf)

“Crime and Development in Africa,” a report published in June 2005 focusing on how crime is undermining development. Such can be found under:

[http://www.unodc.org/pdf/African\\_report.pdf](http://www.unodc.org/pdf/African_report.pdf)

“Transnational Organized Crime in the West African Region,” focusing on specific modes of operation of West African criminal groups, highlighting in particular their very loose and networked structures. Such is available on: [http://www.unodc.org/pdf/transnational\\_crime\\_west-africa-05.pdf](http://www.unodc.org/pdf/transnational_crime_west-africa-05.pdf)

“Organized Crime and Irregular Migration from Africa to Europe,” is a rapid assessment to analyze the extent of which irregular migration from Africa to Europe is mediated by organized crime, available on: [http://www.unodc.org/pdf/research/Migration\\_Africa.pdf](http://www.unodc.org/pdf/research/Migration_Africa.pdf)

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