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## Latin American and Caribbean Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Fifteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

San José, 4–6 February 2025

### Annotated provisional agenda

#### Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the Meeting.
2. Election of officers.
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4. Main theme of the Fifteenth Congress: “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”.
5. Substantive items on the agenda and the topics of the workshops of the Fifteenth Congress:
  - (a) Advancing innovative and evidence-based crime prevention strategies towards social, economic and environmental development (agenda item 3); and building resilient societies, with a focus on protecting women, children and youth: fostering engagement, education and the culture of lawfulness (workshop 1);
  - (b) Promoting people-centred, inclusive and responsive criminal justice systems in a world of continuous change (agenda item 4); and ensuring equal access to justice for all: towards safe and secure societies while respecting the rule of law (workshop 2);
  - (c) Addressing and countering crime – including organized crime and terrorism in all its forms and manifestations – in new, emerging and evolving forms (agenda item 5); and getting ahead: strengthening data collection and analysis to better protect people and planet in times of new, emerging and evolving forms of crime (workshop 3);
  - (d) Working better together to elevate cooperation and partnerships, including technical and material assistance and training, at the national, regional and international levels, in crime prevention and criminal justice (agenda item 6); and turning the digital age into an opportunity: promoting the

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responsible use of technologies in crime prevention and criminal justice (workshop 4).

6. Recommendations for the Fifteenth Congress.
7. Adoption of the report on the Meeting.

## **Annotations**

### **2. Election of officers**

It is suggested that one Chair, one Vice-Chair and one Rapporteur be elected.

### **3. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters**

Following the adoption of the agenda, the Meeting may wish to establish a timetable and agree on the organization of work. A proposed organization of work is contained in the annex to the present document.

### **4. Main theme of the Fifteenth Congress: “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”**

The Fifteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice is well placed to trigger further policy debate on advancing crime prevention and criminal justice against the backdrop of the wider international agenda.

The high-level segment of the Fifteenth Congress will be held during the first two days of the Congress in order to allow Heads of State or Government and government ministers to focus on the main theme of the Congress.

Since the main theme is designed to serve as an umbrella for the substantive agenda items and workshop topics and for the discussions under those that will take place at the Congress, participants in the Regional Preparatory Meeting are invited to engage in an exchange with regard to the relevance of the main theme – which offers a contextual lens – for the substantive agenda items and corresponding workshop topics of the Congress.

Participants will have before them the discussion guide (A/CONF.241/PM.1), which is the core document for the regional preparatory meetings and includes several paragraphs on the four elements of the overarching theme, which are “accelerating crime prevention, criminal justice and the rule of law”, “protecting people and planet”, “achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development” and “the digital age”. Participants are encouraged to formulate, under agenda item 4, recommendations relating to these four chapeau elements, while avoiding duplication with what will be discussed under agenda item 5 regarding the four substantive agenda items of the Congress and their corresponding workshop topics.

### **5. Substantive items on the agenda and the topics of the workshops of the Fifteenth Congress**

The substantive agenda items and topics of the workshops to be held at the Congress are as follows:

- (a) Agenda item 3. Advancing innovative and evidence-based crime prevention strategies towards social, economic and environmental development
  - Workshop 1. Building resilient societies, with a focus on protecting women, children and youth: fostering engagement, education and the culture of lawfulness

- (b) Agenda item 4. Promoting people-centred, inclusive and responsive criminal justice systems in a world of continuous change
  - Workshop 2. Ensuring equal access to justice for all: towards safe and secure societies while respecting the rule of law
- (c) Agenda item 5. Addressing and countering crime – including organized crime and terrorism in all its forms and manifestations – in new, emerging and evolving forms
  - Workshop 3. Getting ahead: strengthening data collection and analysis to better protect people and planet in times of new, emerging and evolving forms of crime
- (d) Agenda item 6. Working better together to elevate cooperation and partnerships, including technical and material assistance and training, at the national, regional and international levels, in crime prevention and criminal justice
  - Workshop 4. Turning the digital age into an opportunity: promoting the responsible use of technologies in crime prevention and criminal justice

On the recommendation of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, as the preparatory body of the Fifteenth Congress, the General Assembly adopted, in December 2023, resolution [78/223](#), entitled “Follow-up to the Fourteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and preparations for the Fifteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice”. In paragraph 15 of that resolution, the Assembly urged participants in the regional preparatory meetings to examine the substantive items on the agenda and the topics of the workshops of the Fifteenth Congress and to make action-oriented recommendations to serve as a basis for draft recommendations and conclusions for consideration by the Congress. That request was reiterated in paragraph 15 of the subsequent draft modalities resolution recommended by the Commission in May 2024 for adoption by the General Assembly (see [E/2024/30-E/CN.15/2024/16](#), chap. I, sect. A, draft resolution I).

Issues related to the substantive items and workshop topics are set out in detail in the above-mentioned discussion guide (A/CONF.241/PM.1). In its resolution [77/231](#), the Assembly recommended that, building on the experience and the success of the Fourteenth Congress, all efforts be made to ensure that the overall theme and the agenda items and workshop topics are interrelated and that the agenda items and workshop topics are streamlined. In view of that and in order to facilitate the preparations for and discussions at the regional preparatory meetings and the Congress itself, the discussion guide clusters the agenda items that deal with issues of broad and global importance together with the corresponding workshop topics, on the understanding that the latter are designed to cover more specific topics and draw on practical experiences and approaches. The discussion guide contains, for each of the substantive agenda items of the Congress and their corresponding workshop topics, a series of questions which might then also be used as a basis for the formulation of specific recommendations for inclusion in the report on the Meeting.

## 6. Recommendations for the Fifteenth Congress

In its resolution [78/223](#), the General Assembly decided that, in accordance with its resolution [56/119](#), the Fifteenth Congress was to adopt a single declaration, to be submitted to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice for its consideration, and that the Commission would give due consideration to the report of the Fifteenth Congress. In the subsequent draft modalities resolution, to be adopted in 2024, the Commission would be requested, in accordance with its resolution [73/184](#) of 17 December 2018, to begin to prepare, at intersessional meetings to be held following the regular part of its thirty-fourth session and well in advance of the Fifteenth Congress, a structured, short and concise draft declaration with a robust

overarching political message addressing the main topics to be discussed at the Congress, taking into account the outcomes of the regional preparatory meetings, consultations with relevant organizations and entities and the relevant discussions held in preparation for the Congress, as well as the mandate and objectives of the United Nations congresses on crime prevention and criminal justice. Moreover, Member States would be encouraged to finalize their negotiations of the Abu Dhabi Declaration in a timely manner prior to the commencement of the Fifteenth Congress so that the declaration could be adopted on the opening day of the Fifteenth Congress, thereby following the approach taken in the preparations for the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Congresses. It would furthermore be decided that the Commission would give due consideration to the report of the Fifteenth Congress during the in-session thematic discussion at its thirty-fifth session.

Following consideration of agenda items 4 and 5, action-oriented recommendations relating to the overarching theme (agenda item 4), as well as the four substantive agenda items and corresponding workshop topics (agenda item 5), are to be made under agenda item 6.

Considering the limited time available, the recommendations will not be negotiated by the participants, and they may wish to have that explicitly stated in the report on the Meeting, as was the case for the reports on the regional preparatory meetings for the Fourteenth Congress.<sup>1</sup> The recommendations stemming from the five regional preparatory meetings will form a first basis for the beginning of the negotiations on the draft Abu Dhabi declaration, which is to be adopted at the opening of the Fifteenth Congress.

#### **7. Adoption of the report on the Meeting**

As the report on the Meeting is expected to be action-oriented, participants are urged to focus on specific recommendations, taking into account the regional perspective and the elements contained in the discussion guide.

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<sup>1</sup> See the report of the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Fourteenth Congress ([A/CONF.234/RPM.3/1](#)).

## Annex

### Proposed organization of work

The purpose of the proposed organization of work for the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Fifteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice set out below is to facilitate the consideration of agenda items within the limited time available, taking into account the services available for the Meeting.

#### Latin American and Caribbean Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Fifteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, 4–6 February 2025

<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Title or description</i>
<b>Tuesday, 4 February</b>	
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	<i>Item 1.</i> Opening of the Meeting
	<i>Item 2.</i> Election of officers
	<i>Item 3.</i> Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters
	<i>Item 4.</i> Main theme of the Fifteenth Congress: “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”
3–6 p.m.	<i>Item 5.</i> Substantive items on the agenda and the topics of the workshops of the Fifteenth Congress
<b>Wednesday, 5 February</b>	
10 a.m.–1 p.m. and 3–6 p.m.	<i>Item 5.</i> Substantive items on the agenda and the topics of the workshops of the Fifteenth Congress ( <i>continued</i> )
<b>Thursday, 6 February</b>	
10 a.m.–1 p.m. and 3–6 p.m.	<i>Item 6.</i> Recommendations for the Fifteenth Congress
	<i>Item 7.</i> Adoption of the report on the Meeting Closure of the Meeting