

ASC and UNITED Nations (ECOSOC) Activities

Invitation to participate in Twelfth UN Congress in Brazil

Every five years, the UN organizes a world crime congress. The 12th United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice will be held in Salvador, Brazil from 12 to 19 April 2010. Congresses provide a global forum for exchange of views and experience, bringing together government delegations, representatives and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, specialized agencies and other United Nations entities, as well as individual experts, academicians and other professionals in the crime prevention and criminal justice field. *ASC members may participate in so-called ancillary meetings*, which are organized by NGOs, covering a wide range of issues pertaining to crime prevention, criminal justice and the rule of law (see below for listing of topics).

As is true for all United Nations events, participation in the Congress is possible and welcomed, but is *strictly regulated*. There is a mechanism in place to coordinate NGO and ancillary meetings. It is one of the responsibilities of the ASC UN liaisons to help coordinate these ancillary meetings. If you are interested in organizing or participating in one of the ancillary meetings, please send an e-mail with your interest to the main UN liaison Ineke Haen Marshall (i.marshall@neu.edu). *There will be additional information about this at the 2009 ASC meeting in Philadelphia.* Below follow the congress topics:

1. Children, youth and crime
2. Provision of technical assistance to facilitate ratification and implementation of the international instruments related to the prevention and suppression of terrorism
3. Making the United Nations guidelines on crime prevention work
4. Criminal justice responses to the smuggling of migrants and trafficking in persons: links to transnational organized crime
5. International cooperation to address money-laundering based on existing and relevant United Nations and other instruments.
6. Recent developments in the use of science and technology by offenders and by competent authorities in fighting crime, including the case of cybercrime
7. Strengthening international cooperation in fighting crime-related problems: practical approaches
8. Crime prevention and criminal justice responses to violence against migrants, migrant workers and their families.

There will also be congress workshops (coordinated by the United Nations Programme Network of Institutes):

1. International criminal justice education for the rule of law

2. Survey of United Nations and other best practices in the treatment of prisoners in the criminal justice system
3. Practical approaches to preventing urban crime
4. Links between drug trafficking and other forms of organized crime: International coordinated response
5. Strategies and best practices against overcrowding in correctional facilities.

If you are interested, do not wait till November in Philadelphia, but send us your proposals and ideas now. For more background information about the Twelfth Congress, you may also contact Gary Hill (Garyhill@cega.com), who is ultimately responsible for the coordination of all ancillary meetings by all NGOs.

For information about participation in the Twelfth Congress or any other United Nations related questions, please contact Ineke Haen Marshall, Main ASC UN liaison (i.marshall@neu.edu), or Aaron Fichtelberg, Alternate ASC UN Liaison (afichte@UDel.Edu).

PS. Please note that there will be three UN-focused panels in Philadelphia, three days in a row (Wednesday – on ‘green’ crime, Thursday – on world crime trends, and Friday – on human rights) at the same time of day (9:30-10:50 am), in the same room (Franklin 13). Please join us. *These panels will also provide opportunity for more information sharing about the Twelfth Congress in Brazil.*