

GWI United Nation Representative Advocacy Report Vienna 2019

GWI advocacy goals

1. 100% of United Nations Member States commit to policy, legislation, budget and infrastructure to facilitate transition of girls from primary to secondary school and ensure gender parity and gender equality throughout secondary education by 2030.
2. By 2030 100% of United Nations low income Member States have increased access to tertiary education for girls and women by 50%.
3. 100% of United Nations Member States commit to and implement policies for continuing education to empower women throughout the life course, within the formal and informal economies.
4. Influence the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 4.
5. All 17 SDGs will include girls' education targets.

Meeting attended: (place, date, time, name of meeting)



UN Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice ('CCPCJ') – 28th Session

Vienna International Centre, 20-24 May 2019

Subject of meeting:

The Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ) acts as the principal policymaking body of the United Nations in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice. It acts as an annual forum for exchanging expertise, experience and information on international crime issues - in order to develop national and international strategies, and to identify priorities for combating crime.

The thematic discussion of the 28th Session was: *The responsibility of effective, fair, humane and accountable criminal justice systems in preventing and countering crime motivated by intolerance or discrimination of any kind.*

Key agenda items included deliberations on the Ratification and Implementation of a) the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime b) the UN Convention against Corruption c) the international instruments to prevent and combat terrorism.

Draft resolutions to be recommended for adoption by the General Assembly included :

- Integrating sport into youth crime prevention and criminal justice strategies
- Education for Justice and the rule of law in the context of sustainable development
- Promoting technical assistance and capacity building to strengthen national measures and international cooperation to combat cybercrime
- Countering child sexual exploitation and sexual abuse online
- Technical assistance provided by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime related to counter-terrorism.

More than 1,100 participants from more than 120 UN Member States took part in the week-long conference. Gerda Bergmayr-Mann and Elisabeth Francis represented GWI



Gerda Bergmayr-Mann and Elisabeth Francis at the CCPCJ



Various events / discussions were held in regard to next year's **14th UN Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice taking place in Kyoto Japan April 20-27, 2020** and the **Kyoto Congress Youth Forum** from April 13-15, 2020.

<http://www.moj.go.jp/KYOTOCONGRESS2020/en/>

<http://un-congress.org/>

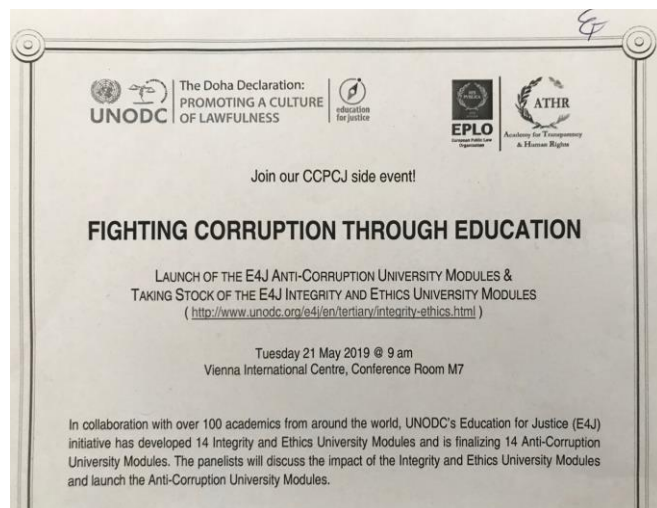
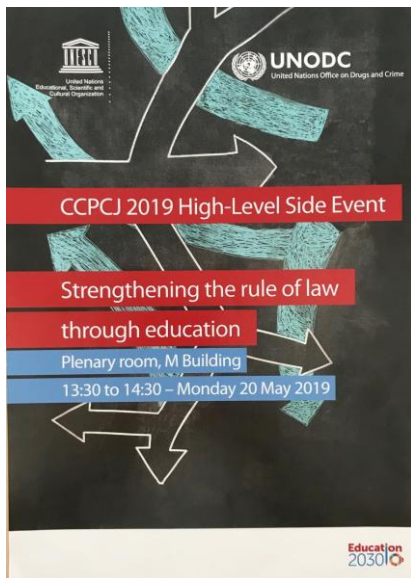
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A record number of over 120 side events took place, evidencing the importance and diversity of the transnational crime issues covered at the CCPCJ – trafficking in persons, smuggling of migrants, illicit firearms trafficking, cybercrime, trafficking in cultural property, wildlife crime, trafficking in precious metals; all forms of corruption (and the importance of asset recovery); terrorism – returning foreign terrorist fighters, money laundering, nuclear terrorism, the use of the internet for terrorist purposes etc. Various high level side events covered follow-ups to the Doha Declaration – Promoting a Culture of Lawfulness.

Side events attended included the following:

- *Strengthening the Rule of Law through Education* organized by UNODC / UNESCO
- *Fighting Corruption through Education* organized by Academy for Transparency and Human Rights of the European Public Law Organization, UNODC
- *Gender and Diversity in the Justice Sector*, organizer: OSCE and Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)
- *The Golden Rule in Daily Life Education*, organized by the WFP
- *The Courage to Speak Up Against Organized Crime*, organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy to the International Organizations in Vienna and UNODC
- *Shedding Light on Illicit Firearms Trafficking: Supporting Evidence-based Approaches*: UNODC
- *Misogynistic Hate Crimes* organizer: Soroptimist Int.
- *Hate Speech and Violent Extremism as Driving Factors Leading to Violence and Atrocity Crimes*, organizer: UNICRI
- *The Role of Faith Based Organizations in Crime Prevention*, organizer: UNODC

There were various meetings for NGOs including of The Alliance of NGOs on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, which I attended.



Flyers for 2 High level side events

Refers to SDG no #: (please reference): particular focus on 4, 5, 16, but, as many speakers made the point, in reality CCPCJ relates to all the SDG's because of the detrimental impact that corruption and crime have on the achievement of all the SDG's.

Relevant treaties/conventions/resolutions: Many, including the UN Convention against Transnational Crime; the UN Convention against Corruption; the international instruments to prevent and combat terrorism, etc

What GWI resolution(s) does your attendance relate to? (i.e. Tolerance of Minority Groups (5), FGM (6), Human Trafficking (7), Child Marriage (8), etc.) .

All of the above

Intervention by GWI rep: (what you did)

- arranged for GWI to 'support' the one NGO Written Statement presented to the Session <https://undocs.org/E/CN.15/2019/NGO/1>
- participated in discussions at the side-events; dialogued with speakers
- made contact with various officers of UNODC
- discussions and follow-up with representatives of the Education For Justice ('E4J') initiative.



The Doha Declaration:
PROMOTING A CULTURE
OF LAWFULNESS



Personal observations :

The large number of side events showed both the great range of challenging issues covered by the CCPCJ UN mandate and the terrible consequences of these crimes - but also the detailed work by many member states and other parties to make progress against them. It was noteworthy from GWI's perspective that many of the issues were addressed from a gender perspective and also, so importantly, highlighted the relevance of education. Work in support of the Doha Declaration is gathering pace – education is crucial...

How this serves GWI members:

The side events covered many issues where GWI members will have an interest e.g. trafficking of women and girls, cybercrime / impact on women and girls, hate speech, gender diversity in criminal justice systems, misogynistic hate crimes, child and forced marriage, safeguarding children online, supporting women victims of crime, sexual violence against women, gender sensitive justice reform etc. If any GWI member would like to follow up on a particular issue or side event, please feel free to contact me.

Amongst all the initiatives underway, I do feel that **E4J (Education for Justice) – 'Supporting the integration of crime prevention and the rule of law into all levels of education'** - is very important. The role of education - in helping to promote a culture of lawfulness, in fighting corruption – is well recognized. The E4J resolution recommended by the CCPCJ is comprehensive and valuable. Inter alia, it acknowledges 'the importance of taking measures to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promoting lifelong learning opportunities for all, including expanded opportunities for all children, particularly girls, to access quality education, as well as the need to promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels'.

So as to give members more info about this initiative, E4J advise:

'At the [primary level](#), E4J focuses on promoting and teaching values such as acceptance, fairness, integrity and respect. In addition, E4J's educational materials contribute to building the basic skills needed to respond to crime and violence, as well as to identify and resolve moral or simple ethical dilemmas. Examples of educational materials and resources include games, videos and in-classroom tools for teachers, such as:

- [The Zorbs](#), an animated video series telling the story of an imaginary planet and its inhabitants who overcome a range of challenges thanks to various core values and skills as promoted

under E4J. The videos are complemented by an online interactive Comic Creator that encourages children to build meaningful stories in an engaging and creative way. In addition, E4J will produce a board game and children's books based on The Zorbs and their adventures.

- A mobile game on violence against women, called [Chuka](#). It is available in English and Spanish.
- The [Online Zoo](#), a book on online safety for primary children. It is available in Arabic, English, Farsi, French, German, Russian and Spanish.

At the [secondary level](#), E4J is developing educational tools and materials that support education on the following themes:

- Anti-corruption, integrity and ethics;
- Crime prevention and criminal justice;
- Cybercrime and online safety;
- Firearms trafficking;
- Human trafficking and migrant smuggling;
- Organized crime; and
- Terrorism and violent extremism.

A variety of tools for the secondary education level, which explore different ways to learn about crime, justice and the rule of law, are available on the E4J website, including:

- Educational [board games](#) and [digital games](#) to promote the rule of law;
- Educational [videos](#) on the above themes along with guides for teachers;
- A [Resource Guide](#) on Model United Nations, which supports MUN conferences to include rule of law issues into their debates.

In [partnership with UNESCO](#), E4J developed a [Guide for Policymakers on Strengthening the Rule of Law through Education](#). A teacher's handbook supplementing the guide will be launched in the third quarter of 2019.

At the [university \(tertiary\) level](#), E4J supports academics to teach on UNODC-mandated areas and is currently finalizing the development of more than 100 university modules on [Anti-Corruption](#), [Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice](#), [Cybercrime](#), [Firearms](#), [Organized Crime](#), [Trafficking in Persons/Smuggling of Migrants](#), [Wildlife, Forest and Fisheries Crime](#), [Counter-Terrorism](#) as well as [Integrity and Ethics](#). All university modules provide suggestions for in-class exercises, student assessments, slides and other teaching tools that lecturers can adapt to their contexts, and integrate into existing university courses.'

Next steps:(what needs to be done, who can we contact? Who did you network with?)

There is still the opportunity to provide input into E4J materials – next stage is a major E4J conference in Vienna Oct 7-9. If any member would be interested in this, please advise....

Other upcoming UN sessions, relevant to the CCPCJ agenda, include meetings of i) the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption and ii) Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime both in September.

Did you take any photographs? If yes, please include captions Yes, Included

May GWI use this information on its social media? Yes

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