



Annotated Agenda

High Level Regional Meeting on Law Enforcement Co-operation in Central Asia in Combating Organized Crime

1 July 2009
Astana, Kazakhstan

09:00 – 09:30

Opening session

Welcoming remarks from the government of Kazakhstan, the OSCE Head of Centre and the OSCE Senior Police Adviser.

- Ministry of Internal Affairs of Kazakhstan (tbc)
- Head of the OSCE Centre in Astana (tbc)
- Senior Police Adviser to the OSCE Secretary General (tbc)

09:30 -10:30

Session I – Current Organized Crime Situation in Central Asia.

This session will provide a briefing from Interpol about the latest organized crime trends connected with the Central Asia region. The session will also include a summary of the tools Interpol provides to facilitate cross border co-operation. The presentation will be followed by a discussion among the participants.

Presenter: Mr David Asante-Apeatu, (Director, Specialized Crime and Analysis INTERPOL).

Moderator: OSCE (tbd)

Rapporteur: (tbd)

10:30 - 11:00

Coffee-Break

11:00 – 12:30

Session II- Provisions of the UN Convention on Transnational Organized Crime and its Protocols

This session will provide a briefing about specific Articles of the UN Convention on Transnational Organized Crime and its Protocols which facilitate regional law enforcement co-operation. Examples will be provided about how the Convention can be used to enhance operational co-operation when bi-lateral or regional agreements are insufficient. A discussion will follow the formal presentation.

Presenter: Ms. Olga Zudova,(Senior Legal Adviser, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime – Regional Office for Central Asia).

Moderator: OSCE (tbd)

Rapporteur: (tbd)

12:30-14:00

Lunch Break

14:00-15:00

Session III: Good Practices in Operational Co-operation.

This session will provide the participants with an example of good practices based upon the Eurojust model. The presentation will describe how Eurojust effectively manages requests for co-operation among its member States. A discussion will follow the presentation.

Presenter: To be determined.

Moderator: OSCE (tbd)

Rapporteur: (tbd)

15:00 -16:30

Session IV: Enhancing Law Enforcement Co-operation in Central Asia – Surmounting Present Obstacles – The Way Forward.

This session will involve a round table discussion by the participants. The deliberations will focus on overcoming current challenges and obstacles to law enforcement co-operation. The participants from the region are expected to present and discuss concrete examples of co-operation with its neighbouring Law Enforcement agencies, what problems they encountered in practice, what prevented them of co-operating and what tools and mechanisms could facilitate more effective co-operation. The participants will also examine possible strategies for the future.

Moderator: Deputy Minister of Interior of Kazakhstan (tbd)

Rapporteur: (tbd)

16:30–17:00

Conclusions and Recommendations

Following the discussions of the previous session, the participants are expected to have a preliminary agreement on the next steps related to the practical implementation of the UNTOC Convention provisions related to the law enforcement co-operation in the region. Therefore this session will involve a summary of the meeting along with developing recommendations for future action.

Moderator: To be determined

Rapporteur: (TBD)

17:00

Closing

The meeting will be closed by brief remarks by representative of the government of Kazakhstan, followed by the Senior Police Adviser to the OSCE Secretary General.

- Kazakh authority (tbd)
- OSCE Senior Police Adviser

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