

## **PARTICIPANTS PRESENT FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS BY PUBLISHING THE DOHA YOUTH FORUM DECLARATION**

### ***Delegates At The Doha Youth Forum On Crime Prevention And Criminal Justice Urge Nations Around The World To Enlist Youth To Help Combat Crime***

**Doha, 9 April 2015** – Participants of the Doha Youth Forum on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice presented their final recommendations to a number of government officials and UN representatives during the closing ceremony of the Forum today. The 18 comprehensive solutions will be presented to the 13th United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, which is taking place in Qatar next week, as the Doha Youth Forum Declaration.

The Doha Youth Forum was jointly organised by Qatar Foundation for Education, Science, and Community Development, in cooperation with the Organising Committee for the 13th United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.

Over the last three days, 150 delegates from a variety of educational backgrounds, nationalities, and of various ages, diligently worked together to create a list of 18 tangible and realistic solutions designed to address global challenges in crime prevention and criminal justice. The event took place at the Qatar National Convention Centre.

The Forum encouraged participants to think creatively and it served as an opportunity to nurture and develop the local youth, in line with Qatar Foundation's overarching mission of unlocking human potential and promoting a culture of excellence.

#### **Recommendations**

The participants divided their recommendations into nine separate themes. The first topic addressed 'Global and Regional Youth Forums', whereby delegates urged governments around the world to convene regional youth forums on crime prevention and criminal justice, which would be accessible to all young people around the world. The participants also suggested the establishment of an independent Global Youth Council to discuss problems that are endemic to communities around the world.

The second theme, 'Public Awareness and Education', included the creation of a Global Awareness Campaign aligned with United Nations' efforts to implement and promote a greater human rights culture and consciousness globally.

The third theme addressed 'Community Action and Reporting Crime Through Technology'. Delegates called upon governments, with the support of the United Nations and the private sector, to take measures to strengthen the use of technology to facilitate the reporting of crime.

The fourth topic was 'Prisons and Reintegration of Offenders'. Participants urged governments, in partnership with non-governmental organisations, to prioritise rehabilitation programmes inside and outside correctional institutions, to improve the process of reintegration into society.

The fifth theme addressed 'Economic Development and Employment Opportunities'. Representatives called upon private sector entities, governments and the United Nations to join forces to promote and provide opportunities for people living in vulnerable situations and crime-prone areas, particularly young people, to serve in internship or training programmes with a view to long-term, stable employment. The participants suggested that such initiatives be offered as incentives for underprivileged people.

In the sixth topic, 'Human Trafficking', the participants urged member states, non-governmental organisations, private sector and other active stakeholders in the field of human trafficking, to adopt and promote comprehensive policies that support measures aimed at preventing human trafficking, and at providing assistance to victims of trafficking and protecting them from further re-victimisation.

The seventh topic addressed, 'Identity Theft', with participants encouraging governments, social networking companies, and all relevant stakeholders to take all measures necessary to prevent and punish identity theft.

The 'Cybercrime and Other Emerging Crimes' theme addressed the promotion of public-private partnerships designed to address the challenges of cybercrime.

The final theme discussed, 'Drug Trafficking', and delegates suggested the support of joint initiatives between countries on regional and international levels focusing on drug seizures and border control.

## **Ends**

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