



Originally scheduled to take place in Kyoto, Japan, on 20-27 April 2020, but was postponed, due to the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic.

The overall theme: "Advancing crime prevention, criminal justice and the rule of law: towards the achievement of the 2030 Agenda",

The Congresses have been held every five years since 1955 in different parts of the world, dealing with a vast array of topics. The Congresses provide a forum for

- the exchange of views between States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and individual experts representing various professions and disciplines.
- the exchange of experiences in research, law, and policy development; and
- the identification of emerging trends and issues in crime prevention and criminal justice.

At the beginning of the high-level segment, Member States adopted the Kyoto Declaration under which governments agreed concrete actions to advance responses addressing crime prevention, criminal justice, rule of law and international cooperation, including against the backdrop of the pandemic. Member States will take those commitments forward at the 30th session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in Vienna in May.

It brought together more than 5.000 participants from all over the world. A record of 152 Member States were represented at the Congress along with 114 non-governmental organizations, 37 intergovernmental organizations, 600 individual experts and several UN entities and institutes. Most of the participants joined online, via a special event platform.

Thirteen special events took place, and many ancillary meetings were hosted on the event platform.

A Youth Forum was organized in the margins of the Fourteenth Congress, on 27 and 28 February 2021, under the overall theme "Youth Engagement for Our Safe and Secure Society towards Achieving the SDGs". It brought together 150 young people from over 30 countries. The recommendations of the Youth Forum were presented during the opening of the Kyoto Congress on its first day.

