



20 April 2021

Excellency,

Further to my letters of 23 March and 14 April 2021, regarding the High-level Debate on Urban Safety, Security and Good Governance: Making Crime Prevention a Priority for All, to be held on Thursday, 22 April 2021, in the General Assembly Hall, I have the honour to circulate the final programme and list of speakers for the event.

For further information on the meeting, you may contact Ms. Narmin Ahangari, Adviser for Human Right and Humanitarian Affairs Team ([narmin.ahangari@un.org](mailto:narmin.ahangari@un.org)).

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Volkan BOZKIR

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Permanent Observers to the United Nations  
New York

# High-level Debate of the General Assembly on Urban Safety, Security and Good Governance: Making Crime Prevention a Priority for All

Final Programme  
Thursday, 22 April 2021

**10:00 a.m. – Opening Segment**

**10:30 a.m.**

- Remarks by **H.E. Volkan Bozkir**, the President of the General Assembly,
- Message of **H.E. António Guterres**, the Secretary-General of the United Nations (*delivered by the Executive Director of the UNODC on his behalf*)
- Remarks by **Ms. Ghada Fathi Waly**, the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

**10:30 a.m. – General Debate**

**1:00 p.m.**

**3:00 p.m. –**

**4:50 p.m.**

**Interactive Panel Discussion:** Addressing risks and challenges to city safety, security and good governance: the role of innovative practices and crime prevention strategies in building resilience in the urban environment

**Moderator:** [Mr. Jean-Luc Lemahieu](#), Director of Policy Affairs of the UNODC

#### **Panellists:**

- [Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif](#), Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)
- [Mr. Robert Muggah](#), Co-founder and Research and Innovation Director, Igarapé Institute
- [Ms. Elizabeth Johnston](#), Executive Director of the European Forum for Urban Security
- [Mr. Thomas Abt](#), Director, National Commission on COVID-19 and Criminal Justice (Washington, DC)
- [Mr. Daniel Quintero](#), Mayor of Medellín, Colombia
- [Mr. Achim Wennmann](#), Advisor to the Director - Strategic Development and Partnerships, Senior Researcher at the Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding (Geneva)

*The Panel will address risks and challenges city safety, security and good governance face as a result of the impacts of crime, including transnational organized crime. It will discuss how improving resilience and putting safety and security on the local and global agenda can help to fight this phenomenon. Innovative practices, multi-stakeholder responses and proactive strategies to prevent crime in the urban environment will also be presented during the Panel.*

#### **Questions and Answers**

**4:50 p.m. –**

**5:00 p.m.**

**Closing remarks by the President of the General Assembly**