



INTERPOL

FACT SHEET

Capacity Building and Training

Training plays an integral role in INTERPOL's mission to promote international police cooperation.

We work to equip law enforcement officers from our member countries and officials from specialized partner agencies with the skills needed to meet today's policing challenges. Through targeted training programmes and efficient use of INTERPOL's policing capabilities, we give our training participants the opportunity to learn, develop and apply new competencies in the fight against international crime.

We work to equip law enforcement officers in our member countries with the knowledge, skills and best practices needed to meet today's security challenges, and to enhance the performance of law enforcement institutions.

Every year, thousands of law enforcement officers worldwide benefit from our capacity building and training initiatives, with approximately 11,000 officials trained in 2019 alone. Digital learning products provided through the INTERPOL Virtual Academy ensure that these initiatives reach those that most need them, when they need them, even in times of crisis.

We ensure that instructors are certified and standards are implemented across the Organization, guaranteeing the highest quality of service, while promoting gender balance and respect for human rights. We also partner with public and private organizations to tap into their state-of-the-art expertise and ensure the continued relevance of our training.

► TRAINING ACTIVITIES

- The **INTERPOL Virtual Academy**, launched in 2020, provides a comprehensive range of digital learning opportunities for global law enforcement. It offers self-paced and instructor-led courses, as well as educational webinars and a knowledge exchange platform.
- **Training for INTERPOL National Central Bureaus (NCBs):** The INTERPOL Policing Capabilities Programme (IPCP) strengthens the skills of NCB staff in the use of INTERPOL systems, databases and notices, and ensures compliance with INTERPOL data protection standards and legal regulations.
- **Specialized crime training:** Regular training sessions, both classroom-based and online, on a range of specialized crime areas and investigative tools support the Organization's three Global Programmes: Counter-terrorism, Cybercrime, and Organized and Emerging Crimes. Examples include human trafficking, maritime piracy, terrorism, border management and forensics.

► CAPACITY BUILDING

Comprehensive capacity building programmes, tailored to regional needs, aim to bring about positive change at individual and institutional level, while increasing the use of INTERPOL Policing Capabilities to more effectively combat transnational crime. Lasting several months or years, they bring together relevant sectors and countries in order to leverage international cooperation.

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► GENDER EQUALITY

INTERPOL is committed to promoting parity between women and men in law enforcement and a gender-sensitive approach to the profession. Gender Affairs Experts lead the design and delivery of training activities, which include Leadership for Women in Law Enforcement Seminars, mentoring programmes and research studies on the impact of gender on crime and law enforcement.

► HUMAN RIGHTS

With respect for human rights enshrined in Article 2 of the Organization's Constitution, INTERPOL's capacity building and training programmes focus on the international human rights framework, a human rights based approach to policing, and human rights at INTERPOL.

► CAPACITY BUILDING AND TRAINING QUALITY SYSTEM

All programmes adhere to standards articulated in the INTERPOL Guide to Effective Training, Organization-wide directives, and the CBT Frameworks on Human Rights and Gender Mainstreaming for Capacity Building. All INTERPOL and external instructors must be certified as such and a rigorous accreditation process enables courses developed by external partners to obtain recognition that they are in compliance with INTERPOL training standards.

► INTERPOL POLICE TRAINING SYMPOSIUM

Every two years, this event brings together representatives from law enforcement agencies, academic institutions and international organizations to share their insights and experiences in international police training.

► INTERPOL GLOBAL ACADEMY

The INTERPOL Global Academy is a network of law enforcement education institutions, of national or regional scope, who deliver approved INTERPOL courses to officials in their region. Through participation in an exclusive knowledge exchange platform, they also contribute to furthering best practices in law enforcement education.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.interpol.int/How-we-work/Capacity-building>



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