

Halving Violence by 2030 (SDG 16+): Role of Cities, Evidence, and Faith Leaders

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This panel will address ways to make transformations now to halve violent crime before 2030

- UNODC has called for action now to **reduce homicides** across the world by 2030 (SDG16.1). Violent crime causes loss of life, widespread trauma, threat to democracy and reduced GDP.
- Several agencies, including WHO, have identified **prevention programs** that have achieved 50% less violent crime.
- ECOSOC resolutions, system-wide guidelines, and the Kyoto Declaration confirm **essentials to tailor prevention** nationally and locally to get results. Pathfinder cities demonstrate that these essentials have reduced violent crime by 50%.
- But these are not yet **well known or used**.

Experts at Kyoto called for investment now in accelerators to get knowledge and essentials used to achieve SDG 6.1

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Raise Awareness to make decision makers and the public aware of what works

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Train Human Capacity to plan and implement violence prevention from national governments to cities

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Use Safety Monitor Tools to guide decision makers on science, implementation, and measuring results

4

Multiply Success Stories to network science, guidelines, and pathfinder successes

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Invest in Prevention to provide adequate and sustained funding for prevention that stops violent crime before it happens.

This panel focuses on how to accelerate action now by building on ways knowledge and essentials are being used to halve violent crime before 2030

It brings together leading experts from:

UNODC and UN-Habitat

Latin America

Pathfinder Cities: London (UK) and Toronto (Canada)

A coalition of faith leaders exploring their role in halving violent crime through prevention