

## General Section - 2009

## D29 The Preparation of a United Nations Manual on Crime Scene Investigation for First Responders and Policy Makers in Developing Nations

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After attending this presentation, attendees will gain an awareness of the role of the United Nations in assisting developing nations in establishing forensic science systems.

This presentation will impact the forensic community by showing how the manual will guide governments in developing nations in setting up scientifically based systems for the investigation of crime and event scene.

This presentation will describe a concise manual on crime or event scene investigation being developed by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). The target audience for the manual is first responders and policy makers. The working title of the manual is: *Crime Scene and Physical Evidence Awareness for Non-Forensic Personnel*. The manual was designed to assist governments in developing nations to establish and improve the capabilities of first responders and promote a scientifically based crime scene investigation. The preparation and publication of the manual is part of a larger initiative of the UNODC in assisting developing nations with the establishment of forensic science systems to foster its dual goals of security and justice in the developing world.

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