**Key questions and types of input/comments sought**

* Can you highlight initiatives or strategies that proved effective to protect disadvantaged groups’ rights and prevent that they be pushed further behind?

UNODC is a guardian of United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice, soft law instruments providing guidance to Member States on how to implement crime prevention and criminal justice policies in line with international human rights regime. The Office implemented activities which promote human rights and access to justice for all, while at the same time improve work of criminal justice actors as a result of it.

By way of example, in partnership with the Norwegian Centre for Human Rights, UNODC has developed guidance materials, e-learning courses, and police training sessions on investigative interviewing, which is an evidence-based and human rights-based methodology for non-coercive interviewing which safeguards the rights of suspects, victims and witnesses during criminal investigations. In addition to the [eLearning modules](https://www.jus.uio.no/smr/english/about/id/news/2022/unodc-global-elearning-course-on-investigative-int.html), this approach is set out in the [UN Manual on Investigative Interviewing for Criminal [Investigation](http://Investigation)](https://resourcehub01.blob.core.windows.net/$web/Policy%20and%20Guidance/corepeacekeepingguidance/Thematic%20Operational%20Activities/Police%20and%20Law%20Enforcement/2024.01%20Manual%20on%20Investigative%20Interviewing%20for%20Criminal%20Investigation%20%282024%29.pdf?trk=public_post_main-feed-card-text). This human rights based approach, which is detailed in the [Principles on Effective Interviewing](https://interviewingprinciples.com/) (the Mendez Principles), is proven to be the most effective method of acquiring accurate information, improving criminal investigations and preventing miscarriages of justice.

By showcasing that crime prevention and criminal justice policies are the most effective when in line with human rights, UNODC was able to successfully advocate for their usage among crime prevention and criminal justice actors increasing the access to justice for all, including the most disadvantaged groups such as suspects and victims of crime.