



Towards a More Safe and Secure World



THE 2024 TOWARDS A MORE SAFE AND SECURE WORLD INITIATIVE WILL MEET THE FOLLOWING OBJECTIVES:

- To provide an understanding of the American criminal justice system and the legal framework for combating a range of transnational crimes;
- To explore the role of law enforcement and prosecutorial authorities at the federal, state, and local levels to detect, investigate, and prosecute various transnational crimes, such as financial and organized crimes, the trafficking and smuggling of people and narcotics, and terrorism;
- To explore initiatives that seek to identify and address root causes of crime, such as poverty and lack of educational opportunities; and
- To identify ways in which American policy makers and law enforcement agencies can collaborate with international partners to counter transnational threats.

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The U.S. Department of State’s **Towards a More Safe and Secure World** initiative brings judicial, law enforcement, and security officials from around the world to the United States to discuss transnational threats to international peace and security, including terrorism, trafficking of persons and narcotics, border insecurity, corruption, cyber warfare, and the impacts from climate change.

On the 10th Anniversary, this initiative of the International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) will engage over 50 international participants from 40 countries and introduce them to U.S. counterparts in Washington DC, Tampa/St. Petersburg, New York City, and several other American cities.

From April 29 to May 17, 2024, the participants will gain an understanding of public safety and security issues from federal, state, and local law enforcement officials, public officials, private sector leaders, and social service and victim assistance providers. They will exchange ideas on how to uphold the rule of law, strengthen accountability, involve stakeholders, expand international cooperation, and prevent cross-border threats. The program will also include a special emphasis on the global trade in synthetic opioids, such as fentanyl, by transnational criminal organizations.

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“We will accelerate our efforts to curb the threat posed by transnational organized crime, integrating the vital work of law enforcement with diplomatic, financial, intelligence, and other tools, and in coordination with foreign partners.”
 - The White House 2022 National Security Strategy

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The national implementing partner for the 2024 Towards a More Safe and Secure World initiative is Meridian International Center.