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### The priority mandate of the Global Initiative is to:

- Create the building blocks for a global strategy to counter organized crime;
- Prioritizing research and piloting approaches to strengthen resilience to organized crime in zones of fragility and conflict;
- Improving responses by development partners to illicit trafficking and organized crime; and,
- Catalyzing collaborative and innovative approaches to priority crimes.

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### Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime

While there is consensus as to the rapid evolution and detrimental impact of organized crime and that it undercuts development and peace, there is much less agreement around what constitutes an effective response across a diverse array of illicit markets and countries.

The problem of organized crime may not be new, but the scope, scale and spread of the phenomena is now unprecedented – affecting all countries, developed, middle-income and developing, as well as states beset by political instability and conflict. The impacts can be diverse, but the common feature is that organized crime negatively affects the life chances of ordinary people: it undercuts key institutions, damages the environment, distorts or impedes economic growth and it fuels conflict.

***So widespread is the current challenge, that at least one quarter of the 167 targets of the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals will be negatively affected by the operation of illicit markets and organized crime.***

Current responses across multiple illicit markets – people smuggling, environmental commodities, counterfeit medicines, illicit narcotics and many more – seem slow, too driven by narrow law enforcement approaches alone, and do little to meet the challenge effectively.





## A network against networks

The Global Initiative ([www.globalinitiative.net](http://www.globalinitiative.net)) is a network of prominent law enforcement, governance and development practitioners who are dedicated to seeking new and innovative strategies and responses to organized crime.

The Global Initiative was born from a series of high-level, off the record discussions between mainly (though not exclusively) law enforcement officials from both developed and developing countries in New York in 2011-12. At these meetings, the founding members of the Global Initiative, many of whom stand at the front line of the fight against organized crime, illicit trafficking and trade, concluded that the problem and its impacts are not well analyzed; they are not systematically integrated into national plans or strategies; existing multilateral tools are not structured to facilitate a response and existing forms of cooperation tend to be bilateral, slow and restricted to a limited number of like-minded states.

***The result was a decision to create a new initiative: the Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime, which would seek to provide a platform to promote greater debate and innovative approaches as the building blocks to an inclusive global strategy against organized crime.***

The Global Initiative is an independent civil society organization, headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland, with a globally dispersed Secretariat and a high-level advisory board.

## Analysis, Strategies and Response

Through a range of channels, the Global Initiative seeks to project the expertise of its Network members outwards and to make it available to a broader range of stakeholders.

***Research and analysis conducted by the Global Initiative on a diversity of topics, countries and regions. Our reports have been widely circulated, quoted in the media, and have informed several high level policy processes.***

The Global Initiative regularly convenes both public and private events to share research and analysis, catalyze innovations, and promote policy and coordination on key themes.

The Global Initiative website serves as a knowledge hub, with a cutting-edge blog highlighting key trends and emerging issues, as well as resource library of hundreds of documents specific to organized crime. A number of key analytical tools are hosted on our website, including a compendium of good practices, a legal database on environmental crime, among others. The Global Initiative is active on social media.



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