

## **SPEAKING NOTES**

- The Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime is a network of over 300 prominent law enforcement, governance and development practitioners who are dedicated to improving the evidence basis and seeking new and innovative strategies and responses to organized crime.
- Launched formally in 2013, and headquartered in Geneva, the Global Initiative also has offices in Malta, Cape Town and Vienna, with the desire to build a platform for promoting debate across sectors, and create the building blocks of a global strategy to counter organized crime.
- Many types of crime fall under the Initiative's purview, from drug trafficking to IFFs, mafia-style to cybercrime, maritime to flora and fauna, many of which are linked to others, providing a holistic approach to organized crime as a whole.
- The Global Initiative commissions and shares research globally, with a robust library of reports and tools specific to organized crime, using its power to unite the private and public sectors against organized crime.
- One key programme by the Global Initiative is the Resilience Fund, which builds on ongoing work in incubating resilience in communities harmed or threatened by criminal governance, by identifying and empowering civil society actors and building their operational capacity, with the goal of

creating a network of communities which are resilient against organized crime and violence.