

Approach and Ethics

GLOBAL INITIATIVE NETWORK OF EXPERTS

The Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime (GI-TOC) Network of Experts is central to the functioning of the organization. The concept behind this network encapsulates one of the founding principles of the organization: to create a virtuous network of individual experts to mobilize and act against a web of global criminal actors. In short, ‘a network to counter networks’ is the notion that was envisaged by the Global Initiative’s founders.

To state the ideas of the founding members clearly, the purpose of the Network is not only to exchange ideas and information – although this is a crucial part of its functioning – it is also in itself, and by its very constitution, an act of mobilization against global organized crime.

To help achieve this, the Network provides expertise and support to the GI-TOC in a range of forms. It goes without saying that a successful and engaged Network of Experts is crucial to the success of the endeavour.

Members of the network do not work directly for the GI-TOC; nevertheless, as a crucial part of the organization, their own activities and behaviour do reflect on what the GI does as an organization.

Therefore, the contribution made by the Network of Experts is contingent upon its members being seen to operate with the highest standards of ethical conduct. Members must therefore carry out their various professional roles and duties with honesty, integrity and professionalism.

By becoming members of the Global Initiative Network of Experts, they agree to participate in the GI-TOC in a spirit of open cooperation and solidarity, and to provide views that are based on their personal experience and opinions.

By assuming membership, they therefore commit themselves to acting in line with the highest ethical standards in their work to counter organized crime, promote cooperation at all levels, contribute to a positive and meaningful debate, and support the development of innovative solutions and responses to organized crime.