



10th Session of the Conference of Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime

Side Event

WHAT NEXT FOR THE UNTOC?

GI-TOC report launch: 'The Promise of Palermo: The Political History of UNTOC'

Monday, 12 October
14:00 - 14:50

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This event will look back at the history of UNTOC in order to inform our future strategies to counter transnational organized crime. The new GI-TOC report analyses the history of the convention, explores how it came to fruition and how the current generation can learn lessons and apply them to current and future efforts to promote the implementation of the UNTOC, and improve broader global efforts to counter the growing threat of transnational organized crime.



The UNTOC was adopted 20 years ago, giving the international community a new binding legal instrument to enable work across borders to track down and prosecute organized criminals. Today, the Convention is almost universally ratified, but success in implementation, and the Convention's effects on criminal activity is unclear.

This side event will present GI-TOC's latest report, entitled 'The Promise of Palermo: A Political History of UNTOC'. It explores the circumstances and events that gave rise to the negotiation and adoption of the Convention, the relative stagnation in interest that followed in later years, and invites readers to learn lessons from this history and consider what can be done to re-invigorate multilateral political interest and action in the struggle against transnational organized crime.

The panel will discuss the issues and themes contained in the report and look ahead to the future of the Convention and broader global efforts against TOC.

CHAIR

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SPEAKERS

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