

# Side events

## in the margins of the UNTOC COP

(Vienna - October 12-16, 2020)

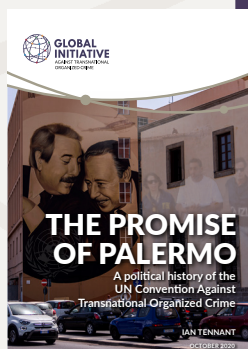


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AGAINST TRANSNATIONAL  
ORGANIZED CRIME

**20 years later: What  
next for the UNTOC?**

**Monday, October 12  
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.

### **SPEAKERS**

**Chair** - Dr Isaac Morales, Coordinator for Multidimensional Security, Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs

**Moderator** - Mark Shaw, Director of GI-TOC

Presentation of 'The Promise of Palermo': Ian Tennant, GI-TOC

Riikka Puttonen - Organized Crime Branch, UNODC

Anna Alvazzi del Frate - Chair of the NGO Alliance on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

**Closing remarks** - Katharina Frey, Deputy Head of Mission to the United Nations, Permanent Mission of Switzerland



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OF NGOS ON CRIME PREVENTION  
& CRIMINAL JUSTICE

**Regional and Global  
Efforts to tackle  
Transnational  
Organized Crime  
related to the Western  
Balkans**

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This event will explore the latest research and analysis of the dynamics of transnational organized crime in and related to the Western Balkans, and present initiatives which address these regional and global hotspots. The Western Balkans is a regional transit hub of transnational organized crime, including drug trafficking, human trafficking, arms smuggling and counterfeit goods. Due to the power and prevalence of organized criminal groups, communities across the region suffer from high levels of corruption, violence and extortion.

At this event at the UNTOC Conference of Parties, GI-TOC will present the findings of its 2019 'Hotspots' report, which explored 'Local vulnerabilities in a regional perspective' and its 2020 follow up report 'Transnational Tentacles', which explores the global hotspots of organized crime connected to the Western Balkans.

### **SPEAKERS**

**Chair and opening remarks** - Michael Davidson, 1st Secretary, British Embassy Vienna

Ambassador Uglješa Ugi Zvekić, GI-TOC Senior Adviser, and Permanent Representative to the UN of the European Public Law Organization (Presentation of GI-TOC hotspots reports)

Prof. Dr. Anna-Maria Getoš Kalac, Zagreb Faculty of Law (Presentation of Balkan Criminology Initiative)

Kristina Amerhauser, GI-TOC, presentation of Resilience Fund initiatives in the Western Balkans

**Closing remarks** - Florian Pema, Head of Politico-Military Dimension of the 2020 Albania OSCE Chairmanship



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Vienna

## Countering transnational organized crime through holistic responses and the progress of SDG16

Tuesday, October 13  
14:00 - 14:50

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Due to the changing nature of organized crime and the emergence of new modalities that the COVID-19 pandemic has brought to light, it has become necessary to strengthen international cooperation with a more holistic approach that prioritizes the prevention and the fight against illegal arms trafficking and financial flows, given that both crimes have highly contributed to empowering criminal organizations.

In commemoration of the opening for signature, two decades ago, of the United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime (UNTOC), this event will have as objective to promote the discussion from concrete experiences from the following topics:

- The consolidation of the UNTOC and its Protocols as a universal framework
- The necessity to resort to holistic responses to tackle organized crime
- The increased contribution to the progress of SDG16

### SPEAKERS

**Moderator - Kristian Holge, UNODC**

*Fabián Medina, Chief of the Minister's Office, Foreign Relations Secretariat*

*TBC - Representative from the Financial Intelligence Unit, Treasury and Public Credit Secretariat*

*Salomé Flores, Centre of Excellence, UNODC*

*Siria Gastelum, Resilience Director, Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime*

**THIS EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE IN SPANISH**



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## Stakeholder Engagement for the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime

Wednesday, October 14  
11:00 - 11:50

### EVENT REGISTRATION

The purpose of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (UNTOC) is to promote cooperation to prevent and combat transnational organized crime more efficiently. Since the adoption of UNTOC 20 years ago, crime has evolved. Organized criminal groups are more fluid, agile, and in some cases very powerful and devastating to the most vulnerable groups in the communities, especially those with social-economic challenges. In resolution 9/1 of COP UNTOC which established the Review Mechanism of UNTOC, States Parties reaffirmed that non-governmental stakeholders play a crucial role in countering transnational organized crime and expressed their commitment to promote "constructive dialogue" with them.

This side event will present the work of UNODC, in collaboration with the Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime (GI-TOC), in preparing non-governmental stakeholders for the implementation of the Convention and its Review Mechanism.

### SPEAKERS

*Jean-Luc Lemahieu, Director, Division for Policy Analysis and Public Affairs, UNODC*

*Louis Lawrence Bono, Deputy Chief of Mission, Permanent Mission of the United States in Vienna*

*Katharina Frey, Deputy Head of Mission to the United Nations, Permanent Mission of Switzerland in Vienna*

*Billy Batware, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime*

*Ian Tennant, Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime*

*Sarah Simons, World Society of Victimology*



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## Emerging trends in digital crime in Africa

Thursday, October 15  
10:00 - 10:50

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Online crime presents a bigger security risk for law enforcement in Africa than ever before. As digital access has increased across the continent, organised crime groups have turned to the Internet to conduct their illicit business. This webinar examines the latest trends and the wide availability of cyber tools that enable organised crime groups to commit a range of crimes. It will provide an overview of online criminal activities in Africa, focusing on digital vigilantism and the illicit wildlife trade.

### SPEAKERS

Chair - Nathalie Richard-Bober, ENACT Coordinator, INTERPOL

Yann Le Cloarec, Criminal Intelligence Analyst, INTERPOL

Karen Allen, Senior Research Advisor, Emerging Threats in Africa, Institute for Security Studies

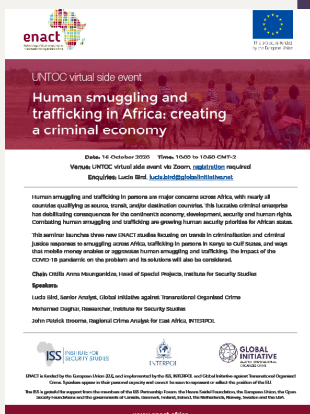
Carl Miller, Research Director, Centre for the Analysis of Social Media at Demos and Senior Fellow, Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime



## Human smuggling and trafficking in Africa: creating a criminal economy

Friday, October 16  
10:00 - 10:50

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Human smuggling and trafficking in persons are major concerns across Africa, with nearly all countries qualifying as source, transit, and/or destination countries. This lucrative criminal enterprise has debilitating consequences for the continent's economy, development, security and human rights. Combating human smuggling and trafficking are growing human security priorities for African states.

This seminar launches three new ENACT studies focusing on trends in criminalisation and criminal justice responses to smuggling across Africa, trafficking in persons in Kenya to Gulf States, and ways that mobile money enables or aggravates human smuggling and trafficking. The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the problem and its solutions will also be considered.

### SPEAKERS

Chair - Otilia Anna Maunganidze, Head of Special Projects, Institute for Security Studies

Lucia Bird, Senior Analyst, Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime

Mohamed Daghar, Researcher, Institute for Security Studies

John Patrick Broome, Regional Crime Analyst for East Africa, INTERPOL

