

Call for tenders

Crime, instability and conflict: Workshop modules

[The Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime](#) (GI-TOC) is a leading think-tank for the study of organized crime and illicit trade headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland. The GI-TOC has longstanding experience co-ordinating programming in West Africa, Central Africa and the Sahel. The GI-TOC is currently expanding its work in the region.

The GI-TOC works to:

- connect and empower civil-society actors across the region who are looking at issues related to organized crime and corruption, and their links to instability and conflict,
- identify, analyse and map criminal trends and shifts in regional instability, and their impact on illicit flows, governance, development, inter-ethnic relations, security, conflict and the rule of law; and
- support local stakeholders/actors in their monitoring of national dynamics and wider regional and international organized-crime and insecurity trends.

Transnational organized crime and Illicit economies have a major - yet often overlooked - influence on the development of countries. Some of the world's most complex conflicts and humanitarian emergencies are found in settings where illicit markets are flourishing. These markets pose significant challenges to the achievement of peace, development, and security. While great strides have been made in recent years to sensitise development and post-conflict interventions to the impacts and role of organized crime and illicit economies, much work remains to be done to enable comprehensive approaches by practitioners, donor agencies, researchers and civil society to these policy issues. West Africa is a region where the interrelated challenges of organized crime and fragility are prominent, and have posed significant obstacles to development.

The GI-TOC is seeking to jointly develop a set of modules on Crime, Instability and Conflict, tailored to the West African context, to bolster stakeholder understanding of these key issues. The modules will provide a foundational understanding, and consider priority responses to these interlinked phenomena.

Services

The institution will, in consultation with GI-TOC, develop 2 'modules', with each constituting circa half a day of material, which constitute a foundation to understanding the relationship between illicit markets, instability and conflict, tailored to the West African context. The second module will also start to explore potential priority responses to these phenomena, paving the way to further discussion by stakeholders. These modules are to be presented at a regional multi-stakeholder meeting in West Africa in March 2022.

It is envisaged that the capacity building modules will apply a 'blended' approach, where the materials can operate either as purely virtual sessions, or as in-person workshops, with supplementary training materials provided. This insulates the capacity building agenda from disruption from Covid-19 or other force majeure factors, ensures that the modules can be used repeatedly, and enables the capacity building support to reach a wide range of participants.

Each 'module' would be set out in a virtual page, which will include at a minimum a combination of the following:

- learning outcomes for each session/module;
- text content: key concepts/explanations;
- voiced-over presentations by relevant practitioners and experts (using powerpoints which are downloadable as course materials);
- interviews/discussions between relevant 'experts';
- essential reading materials (which would draw on GI-TOC, ISS and ENACT publications, inter alia);
- 'further reading' materials; and
- live webinars (which are then recorded and added to course materials).

Where in person trainings were delivered, the virtual training would be launched following delivery of the in-person version, which would also contain additional elements.

The Institution shall:

- Produce the written materials, and coordinate the content for recorded materials, for each module, in consultation with GI-TOC.
- Each module will include:
 - essential preparatory reading materials;
 - Learning Outcomes tailored to the module content
 - Distinct working tasks for participants (these should be appropriate for independent work, or to be run as workshops during in person training);
 - recorded presentation material (split into two or three presentations; either voiced over powerpoint, or a conversation between individuals), together with accompanying slides;
 - tailored written course content, with the key learning objectives covered;
 - 'further reading' materials; and
 - Feedback materials and evaluation forms.

Institutional Eligibility:

- The applying institution must be a globally recognised academic institution with a strong history of research and teaching development on courses related to organized crime and Africa.
- The institution must have world leading research oversight and auditing mechanisms, congruent with complex research in fragile settings.
- The lead researcher must have:
 - a stellar and widely recognised research and publications output in the fields of conflict, organised crime and illicit economies more broadly;
 - experience leading government or research council funded research projects;
 - direct experience leading course design and implementation for UN agency level teaching modules or similar;
 - experience with mapping and data visualisation;
 - experience with mixed methodological approaches to researching conflict, organized crime and fragility, with a clear solo publication track record on the topic, preferably including a university press monograph.

Timeline

The two modules are to be finalised by 15 March 2022.

Tender Details

Applicants should submit a tender addressing the key criteria and eligibility points above. Tenders should be no more than two A4 pages font size 12. Please also attach CVs and relevant institutional reporting and documentation attesting to the above eligibility requirements.

Deadline for submission is **November 29, 2021**

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