

Seminar

# How has organised crime in Africa changed since 2019?

**Date:** 25 Nov 2021 **Time:** 15:00 to 16:30 GMT+2

**Venue:** Online via Zoom, [registration](#) required

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Criminal networks took advantage of the COVID-19 health crisis, adapting to movement restrictions and new policing priorities, and bypassing institutional controls. As the threat of organised crime continues in Africa despite the pandemic, resilience measures among communities have weakened.

This seminar launches the latest data from the ENACT Organised Crime Index. A picture of criminality and resilience in Africa will be presented, along with a longitudinal comparison of trends since 2019 when the index was launched. The analysis aims to guide African policymaking and stimulate debate on one of the greatest threats to the continent's security and development.

**Chairperson:** Ottilia Maunganidze,  
Programme Head, Special Projects, ISS  
Pretoria

**Opening remarks:** Jesper Pedersen, Deputy  
Head of Unit, Service for Foreign Policy  
Instruments, Stability and Peace – Global and  
Transregional Threats

**Speakers:**

Mark Shaw, Director, Global Initiative Against  
Transnational Organized Crime

Voices from the continent: perspectives on the  
Index (short video)

Fonteh Akum, Executive Director, ISS, Pretoria

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