

**TOR: Consultant, Impact of sanctions on illicit economies in the Central African Republic
Observatory of Illicit Economies in West Africa**

Start Date: July 2022

Duration: 7 working days.

Type of work: Part time.

Place of work: Home.

Consultancy fee: Dependent on experience

Background to the GI-TOC

The Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime is a network of prominent law enforcement, governance and development practitioners who are dedicated to seeking new and innovative strategies and responses to organized crime. Over the past decade, the GI-TOC has sought to enhance analysis of, encourage action against, and support resilience to organized crime in order to reduce its negative impact on people, the environment, businesses and states. For more information, please see our website at <http://www.globalinitiative.net>.

The GI-TOC has longstanding experience co-ordinating programming and research in West Africa, Central Africa and the Sahel, and is currently expanding its work in the region.

The West Africa Observatory is coordinating a range of programming activities in the region exploring the roles of illicit markets, including their relationship with stability or instability in the West Africa region. Programming activities include research, capacity building, network building and provision of support to civil society stakeholders under the Resilience Fund.

The GI-TOC works to:

1. connect and empower civil-society actors across the region who are working on issues related to organized crime and corruption, and their links to instability and conflict;
2. 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
3. support local stakeholders/actors in their monitoring of national dynamics and wider regional and international organized-crime and insecurity trends.

Core Functions / Responsibilities

1. Purpose of the assignment

This consultancy forms part of a project entitled ‘Promoting Stabilisation Through Crime Sensitive Interventions in West Africa’, funded by the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Sanctions are a powerful tool to penalise illicit behaviour, and there is increasing focus on how they can be used in the context of violations relating to transnational organized crime (TOC). They are also of increasing interest for nation-states (such as the US and the UK) and multilateral institutions (EU), as well as the UN, in addressing the challenge to peace and security posed by TOC. For example, the framework piloted currently by the UK Government, or the United Nations, United States, and European Union sanctions of human traffickers in Libya for gross human rights offences.

However, despite the growing international interest in sanctions and other restrictive measures, public analysis and discussion on the efficacy of such instruments or optimal strategies for their use in the fight against TOC has been limited. Given the growing interest in the use of sanctions to address TOC, the lack of assessment of impact of sanctions – predominantly a foreign policy instrument – on transnational organized crime, is a key weakness preventing new designations and regimes designed around TOC from learning from lessons of the past.

This project will draw on ongoing GITOC research into the application of sanctions as a tool to address transnational organized crime, and seek to add further evidence around both (i) how sanctions have been used to address TOC as a driver of instability (both political instability and conflict); and (ii) their impact in driving towards this goal.

In order to do so, this research will focus on how international sanctions regimes imposed on the Central African Republic sought to tackle TOC as secondary goal as part of a primary mandate to tackle conflict and insecurity.

2. Scope and objectives of the consultancy

The objective of the consultancy is to explore the impact of sanctions on: (i) the ability of listed individuals to continue engaging in the relevant illicit activity; (ii) the functioning of the relevant illicit economies; and (iii) the destabilising impact of the relevant illicit economies.

3. Responsibilities

The consultant is expected to perform the following tasks / activities:

- i. Conduct interviews remotely with relevant stakeholders. Selection of interviewees to be coordinated in discussion with GITOC.
- i. Draft a case study report consolidating findings regarding the impact of sanctions on illicit economies in CAR, and share with GI-TOC for review and comment.

The written deliverables may be submitted in French or English.

4. Timeline

This assignment is expected to start in July 2022. The assignment is planned to be conducted over a period of maximum two weeks, and shall be completed no later than 30 September.

5. Required Qualifications and Experience

The successful consultant should have a minimum of the following qualifications and experience:

- Five years' experience in coordinating research into illicit economies and security threats in the Central Africa Republic;
- Close knowledge of the CAR sanctions regime;
- Strong networks of stakeholders relevant to exploring the impacts of the CAR sanctions regime;
- Excellent command of French. Working knowledge of English is desirable.

Applicants will be assessed in line with the requirements above, together with cost effectiveness and availability.

6. Application process

Consultants should submit a bid (composed of (i) CV; (ii) expression of interest, which details relevant experience working in CAR; (iii) daily rate) to danica.perisic@globalinitiative.net by 5 August 2022. Short-listed candidates will be called for interview.