

# GI-TOC at the 11th Session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime



**Monday, 17 October**  
**14:00 CEST, VIC M5**

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## NEW WAYS OF MEASURING ORGANIZED CRIME AND CORRUPTION

The UNTOC and the UNCAC provide states with legal and cooperation frameworks to prevent and counter the phenomena, and their review mechanisms allow states to better understand how they are progressing in implementing their provisions. But measuring the prevalence and impacts of organized crime and corruption is a more complex and sensitive task.

The session will introduce IACA's Global Programme on Measuring Corruption and GI-TOC's Global Organized Crime Index, to stimulate discussion on the utility of measures, their relevance for practitioners and policy makers.



**Tuesday, 18 October**  
**9:00 CEST, online only**

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## MAPPING ILLICIT HUBS IN WEST AFRICA

The event will showcase the findings of the illicit hub mapping initiative, a flagship project of the Observatory of Illicit Economies in West Africa (WEA-Obs) at the Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime (GI-TOC), which maps the key hubs of illicit economies in 18 countries across West Africa, the Sahel and Central Africa. Until now, there has been no systematic attempt to evaluate the impact of regional illicit economies on conflict and instability. Findings assess the distinct relationships between different illicit economies and instability (notably that arms trafficking, kidnap for ransom, and cattle rustling have particularly close links to instability), the impact of geography on illicit economies, and the role of infrastructure in facilitating illicit flows, among others.



Wednesday, 19 October  
09:00 CEST, VIC M2

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## ENHANCING COORDINATION BETWEEN UNTOC AND UNCAC: THE WHY AND THE HOW

The UNTOC and UNCAC have a shared history and similar provisions, conferences, and implementation review mechanisms. However, their meetings and processes rarely interact with each other. At the same time, organized crime and corruption are increasingly interlinked and difficult to disentangle from each other. Coordination of discussions would lead to greater coherence, efficiency and impact. At previous sessions of the UNCAC COSP and the CCPCJ, EPLO, TI and GI-TOC have advocated for more coordination between the Conferences of Parties and other relevant bodies such as the CCPCJ. In this session, expert speakers from the leading civil society organizations engaged in the processes will outline why enhanced coordination is important, and provide recommendations for practical ways in which coordination could be enhanced, with a focus on issues of shared relevance between the two conventions, including international cooperation, money laundering, obstruction of justice, asset recovery and protection of witnesses and whistle-blowers.

Wednesday, 19 October  
13:00 CEST, VIC M7

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## THE IMPORTANCE OF CIVIL SOCIETY ENGAGEMENT IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF UNTOC, AND HOW TO DO IT

The launch of the UNTOC Review Mechanism is a major step forward for the advancement of inter-state cooperation to prevent and counter transnational organized crime, but it also provides new opportunities for enhancing state-civil society cooperation on these issues. In many places around the world, civil society individuals and organizations have played a key role in all of society efforts to prevent and counter transnational organized crime. Despite the opportunities that the review mechanism provides, awareness of UNTOC and its engagement mechanisms is low, especially amongst grassroots civil society organizations. This event will feature government and civil society speakers who will explain the importance and value of civil society engagement in UNTOC implementation, and how we can facilitate and enhance the engagement. Panellists will also discuss some of the tools available to facilitate and promote this engagement, including those developed by GI-TOC.

Thursday, 20 October  
09:00 CEST, VIC M3

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## ADDRESSING THE INCREASING LINKS BETWEEN ARMS TRAFFICKING AND OTHER FORMS OF ORGANIZED CRIME

Recent dynamics and trends in the illicit trafficking and diversion of arms worldwide offer new evidence of the complexity of its links to other criminal markets and the harms and challenges they pose to the society, security and the rule of law. Firearms play a central role as enablers of violent crimes and as enhancers of the power of criminal organizations.. To encourage a more comprehensive understanding of these links and challenges, this side event seeks to deepen the discussion on the complex links between illicit arms trafficking and other forms of organized crime and to raise awareness on the role that other actors such as the industry and civil society can play to address the issues. Through a “criminal markets” approach, this side- event looks to foster a collective reflection on experiences at the national, regional and multilateral levels to better assess the risks of these links, including through a presentation of a GI-TOC analysis in this regard.



Friday, 21 October  
13:00 CEST, VIC M7

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## IS AFRICA USING THE UN'S CONVENTION AGAINST ORGANISED CRIME?

As criminal markets in Africa evolve and diversify, economies and societies bear the brunt of rising organised crime. The ENACT Africa Organized Crime Index maps trends and governments' ability to withstand these offences. Drawing on the index and research into countries' implementation of the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (UNTOC), this event assesses UNTOC's impact on criminal markets and state resilience to organised across Africa. The analysis contributes to the official UNTOC Implementation Review Mechanism that was launched in October 2020.

**GI-TOC representatives will also participate in the following events:**

### Trends in Organized Crime

Organized by the Federal Republic of Germany (with UNODC Global Programme for the Implementation of the Organized Crime Convention (18/10/2022 - 13:00-13:45). [Register here](#)

### Beyond adverse health consequences: The link between illicit trade in tobacco products and other criminal activities

Organized by the Secretariat of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (with the Government of India and the World Customs Organization) (19/10/2022 - 13:00-13:45, VIC M5).