

THE GLOBAL INITIATIVE AT THE 32ND CCPCJ

**Tuesday 23 May
09:10- 10:00 CEST**

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The dynamics of human smuggling and trafficking on routes to the Central Mediterranean

The side event will present the latest research of the GI-TOC stemming from an ongoing monitoring programme focused on the political economy of human smuggling and trafficking in North Africa and the Sahel on the routes to the Central Mediterranean. The event will include a presentation of the latest research along with interventions from member states and civil society representatives.

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Illicit firearms trafficking and its nuances in Latin America

Through case studies from research in Latin America, this side event will identify trends in illegal firearms trafficking and their impact on violence and criminality in affected territories. It will discuss how countries can start filling the data and analysis gap to create the basis for improved policy design, highlight the measures and efforts currently taking place at the local and national levels, and ignite collaboration at a regional and multilateral level.

**Wednesday 24 May
08:00-08:50 CEST**

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Under-explored ‘accelerant’ markets driving instability in the Sahel: Kidnapping and cattle rustling

The session will be framed by the findings of the GI-TOC hotspots mapping initiative, which identified 280 geographic hubs of illicit activity across the region and assessed the relationship between illicit economies in each hub and instability. It will explore how conflict actors and these illicit economies intersect in areas under conflict actor control and territories currently suffering from armed group expansion.

**Thursday 25 May
09:10- 10:00 CEST**

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Gold, crime, conflict and fragility in West Africa and the Sahel: Converting knowledge into evidence-based prevention and response frameworks

This event will present research on hotspots, criminal networks and supply chains in the region, as well as analysis of the relationships between gold, conflict and criminality. It will also present and discuss implications for prevention and responses, presenting lessons learned and ongoing efforts in the region.

**Friday 26 May
08:00-08:50 CEST**

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Illegal trading into and through Africa

This hybrid event will draw on the 2021 ENACT Organised Crime Index to provide an overview of criminality and resilience in Africa, followed by the release of new research on illicit trafficking in the region. INTERPOL's latest analytical report on illicit trafficking in explosives in Central Africa will be discussed and the Institute for Security Studies report on the illegal flow of cigarettes and the pivotal role played by North Africa and the Balkans in global trading routes and networks will also be explored.

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13:00-13:50 CEST**



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Online child sexual exploitation: A global perspective of how vulnerable children are victimized online

Research has tracked a clear correlation between the growing internet penetration, online gaming, social media and mobile devices with the increase in online child sexual exploitation (OCSE). This event will discuss the different forms of OCSE, the criminal actors involved, its transnational dynamics, as well as preventive strategies and responses from national and regional bodies as well as international organizations.

GI-TOC will also participate in the following event:

**Tuesday 23 May
14:10-15:00 CEST**

2003–2023: 20 years of implementation of the Palermo Convention

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This side event will offer the opportunity to take stock of the Palermo Convention on the occasion of the 32nd session of the CCPCJ, commission that played a key role in paving the ground for the negotiation of the Convention. This side event, organized by Italy, will reflect on the past 20 years of the implementation of the Convention and the relevant lessons learnt.