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EVENTS OVERVIEW

GI-TOC EVENTS AT THE 33RD SESSION OF THE UN COMMISSION ON CRIME PREVENTION AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE (CCPCJ)

13–17 May 2024

Venue:
Vienna International
Centre, M Building

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The UN Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ) is back in Vienna from 13 to 17 May 2024. UN member states meet annually at the CCPCJ to negotiate resolutions on crime prevention and criminal justice, and their implementation.

The theme of this year's CCPCJ is promoting international cooperation and technical assistance to prevent and address organized crime, corruption, terrorism in all its forms and manifestations and other forms of crime, including in the areas of extradition, mutual legal assistance and asset recovery.

The Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime (GI-TOC) will team up with governments and civil society organizations to deliver our latest research and analysis on global criminal markets, and our recommendations on how to improve international responses to them.

During the week, the GI-TOC is officially supporting several side events, as listed below.

**Monday 13 May
13.10 – 14.00**

Venue:
MOE79, In-person

FOSTERING JOINT STAKEHOLDER ACTIONS AGAINST CYBERCRIME THROUGH INCLUSIVE PARTNERSHIPS

Organized by the Access Now and supported by the Dominican Republic, the United States, the UNODC Civil Society Unit, Microsoft, the Alliance of NGOs on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and the Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime

This side event aims to bring together representatives from the public, private, civil society, and government sectors to discuss ways to collaborate in combating cybercrime. Participants will explore best practices, share information on current threats, and work towards developing effective strategies for preventing and responding to cybercrime. By fostering inclusive partnerships, the event seeks to create cooperative measures, enhance the exchange among the various stakeholders, and fight cybercrime through capacity building, proactive cybersecurity approaches, while safeguarding human rights and the interests of vulnerable communities.

**Tuesday 14 May
08.00 – 08.50**

Venue:
ONLINE

ORGANIZED CRIME, CRITICAL TECHNOLOGIES AND IMPACTS ACROSS SOUTHEAST ASIA AND BEYOND

Organized by Australia and supported by Indonesia, the Philippines, the Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime and the Regional Support Office of the Bali Process on People Smuggling, Trafficking in Persons and Related Transnational Crime

This event will explore the dynamics that have enabled this explosion of criminality, analyse the critical technologies that have been exploited, look at the impact on victims and discuss what global and regional responses can be developed, including with multilateral institutions, to more effectively mitigate and react to such growing threats. By analysing a regional case study with obvious and pernicious global impacts, we aim to elicit how a regional response, with global support, that can more effectively and rapidly respond to emerging cyber threats.

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Tuesday 14 May
13.00 - 13.50

Venue:
M7, In-person

ADVANCING URBAN SECURITY: INNOVATIONS IN CRIME PREVENTION AND COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

Organized by Germany and supported by UN-Habitat, the UNODC Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Section and the Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime

The side event focuses on discussing effective crime prevention practices and enhancing criminal justice measures, particularly in urban settings, to align with the objectives of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Framed within the context of the Kyoto Declaration and the mandate of the CCPCJ, discussions will revolve around key themes including the future of urban security, the impact of environmental design on crime prevention, the role of police in preventing urban crime, and strategies to strengthen youth resilience to crime and violence in urban areas. Through panel discussions and expert insights, the event aims to foster collaboration and knowledge exchange among stakeholders to promote safer and more secure urban environments.

Tuesday 14 May
14.10-15.00

Venue:
M6, In-person

ILLEGAL MINING AS A SPOILER TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: LESSONS FROM THE AMAZON BASIN AND WEST AFRICA

Organized by Peru and supported by Ghana, the UNODC Global Programme on Crimes that Affect the Environment, INTERPOL and the Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime

This event will discuss the criminal exploitation of the extractives sector in the Amazon Basin and West Africa. It will shed a light on the criminal actors involved, its transnational dynamics, as well as preventive strategies and responses from international organisations, governments, civil society and indigenous communities. This panel will include short presentations from three experts on illegal mining experts and remarks from the Peruvian and Ghanaian Permanent Representatives to the UN in Vienna.

Wednesday 15 May
09.10 - 10.00

Venue:
ONLINE

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ILLEGAL FIREARMS TRADE WITHIN AFRICA

Organized by Institute for Security Studies and supported by INTERPOL and the Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime

This side-event will focus on responses to firearms trafficking in Africa. Drawing on the data from the Africa Organised Crime Index, the related criminal and resilience indicators will provide context to more detailed presentations, including a focus on arms trafficking prevalence and vulnerabilities. INTERPOL will share new research from their work on firearms trafficking in West and Central Africa and in addition, a presentation on the ongoing criminal intelligence analysis in Uganda into illegal firearms and violent crimes and the ISS will share findings from research in East Africa on firearms trafficking, specifically the Karamoja cluster, with a focus on regional operational agreements to respond to firearms trafficking from the East African Police Chiefs coordinating organisation.

Wednesday 15 May
14.10 - 15.00

Venue:
MOE79, In-person

CORRUPTION AS THE CAUSE, NOT THE EFFECT: A REVIEW AND ASSESSMENT OF CASES ACROSS THE WORLD

Organized by the Criminologists Without Borders and supported by the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, the American Society of Criminology, the Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime and the Alliance of NGOs on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

This side event will showcase two related presentations – one a corruption prosecution assessment across 50 countries and the other an assessment of corruption and criminal markets using the Organized Crime Index. With regards to the former presentation, several hundred corruption cases in 50 countries worldwide (including underlying organized crime cases) are used to assess their similarities and differences. Corruption is often seen as the effect or outcome of available opportunities and structural deficiencies, but the circumstances of actual cases suggest that corruption is actually the cause of multiple forms of misconduct, rather than the effect. Comparing the features of these cases illustrates this important distinction and its implications. The latter presentation will show how the Global Organized Crime Index can be used to analyze corruption. Considering that corruption both enables and is enabled by criminal markets, the presentation will explore the various links between these phenomena.

**Thursday 16 May
13.00 – 13.50**

**Venue:
M7, In-person**

FACILITATING CIVIL SOCIETY ENGAGEMENT IN THE 15TH UN CONGRESS ON CRIME PREVENTION AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Organized by the Alliance of NGOs on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, and supported by 40 delegations and several leading NGOs including GI-TOC.

This side event will explore the background of civil society's role and engagement at the UN Crime Congresses, and discuss proposals for ensuring the continuation and consolidation of engagement ahead of and at the 2026 UN Crime Congress in the United Arab Emirates. The event will discuss ways to ensure meaningful and strategic cross-sectoral engagement at the Congress. The role of civil society is vital in many aspects of the Congress's preparation and outcome, and during this event the Congress modalities and outcomes will be discussed.

**Thursday 16 May
13.00 – 13.50**

**Venue:
MOE07, In-person**

DATA COOPERATION IN ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME RESPONSES – LEARNING FROM OTHER CRIMINAL MARKETS

Organized by the Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime (GI-TOC) and supported by the European Union

This event will be organized by the ECO-SOLVE programme, funded by the European Union and implemented by GI-TOC, and will explore the role of data in environmental crime responses and the importance of effective data cooperation. It will call on a diverse panel to describe the data deficit in environmental crime, showcase promising new avenues, and call upon experiences from outside of the environmental crime sphere to find synergies from other criminal markets and discuss how these can be leveraged for use in the environmental crime field. This panel explores the importance of international cooperation and technical assistance to prevent and address environmental crime and highlights the importance of enhancing the work of the CCPCJ in implementing the 2030 agenda of the SDGs.

**Thursday 16 May
14.10 – 15.00**

**Venue:
M3, In-person**

RESPONDING TO ORGANIZED CRIMINAL MARKETS, INCLUDING HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND SMUGGLING OF MIGRANTS, THROUGH TARGETED SANCTIONS: EVOLUTION, PURPOSE, AND IMPACT

Organized by Denmark and supported by Finland, Iceland, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, the United Kingdom, the United States, the African Union, the Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime and the Institute for Security Studies

A side event on the use of sanctions as a tool for responding to transnational organized crime, based on GI-TOC's research on the topic. The session will consider the evolution of sanctions used by governments and multilateral institutions (UN and EU) in responding to transnational organized crime, and outline the framework put forward by the GI-TOC for assessing the purpose and impacts of sanctions on transnational organized crime, and use case studies from different illicit markets and regions to illustrate key points. The side event would highlight this form of international cooperation against transnational organized crime, where there continues to be limited analysis available, and would draw on five reports analyzing the use of sanctions against organized criminals and corrupt actors across a range of criminal markets, including human trafficking, human smuggling and drug trafficking, across different regions.