



TERMS OF REFERENCE

Researcher

OBSERVATORY OF ILLICIT ECONOMIES IN WEST AFRICA

Start date: July 2024

Place of work: Remote. Candidates should be based in West or Central Africa.

Remuneration: Dependent on experience of the candidate

Background

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. 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

The GI-TOC is seeking research contributors from Cameroon, Liberia, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, Togo, Sierra Leone, Benin, and the Central African Republic to contribute to GI-TOC research projects on illicit economies and conflict.

Please note that the contracts available are not full-time positions, but consultancy roles contracted on a retainer basis. This tender is seeking for applicants to be recruited into the pool of consultants that the GI-TOC may reach out to as support is required. The consultant will thus be contacted to work on tasks when needed by the GI-TOC. Remuneration will likewise be set according to the task being negotiated.

Candidates should have experience in research, journalism, analysis, civil society activism, security, and development. Candidates with previous experience research and analysing illicit economies, security, politics, and conflict dynamics will be prioritised.

Application Process

Consultants should submit a bid (composed of (1) CV; (2) expression of interest, which details relevant experience, to: **jobs@globalinitiative.net** by 5 July 2024. Please put "Researcher position" in the subject line.

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted for interview.

