



REGIONAL APPROACHES TO COMBATING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME IN THE PACIFIC

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Speakers

The Pacific islands are seeing a surge in transnational organized crime, spanning from drug trafficking and environmental crimes to human trafficking, cybercrime and more. Addressing these challenges requires a coordinated response that reflects the cross-border nature of organized crime while accounting for the limited resources available to individual countries.

In 2024, the Pacific Islands Forum launched the first regional strategy to disrupt transnational organized crime, emphasizing the need for regional, whole-of-government and whole-of-society approaches. The region has a complex security framework, with numerous organizations and networks facilitating information sharing. However, although the value of sharing data and intelligence is widely recognized, operational challenges remain.

This event will offer an opportunity to explore the role of key regional organizations and national authorities, and discuss ways to enhance integration and cooperation under the new strategy.

Co-organizers

- Chair: Virginia Comolli, Head of Pacific programme, Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime
- Jay Udit, Chair, Pacific Islands Law Officers' Network; Secretary for Justice and Solicitor General, Republic of Nauru
- Nicholas Brown, Executive Director, Pacific Islands Chiefs of Police
- Chief Superintendent Kalisi Tohifolau, Commander National Crimes and Investigations, Tonga Police
- Josaia Naigulevu, Former Public Prosecutor, Republic of Vanuatu
- Representative, Pacific Islands Forum

