



**GLOBAL
INITIATIVE**
AGAINST TRANSNATIONAL
ORGANIZED CRIME

EVENTS OVERVIEW

THE GI-TOC AT THE 16th CBD CONFERENCE OF PARTIES

The 16th Conference of parties of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) takes place in Cali (Colombia), between October 21 and November 1. The environmental harms of transnational organized crime are increasingly damaging, including to biodiversity. The Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime (GI-TOC) works globally—through initiatives like the ECO-SOLVE program and the Resilience Fund—to prioritize and support civil society efforts in building resilience to organized crime, helping to protect environments and species from harm. GI-TOC will participate in COP16 to highlight the crucial links between organized crime and biodiversity, and to propose solutions rooted in civil society-led action.

22 October 2024
13:20 – 14:40 COT

**Venue: Plaza One-
Cocora Room**

Innovative Strategies for Prevention and Effective Coordination in Combating Crimes that Affect the Environment through the Monitoring of Illicit Financial Flows

Organized by Colombia with the support of UNODC/ROCOL, Wildlife Justice Commission, INTERPOL, GI-TOC and UIAF

This event calls for stronger international cooperation and financial intelligence to combat environmental crimes, such as illegal wildlife trafficking and logging, which threaten biodiversity and fuel organized crime, while also protecting natural resources.

24 October 2024
8:00 am COT

**Venue: Mansión Obeso
Mejía Av 4 Oe #4 - 59**

Global Challenges to Environmental Crime in the Face of Biodiversity Protection

Organized by UK Government's TEFOS program

Virtual transmission: <https://programatefos.com/>

26 October 2024
10:00 am COT

**Venue: Plenary Hall of
the Valle del Pacifico
Event Center**

Cities United for Biodiversity Initiative: Coalition Against Illegal Economies Affecting the Environment

Organized by Cali Mayor's Office and GI-TOC

Launch of the initiative in the framework of the 8th summit of cities and national governments, official side event to the COP 16 agenda.

26 October 2024
12:00 – 14:00 COT

**Venue: Contact Room 3
(Seaflower) Blue zone**

Cities United for Biodiversity Initiative: Coalition Against Illegal Economies Affecting the Environment

Organized by Cali Mayor's Office and GI-TOC

Working lunch with mayors of cities in the region and strategic stakeholders.
**Invitation only.*

28 October 2024
14:00 -15:30 COT

**Venue: CGIAR Pavilion
in the Blue Zone**

Building Ecosystem and Social Resilience as a strategy for environmental crime prevention? A critical panel discussion on the Amazon

Organized by CGIAR

This side event examines the growing threat of environmental crime, a multi-billion-dollar illicit economy that has deepened the environmental and social crises in the Amazon. It will explore whether building social-ecological resilience offers a sustainable and effective solution to address these challenges.