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# SIDE EVENT AT THE 34TH COMMISSION ON CRIME PREVENTION AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

## RAISING AWARENESS OF THE GLOBAL IMPACT OF FRAUD

**Date: 21 May 2025**  
**Time: 10.00–11.00**  
**CEST**

**Venue:**  
**M3, Vienna**  
**International Centre**  
**(hybrid)**

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Fraud – and related cyber scam operations – is one of the most serious manifestations of modern organized crime, with billions of US dollars defrauded worldwide each year. It also has a significant impact on national and global security – in addition to the psychological harm to victims and communities, it poses a threat to freedom, human rights, peace and security; and damages economies, societies and development. The industrialized and professional nature of transnational scam operations would not be possible without high-level corruption and political protection, as well as technological advances.

Focusing on the rapidly evolving fraud phenomenon in South East Asia, this side event will provide an update on the latest trends in fraud and scams globally, explore how they converge with other types of organized crime (such as human trafficking), and analyze the multiple harms they inflict on both victims and those coerced and exploited into becoming part of scam operations. Government and civil society experts will also offer recommendations on what can be done to strengthen the current international response.

### SPEAKERS

- Katie Mead, Deputy Permanent Representative, Australian Permanent Mission to the UN in Vienna
- Chair: Mark Shaw, Director, GI-TOC
- DS Tyson Pickavance, Cyber Liaison Officer-London, Australian Federal Police
- Lindsey Kennedy, Consultant, GI-TOC
- Fran Dowling, Deputy Director, Head of Fraud Policy Unit, Homeland Security Group, UK Home Office
- Dan Joshua Valenton, Cybercrime investigator and policy specialist, Philippine Cybercrime Investigation and Coordinating Center



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