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RESILIENCE IN ACTION AT THE 2026 CRIME CONGRESS

ANCILLARY MEETING AT THE 15TH CRIME CONGRESS

27 September 2026
15.00–16.00 GST

Venue: 2C (hybrid),
Abu Dhabi National
Exhibition Centre

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The Resilience Fund was launched on the margins of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in 2019 and was present at the 2021 Crime Congress in Kyoto. As a unique civil society support mechanism, the Resilience Fund strengthens resilience to organized crime through community-led initiatives around the world. These initiatives share the core objectives of the Crime Congress: enhancing understanding of organized crime, advancing effective responses, and strengthening protection for people and the planet.

The 2026 Crime Congress in Abu Dhabi presents an opportunity to convene representatives of governments, UN agencies, academia and civil society in a shared space, fostering dialogue among groups that seldom engage as equal partners. Civil society voices are central to the discussions, ensuring that conversations remain grounded in lived realities and responsive to the needs and experiences of affected communities.

Through sharing their perspectives, members of the Resilience Fund network will highlight the realities of combating organized crime at the local level and call for action to translate the Congress's objectives into tangible outcomes. Speakers will include Resilience Fund beneficiaries working on the front lines against organized crime in diverse contexts, alongside representatives of member states committed to advancing collaborative solutions.

Speakers

- Opening remarks: Tuesday Reitano, Managing Director, Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime
- Mariko M Akileng, Institute of Pastoralism Development and Research (Kenya)
- Samra Ahmad, Musawi (Pakistan)
- Marlene Angelina León Fontes, Iniciativa Sinaloa (Mexico)
- Dr Annika Thunborg, Acting Envoy against Trafficking in Persons, Sweden
- Moderator: Miguel Syjuco, Member of the Resilience Fund Advisory Council