



Emerging TOC Challenges

Based on Regional Context and Related Law Enforcement Responses

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The event will discuss the evolving dynamics of transnational organized crime, the challenges deriving from the constant diversification of its business areas and its ability to adapt quickly to changing environments. These characteristics are generating new challenges that often outpace the law enforcement capacity to understand, prevent and counter organized crime.

Participants to the event will discuss such dynamics against the backdrop of evolving regional settings, such as contexts of recent regional integration and regions under stress due to internal or external factors. In particular, the panel discussion will outline the specific challenges arising from changes in regional contexts along with adapted law enforcement approaches to counter such challenges.



AGENDA

9:00–9.10 am

Chairs' introductory remarks

Prof. Kittipong Kittayarak, Executive Director of TIJ

Prof. Kittipong Kittayarak, the Executive Director of Thailand Institute of Justice, has over 30 year experience in criminal justice reform, crime and justice policy, and human rights protection. He previously served as the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Justice of Thailand. He earned two LLM degrees from Harvard Law School and Cornell Law School and a JSD from Stanford Law School.

Dr. Cindy Smith, Director of UNICRI

Dr. Cindy Smith, Director of UNICRI, brings experience in the field of criminology, justice and policy making, and has the unique combination of extensive experience in conducting action-oriented research, and developing and implementing programs and policies. She holds a Doctorate of Philosophy in Social Ecology from the University of California Irvine, a Master of Science in Education Administration and a Master of Science in Justice.

9:10–9.15 am

Opening remarks

H.E. Ambassador Maria Assunta Accili

Permanent Representative of Italy to the International Organizations in Vienna

9.15–9.25 am

Key findings of the field research entitled “Countering emerging threats and challenges of TOC from Thailand’s perspective in the context of the ASEAN Community” and video clip presentation

Mrs. Santanee Ditsayabut, Chief of Special Programme on Transnational Organize Crime of TIJ

Mrs. Santanee Ditsayabut, Provincial Chief Public Prosecutor, Office of the Attorney General of Thailand, has extensive expertise in international cooperation in criminal matters, transnational organized crime, and anti-human trafficking. In 2005, she was on seconded to UNODC as a Regional Expert of the Terrorism Prevention Branch. She earned an LLM from the University of Pennsylvania.

9.25–9.35 am

Innovations and challenges in regional law enforcement: lessons from around the world

Dr. Matti Joutsen, Director of HEUNI

Dr. Matti Joutsen is Director of the European Institute for Crime Prevention and Control (HEUNI), affiliated with the United Nations. During his long career, he has served for example as a judge, as a researcher and as Director of International Affairs of the Ministry of Justice of Finland. He has specialized in the development of transnational law enforcement and judicial cooperation.

9.35–9.45 am

Capacity building for criminal justice practitioners combating cyber crime/organized crime

Joachim Wenz, Police Affairs Officer and Adviser on Fight against Crime of OSCE

Mr Joachim Wenz is an experienced German Senior Police Officer seconded to OSCE's Transnational Threats Departments as an advisor on the Fight against Crime. Alongside his activities as a leader of several criminal investigation departments in Hestia/Germany he has lectured as an Assistant Professor in an accredited Master degree course in the field of Criminology and Criminalistics. Based on his long professional career and international experience in the fight against criminality he has developed a project on enhancing criminal justice institutions in the fight against organized crime which is currently being launched in South-Eastern Europe.

9.45–9.50 am

Specialized units of the Italian police forces for the fight against emerging crimes

Lt. Col. Carabinieri Corps Paolo De Maria, Office for Planning and Coordination of Police Forces, Italian Ministry of Interior – Department of Public Security

Paolo De Maria is Lieutenant Colonel of the Carabinieri Corps currently serving at the Coordination and Planning of the Police Forces, Ministry of Interior of Italy. Prior to this assignment, he was a commander of several Carabinieri platoons and regiments in different duty stations across Italy, including one of the mounted Squadrons of the Corazzieri Regiment (the guard of the Italian President). He attended the Military Academy and the Carabinieri Officers' School and got degrees in Law, International and Diplomatic Sciences, and Sciences of Security.

9.50–10.00 am

Q&A