



Development Responses to Organised Crime: new agendas, new opportunities

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Introduction

This meeting, which is co-hosted by the UK's Department for International Development with the Global Initiative against Transnational Organised Crime, is the continuation of a dialogue founded in 2013 to strengthen and align policy and programmatic responses by the development community to the challenge of organised crime.

Bringing together a combination of policymakers, practitioners and experts in the field, the meeting is timed to support the alignment of policy and practice around a number of ongoing high-level policy debates, including the Agenda for Sustainable Development 2030 (ASD2030) and its implementation; the consequences of the Financing for Development review, and the 2016 UN General Assembly Special Session on Drugs (UNGASS). These are likely to offer significant opportunities for the development community to engage in programmes both to counter organised crime and mitigate its impact on development. Yet, commitment to this agenda remains varied amongst key actors and institutions, in part because the issues are not well understood, the issue becomes muddled with related debates on violence reduction, illicit financial flows or counter-terrorism; or because development practitioners are unsure of how their tools and approaches are relevant. This meeting seeks to provide an opportunity for benchmarking and stocktaking, in order to promote alignment in policy-relevant areas.

The objectives of this meeting are threefold: (1) to take a rapid overview of the current evidence on how organised crime can be addressed through development interventions and identify remaining gaps; (2) to advance conversations about measuring the impact of organised crime as a development issue, particularly in relation to the implementation of the ASD2030; (3) to explore how development actors can adjust existing analytical tools to achieve a more holistic response.

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Welcome and Introduction

A brief introduction and tour de table allows a stock-taking of where different actors have progressed in regards to addressing the issue from a development perspective.

- **Ruth Andreyeva, CHASE, DFID**
- **Mark Shaw, Global Initiative against Transnational Organised Crime**
- Tour de table

13⁰⁰ – 14⁰⁰

Lunch break

14⁰⁰ – 16⁰⁰

Development Responses to Organized Crime: lessons learned and future directions

While the acknowledgment that organised crime has development implications gains greater currency, in particular through its inclusion in the ASD2030, the evidence base for the linkages remains thin. Two recent studies have broadened and deepened this analysis, and potentially chart new paths. What are the implications and what are the remaining evidence gaps?

- Moderator: **Alan Whaites, OECD**
- **Rachel Locke, USAID**, presenting a recent USAID 3 country study on organised crime and development
- **Tuesday Reitano, Global Initiative**, presenting a multi-dimensional OECD study of illicit financial flows in West Africa
- Respondent: **Innocent Chukwuma, Ford Foundation West Africa**, promoting free and fair societies through civil society engagement.

16⁰⁰ – 16³⁰

Coffee break

16³⁰ – 18⁰⁰

Organised Crime Challenges: measuring development impact

Measuring the success of organised crime programming through predominantly criminal justice and law enforcement metrics has automatically influenced the nature of the response. What are the metrics we would need to see to properly monitor and evaluate the impact of organized crime on development and equally, the impact of the development responses on organized crime? How can these be reflected within the next phase of ASD2030 implementation?

- Moderator: **Adam Gardner, UK Home Office**
- **Nina Berg, Danida**
- **John de Boer, UN University**, recently convened a discussion around the gaps for policy research in the understanding and measurement of security interventions, and interrelated security threats.

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Dinner

Recap from the previous day/ Introduction to Day 2

Political Economies and Criminal Interests: integrated responses to organised crime

The experience of Europe's "migration crisis" exemplifies how critical it is that holistic strategies are put forward that can address both the development drivers of a phenomenon, and the criminal networks and interests that perpetuate and amplify illicit flows. How the migration crisis has evolved and the solutions required serves as a challenging case study against which to think through and apply new integrated approaches.

- Moderator: **Brooke Stearns Lawson, USAID**
- **Jeff Crisp**, Honorary Advisor, Refugees International, former Head of Policy Development and Evaluation, UNHCR
- **Mark Micallef, Migrant Report**, presenting an analysis of illicit migration and human smuggling crisis in Europe, its drivers manifestation and possible responses.

Coffee break

Development Responses to Organised Crime: a holistic approach

A DFID commissioned tool for development practitioners on how to address the political economies surrounding illicit flows; mitigate the negative impact of organised crime on development in fragile, failing and failed states, and to build the sustainable resilience of communities. Presentation to the group seeks input on the framework, the identification of good practices, and views on how it resonates in the context of an integrated approach:

- Moderator: **Bianca Jinga, DFID**
- **Mark Shaw, Global Initiative**, presenting the draft guidance
- Views from participants and other UK government departments

Lunch

Mitigating Harm: reducing violence and social cohesion challenges

Two contrasting scenarios have manifested of organised crime related challenges: low-level urban gang violence that have spiraled into high-crime and homicide, others that manifest into the growth of marginalization and violent extremism. In both cases, global illicit flows and organised crime are a contributing and exacerbating factor; a causal link that tends to be inadequately addressed when seeking to address the primary manifestation.

- Moderator: **Marc Trouyet, France**
- **Shiraz Maher, ICSR**, on the growth of violent extremism in Europe.
- **Tani Adams, Wilson Centre**, speaking on the challenges posed by chronic violence to human development, based on research in Central and Latin America.

Coffee break

Building Resilience to Organised Crime: the role of non-state actors and civil society

The value of development approaches comes in redressing some of the socio-economic underpinnings and governance failures that allow criminality to take root and flourish. Redressing these vulnerabilities in a sustainable way thus often requires that non-state actors and civil society are the primary interlocutor, rather than the state. What does this mean, and what interventions have shown to add value in criminalized environments and reduce harm?

- Moderator: **Shota Dolidze, Netherlands**
- **Ruslan Stefanov, Center for the Study of Democracy**, SELDI Coordinator
- **Jessica Banfield, International Alert**, author of a study on civil society engagement to counter organised crime in West Africa, and on organised crime and conflict.

Conclusions and the Way Forward

- **Mark Shaw, Global Initiative**

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