



Improving responses to organised crime and drug trafficking along the Cocaine Route

DRAFT AGENDA

May 28-30, 2013, Rome, Italy

DAY 1: ORGANISED CRIME AND DRUG TRAFFICKING ALONG THE COCAINE ROUTE IN A CHANGING CONTEXT

08:30-09:30

Registration

09:30-10:00

Opening Session

Welcome presentation highlighting the importance of addressing cocaine trafficking, the role of the EU, the objectives of the conference and an overview of the programme.

- Chief of Police, Italy
- Director General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Italy
- Kristian Schmidt, Director, Human and Society Development, EuropeAid, European Commission

10:00-10:30

Keynote address

Across the globe, legal and democratic systems, stability, sustainable development and human security are under pressure from organised criminal networks and the profits of the cocaine trade. It is imperative to improve strategies, strengthen responses and mitigate the impact of organised crime and drug trafficking.

- Kofi Annan, former UN Secretary General and Convenor of the West African Commission on Drugs

10:30-11:00

Coffee break

11:00-12:45

Session 1

Organised Crime and Drug Trafficking: a peace, security and development challenge

Organised crime and trafficking are increasingly recognised as cross-cutting phenomena that are spoilers to be addressed in debates around peace, development, governance, security, resource allocation and community cohesion. What does this mean, how does it manifest itself, and what impact does that have for responses?

Moderator:

- Richard Zink, EU Head of Delegation, Mali

Speakers:

- Sonia Alfano, Chair of the Subcommittee on Organised Crime, Corruption and Money Laundering, European Parliament
- Sarah Cliffe, Special Adviser and Assistant Secretary-General for Civilian Capacities, UN
- Mr. El Ghassim Wane, Director of the Peace and Security Department, African Union
- Paul Simons, Executive Secretary of the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD), OAS

Questions and discussion





12:45-14:15

Lunch

14: 15-16:00

Session 2

Assessing the scope of the challenge

Current estimates place the value of the cocaine route from the Andes to Europe in the billions of dollars. However, it is universally acknowledged that data and knowledge about trafficking routes and key actors are far from comprehensive, and often do not permit proactive and strategic responses. What are the primary gaps in data and analysis, and how can the knowledge base that underpins responses be improved?

Moderator:

- Mark Shaw, Senior Associate, Institute for Security Studies

Speakers:

- Andrea De Gennaro, Director-General, Central Directorate for Anti-Drugs Trafficking, Italy
- Michael Rauschenbach, Head of Serious and Organised Crime, EUROPOL
- Sandeep Chawla, Deputy Executive Director and Division for Policy Analysis, UNODC
- Ernesto Savona, Director, Transcrime

Questions and discussion

16:00-16:30

Coffee break

16:30-18:00

Session 3

Strengthening Regional Political Responses

Organised crime undermines state institutions and reduces the legitimacy and capacity of states to ensure the rule of law and provide security. Leadership, political will and coordination action are required to strengthen governance in the face of this transnational threat. Regional strategies and approaches are critical. How can their efficacy and impact be maximised?

Moderator:

- Anton du Plessis, Executive Director, Institute for Security Studies

Speakers:

- Kadré Désiré Ouedraogo, President of the Commission, ECOWAS
- Rodrigo Vélez Valarezo, Secretary General, Consejo Nacional de Control de Sustancias Estupefacientes y Psicotrópicas (CONSEP), Ecuador, chair of EU-CELAC Coordination and Cooperation Mechanism on Drugs
- Francis Forbes, Executive Director, Implementation Agency for Crime and Security (IMPACS), CARICOM
- Jorge Chabat, Director of the Division of International Studies (DEI) of the Centre for Research and Teaching in Economics (CIDE), Mexico

Questions and discussion

18.30-20.30

Cocktail



DAY 2: ORGANISED CRIME AND DRUGS TRAFFICKING: EVALUATING STRATEGIES AND RESPONSES?

09:00-09:15

Introduction

Conclusions of the previous day. In light of the broader perspective identified on the previous day, can we critically evaluate the interventions that have we used to respond to the challenges of cocaine trafficking and its impacts? What have we done? What can we do better? And what do we need still to address?

- Mark Shaw, Senior Associate, Institute for Security Studies

09:15-11:00

Session 4

National Perspectives and Emerging Challenges

Building on the previous day's discussions, this session examines how these broader dynamics are played out at a national level, and the implications this has had for national responses. These cases allow an initial examination of lessons learned and emerging challenges. Are there trends and inter-dependencies that should be noted for the future? What challenges will be presented by trafficking routes adapting to growing national capacity or weakness?

Moderator:

- Tuesday Reitano, Senior Associate, Institute for Security Studies

Speakers:

- Gaetano Chiusolo, Director General, Anti-Crime Central Directorate, Ministry of Interior, Italy
- Mohamed Abdulaziz, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Cooperation, Libya
- Manuel Moreno, Vice-Minister of Public Security, Panama
- José Carlos Lopes Correia, Minister of Justice, Cape Verde
- Eduardo Montealegre, Attorney General, Colombia

Questions and discussion

11:00-11:30

Coffee break

11.30-13:00

Session 5

Interrupting the Flow: Effective Law Enforcement

Strengthening the capacity for effective law enforcement and judicial prosecution still remains central to interrupting the cocaine route. This session will address issues of regional and trans-regional cooperation, and will propose ways to further improve the response, in particular looking at how to ensure sustainable national capacity. What are the views of key national actors – how are EU programmes adding value?

Moderator:

- Phil Marshall, SLO Regional Manager, West Africa, UK High Commission in Ghana (Accra Platform)

Speakers:

- Akraasi Sarpong, Executive Secretary, NACOB, Ghana
- Carmen Masias Claux, Director of Drug Control, DEVIDA, Peru
- Mark Vanhulle, International Coordinator, AIRCOP (UNODC)
- Tim Manhire, Team Leader, SEACOP
- Flavio Mirella, Team Leader, PRELAC (UNODC)

Questions and discussion

13:00-14:30

Lunch





14:30-16:00 **Session 6**

Money Laundering

Closing the routes that allow the illicit profits of the cocaine trade to enter the formal economy is an important strategy to reduce the profits garnered from the global cocaine trade. Efforts thus far have seen some successes, but are still insufficient. What needs to be done to improve current approaches?

Moderator:

- Jean-Luc Peduzzi, Commissaire Divisionnaire, French Embassy in Senegal (Dakar Platform)

Speakers:

- General Fabrizio Lisi, International Police Cooperation Service, Italy
- Ricardo Gil, Director de Proyectos, GAFISUD
- Janice McClean, Team Leader, EU AML/WA
- Abdullahi Shehu, Director General, GIABA

Questions and discussion

16:00-16:30

Coffee break

16:30-18:00 **Session 7**

Information Sharing

Information sharing between all three regions, and within the regions themselves, is required for any efforts to suppress cocaine trafficking. This is a huge challenge for all involved, and there is a requirement to evaluate success so far. What has been achieved and what can be done better?

Moderator:

- José Luis Gonzalez, Ministry of Interior's Counsellor Spanish Embassy, Colombia (Bogota Platform)

Speakers:

- Philippe Baeten, Team Leader, WAPIS, Interpol
- Marco Alvarez, Team Leader, AMERIPOL/EU, FIIAPP
- Marco Alma, Team Leader, CORMS, MFA Italy
- George Lovell, CEO of National Security, Belize
- Ebrahim Kadwa, Acting Head, Organised Crime Investigations SAPS, South Africa

Questions and discussion



DAY 3 – NEW RESPONSES: STRATEGY SETTING AND MITIGATING IMPACT

09.00-09.15

Introduction

In earlier discussions, interventions were critically evaluated in light of the changing context. The goals of the final day will be to anticipate new challenges, seeking innovative options for addressing them through reinforcing the rule of law and justice systems, and building resilience within communities. This includes looking at how civil society actors can contribute, and how international responses can be better aligned.

- Tuesday Reitano, Senior Associate, Institute for Security Studies

09:15 – 11:00 **Session 8**

Mitigating Impact and Building Community Resilience: civil society, community and the media

In the absence of effective state institutions, targeting civil society and community level initiatives to create an environment that is inhospitable to organised crime and corruption can be an alternative entry point. Reinforcing support to traditional community structures, civil society organisations and an independent media can provide momentum and build resilience to mitigate the impact of organised crime and promote longer-term sustainable, crime-free development. What are the experiences to date?

Moderator:

- Hans Mathieu, FES Colombia

Speakers:

- Luiz Vaz Martins, President, Guinea Bissau Human Rights League
- Etannibi Alemika, Prof. of Criminology, University of Jos, Nigeria
- Paula Miraglia, Director General of the International Centre for the Prevention of Crime, Brazil
- Misha Glenny, Independent journalist and author

Questions and discussion

11:00-11:30

Coffee break





11:15-13:00

Session 9

Aligning International Responses

Responses to the challenges of cocaine trafficking have been characterised by a lack of coordination on multiple levels. Given the strategic frameworks that exist to combat drug trafficking and organised crime, what measures can be taken to better align international responses to these strategies, improve coordination and cooperation for greater impact?

Moderator:

- Gary Quince, EU Ambassador to the African Union

Speakers:

- William Brownfield, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL), USA
- Alan Doss, Senior Political Advisor, Kofi Annan Foundation and former DSRSG Liberia, Sierra Leone and Cote d'Ivoire
- Jose Ferreira Leite, Executive Director, MAOC-N
- Adriaan van der Meer, Head of Unit, EuropeAid

Questions and discussion

13:00-14:30

Lunch

14:30-16:00

Session 10

Elements of a Successful Response

Recognising that one of the objectives of the conference is to debate and improve programme interventions and the international response more broadly, what are the key lessons that have been learned, where does capacity need to be strengthened better and how? Who do these recommendations need to address?

Moderator:

- Peter Gastrow, Global Initiative Against Transnational Organised Crime

Speakers:

- Romano Prodi, UN Special Envoy for the Sahel
- Michael Von Schulenberg, former SRSG Sierra Leone
- Kwesi Aning, Director of Research, Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre
- Mark Shaw, Senior Associate, Institute for Security Studies

Questions and discussion

16:00-16:30

Coffee break

16:30-17:30

Final wrap up and way ahead

Preliminary conclusions of the conference and the way forward. Close.

- Anton du Plessis, Executive Director, Institute for Security Studies

17:30-18:00

Official Closure

- Joelle Jenny, Director, Security Policy and Conflict Prevention, European External Action Service
- Director General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Italy
- Francesco Cirillo, Director General of Criminal Police and Deputy Director General of Public Security

Simultaneous translation will be available



throughout in English, French and Spanish.