

## Concept Note + Agenda |

### New research and new solutions for organised crime in Africa

Nairobi Radisson, Park Inn Hotel, Westlands, Tuesday 21 November, 9:00- 15:00

#### Concept

There is a need to analyse the growing phenomenon of transnational organised crime (TOC) in Africa from new angles and to respond with fresh solutions. Innovations in data and ICT for development in Africa, such as hotspot and geospatial analysis, offer a lot of potential. On 21 November in Nairobi, Kenya, two teams at the Institute for Security Studies (ISS) – namely African Futures and Innovation (AFI) and [ENACT: Enhancing Africa's response to TOC](#) – will host a full day public seminar on harnessing ICT innovations to better respond to some of the major TOC types affecting the region. These include drug trafficking, cattle rustling and wildlife crime. The aim of the seminar is to inform evidence-based and long-term policy recommendations to improve regional and domestic responses to organised crime.

#### Sessions

The event will have two thematic focal points: innovations in data and measurement of TOC in Africa; and applying a futures lens to the study of TOC in Africa. The sessions will feature presentations from ISS researchers and from a range of innovative programmes and projects operating in Kenya and elsewhere on the continent.

The first session will showcase some of the latest innovations in data and measurement of crime, organised crime and crime prevention from Kenya and around the continent. The second session will focus on the future of TOC in Africa: exploring contextual factors that enable or drive TOC, their relationship to other social and economic factors and how those relationships might evolve over time.

The event will attract a mix of individuals from government and policy institutes, universities, the media, other civil society organisations and the general public.

Speakers will be from two broad areas: the data analytics and ICT field and the crime, organised crime and crime prevention field.

#### Format

The format for the event will be two thematic panel sessions before and after lunch. The first session (data and measurement) will have two panels with two to three speakers each. The second session (futures) will have one panel with two to three speakers. Speakers will have around 15 minutes each to present and each panel will be followed by a 30-minute Q&A session.



ENACT is implemented by the Institute for Security Studies ([www.issafrica.org](http://www.issafrica.org)) and INTERPOL ([www.interpol.int](http://www.interpol.int)),  
in association with the Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime ([www.globalinitiative.net](http://www.globalinitiative.net))

## Agenda

- 09:00-9:15     **Welcome and introductions**
- Deo Gumba, Regional Coordinator for East Africa, ENACT (*confirmed*)
- 9:15-10:15     **Innovations in monitoring crime & TOC in Africa 1**
- Chair: John Allan Namu, Journalist (*confirmed*)
- Speakers: Juliana Rotich, Ushahidi (*invited*); Lily Welborn, AFI (*confirmed*); other data-focused projects in Kenya and elsewhere
- Key topic: How can recent ICT developments in Kenya and the continent help advance our understanding of and response to crime & TOC in Africa?
- 10:15- 10:45     **Q&A**
- 10:45- 11:00     **Coffee break**
- 11:00- 12:00     **Innovations in monitoring crime & TOC in Africa 2**
- Chair: Dr. John Ambani, Strathmore University, Nairobi (*invited*)
- Speakers: Osariemen Abbas, WANEP Nigeria (*confirmed*); Francis Wairagu, Small Arms Survey (*confirmed*);
- Key topic: How can recent ICT developments in Kenya and the continent help advance understanding of and response to crime & TOC in Africa?
- 12:00-12:30     **Q&A**
- 12:30- 13:30     **Lunch**
- 13:30- 14:30     **Futures and long-term thinking in TOC**
- Chair: Professor Bitange Ndemo, University of Nairobi (*invited*)
- Speakers: Zachary Donnenfeld, AFI (*confirmed*); Alex Porter, University of Denver (*confirmed*)
- Key topic: How will TOC evolve into the future? What are some innovative approaches to help us craft longer-term responses?
- 14:30 - 15:00     **Summary and closing remarks**

