Enhancing Africa's response to transnational organised crime

Since 2017, this EU-funded project has been building an evidence base to support more effective responses to transnational organised crime (TOC) in Africa.

In-depth continental, regional and national research and intelligence analysis by African researchers and INTERPOL analysts provides the basis for promoting effective responses to transnational organised crime in Africa, and assessing TOC’s impact on governance, development and state fragility.

ENACT is a recognised source of quality analysis accessible to African stakeholders, and sought out by policy makers, law enforcement agencies and criminal justice practitioners.

The international community and other actors engaged in the evolution and impact of TOC in Africa draw on the work of the project.

Impact is seen in outcomes of ongoing capacity building, criminal intelligence analytical units and regional and national technical support.
The objective of research is to increase awareness and knowledge of TOC in Africa through research publications and briefing events, and the monthly ENACT review.

Undertaking and disseminating research

The Nigeria government invited ENACT to present on the findings of the 2019 Index on Nigeria.

The National Head of Organised Crime at the National Prosecuting Authority commented that the 2021 Index provides a valuable tool of engagement which can be used in compiling and enhancing strategies and action plans to combat organised crime more effectively.

The Zambian government expressed an interest in collaborating on improving their resilience score from the 2019 Index and asked for the opening of a dialogue.

Africa Organised Crime Index

Led by the Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime (GI-TOC), the ENACT Organised Crime Index provides the first-ever multidimensional measure of organised crime and its impact. This pioneering index draws on input from a large team of African experts, and measures and analyses both organised criminality and levels of resilience for every country on the continent. With its third iteration published in 2023, the analysis produced by the index over time adds depth to the understanding of continental TOC trends.

The Africa Organised Crime Index has become a major reference in academic studies on organised crime and policy engagement on organised crime on the continent. A dedicated and interactive website, africa.ocindex.net, allows users to access the findings, scores and methodology.
Building capacity to enhance Africa’s response

**TECHNICAL TRAINING, CAPACITY BUILDING AND SUPPORT** in enhancing regional and national capability to respond more effectively to TOC.

**REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION** in strengthening institutions on the frontline of responding to organised crime.

**TECHNICAL TRAINING TO OVER 1 000 PRACTITIONERS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN 52 AFRICAN COUNTRIES**, enhancing the capacity of law enforcement and government agencies to respond to organised crime.

**OVER 70 JOURNALISTS TRAINED ON BEST PRACTICES IN REPORTING ON ORGANISED CRIME.** Journalists play an instrumental role in exposing crime and holding institutions and states accountable.

**INTERPOL: CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE ANALYSIS IN AFRICA**

- **Crime intelligence analysis capacity building to 475 officers from 52 African countries** and ‘train the trainer’ courses certifying 59 trainers from 35 countries.

- **Increase information sharing and strengthen national and regional cooperation** to prevent and disrupt transnational organised crime. Three conferences gathered heads of intelligence from the continent increasing information sharing and strengthening regional cooperation to prevent and disrupt TOC.

**The womENACTion initiative was established in 2022.** This active network of over 200 women police officers from 35 countries provides a safe virtual platform to empower women in the field of intelligence analysis. Regular newsletters, monthly quizzes, webinars, a new working group and a mentorship programme are strengthening women’s profile in the field of intelligence analysis.

**Providing technical assistance**

**WORKING WITH**
- Central African Police Chiefs Coordinating Organisation,
- East African Police Chiefs Coordinating Organisation
- West African Police Chiefs Coordinating Organisation
- Southern African Development Community and Southern African Regional Police Chiefs Cooperation Organisation
- 7 national Criminal Analytical Units (CAUs)

**PROCESS**
- Ongoing technical support and strategic advice is provided to create agreements for cross-border and inter-regional cooperation
- Developed frameworks to address specific TOC challenges
- Contributed to implementation plans and measurement indicators and templates for member states’ reporting
- Ongoing support to the CAU

**OUTCOMES**
- The CAPCCO TOC risk assessment
- Ratification of the CAPCCO-EAPCCO cooperation agreement and the WAPCCO-CAPCCO cooperation agreement
- Implementation of the Mifugo Protocol on Cattle Rustling for East Africa
- SADC Implementation Strategy for Serious and Transnational Organised Crimes; SADC Protocol on firearms; and the Namibian inter-ministerial firearms strategy
- Africa Organised Crime Index is now endorsed by EAPCCO as a management tool
- CAUs provide evidence-based analysis that contributes to national security strategies

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ENACT research and analysis regularly inform governments and policy makers, enabling more effective strategies to respond to organised crime. To achieve this reach, ENACT has established Regional Organised Crime Observatories. This network of observatories provides pan-African capacity for research and outreach activities, enhancing the profile of the ENACT programme among counterparts across the continent. INTERPOL also has analysts based in Regional Bureaus in Abidjan and Nairobi to network and support African law enforcement agencies.

The seven Criminal Analytical Units are set up with infrastructure, analytical software, long-term INTERPOL mentoring support and ongoing access to INTERPOL databases to assist in investigating and resolving criminal cases. Additional units are planned to come on stream in the course of 2024.

PRETORIA (Southern Africa)
NAIROBI (East Africa and the Horn of Africa)
DAKAR (West, Central and North Africa)
ADDIS ABABA (liaison with the African Union)
ABUJA AND YAOUNDE (West and Central Africa)

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