

# Global Agenda Council on Organized Crime 2012-2014



## Understanding/Context

Football, banking secrecy and endangered species were the most high-profile victims of organized crime in 2012-2013. News of the break-up of a scheme that rigged football matches in Europe over many years revealed the vulnerability of sport to organized crime and raised concerns of collusion between athletics organizations and criminals.

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A deliberate leak of information on secret bank accounts reinforced – once again – the importance of addressing the enabling role that open financial flows and banking secrecy play for illicit activities and networks. Meanwhile, the CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora) Conference in Bangkok drew attention to the illegal market for endangered species and biological materials, a major threat to biodiversity and conservation efforts.

## Shaping the Agenda

The Global Agenda Council on Organized Crime is trying to address a fundamental weakness in policy-making and collaboration in this field: the lack of good data and information on the impact of organized crime and illicit trade. Without reliable, replicable and sound data and estimates on the scale and nature of the problem, policies and strategies to combat organized crime are unlikely to be effective. The Council has requested collaboration from six international agencies – the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the World

Customs Organization, the Organization of American States, the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction, Europol, and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) – all of which agreed to provide resources to the project.

A kick-off meeting was held in Milan in February 2013 and first findings on a methodology to measure the impact of illicit trades were presented to the OECD in April. During the spring, the Council agreed to collaborate closely with the Council on Illicit Trade to further develop the methodology. The Council provided ideas and guidance to the Latin America team’s public security dialogue project. During the Summit on the Global Agenda 2012 in Dubai, two dedicated brainstormings on drug trafficking and security were held with Members of sister Global Agenda Councils. Members of the Council also launched a Global Agenda Council-wide working group on human trafficking to further understand the interconnections between trafficking and other global issues, sectors and regions as well as provide a safe place for dialogue and support for businesses that want to cooperate further on human trafficking.

Over the coming year, the Council will continue to refine its proposal for a methodology to measure the impact of illicit trade, for presentation to stakeholders at the Annual Meeting 2014. Similarly, the Council will collaborate with others to develop a common narrative on how businesses can approach illicit trade, organized crime and anti-corruption.

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