



TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME

The world population grows every year, and so does the volume of exchanges among people. The vast majority of these exchanges are legitimate and beneficial, but a significant share is not. Transnational criminal markets crisscross the planet, conveying drugs, arms, trafficked women, toxic waste, stolen natural resources or protected animals' parts. Hundreds of billions of dollars of dirty money flow through the world every year, distorting local economies, corrupting institutions and fuelling conflict. Transnational organized crime has become a central issue in international affairs, an important factor in the global economy, and an immediate reality for people around the world. Aside from the direct effects - drug addiction, sexual exploitation, environmental damage and a host of other scourges - organized crime has the capacity to undermine the rule of law and good governance, without which there can be no sustainable development.

In order to enhance the knowledge base available for Member States to develop effective international responses to transnational organized crime threats, UNODC has produced a series of regional and thematic transnational organized crime threat assessments, as well as one global report. The reports are available below.

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Transnational Organized Crime in West Africa: A Threat Assessment - [English](#), [Français](#), [Português](#), 2013

Misuse of Licit Trade for Opiate Trafficking in Western and Central Asia: A Threat Assessment - [English](#), [Русский](#), 2013

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