

2021 OSCE-wide Conference on Combating the Threat of Illicit Drugs and the Diversion of Chemical Precursors

“Addressing Trafficking in Drugs and Organized Crime by Following the Money”

AGENDA

Tuesday, 1st June 2021

RATSAAL		MODERATOR
OPENING SESSION		Amb. Alena Kupchyna, Co-ordinator of Activities to Address Transnational Threats, OSCE Secretariat
9:00–9:30		Amb. Håkan Jevrell, Special Envoy on Organized Crime, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Sweden H.E. Ghada Fathi Waly, UNODC Executive Director H.E. Helga Maria Schmid, OSCE Secretary General

RATSAAL		MODERATOR
SESSION I ILLICIT DRUGS AS A FINANCIAL SOURCE FOR ORGANIZED CRIME		Amb. Igli Hasani, Permanent Representative of Albania to the OSCE

This session will review efforts to identify and prevent illicit financial flows generated by drug trafficking and other related crimes. Participants will discuss the “poly-criminality” of organized crime groups and their effort to exploit new technologies and networks to monetize their illegal activities. They will also consider how the illicit funds are used and reinvested in both licit and illicit economies and which measures OSCE participating States, including in the framework of public-private partnerships, could introduce to improve detection and confiscation of such flows.

9:30–10:30	“Countering the Use of Cryptocurrencies in Drug Trafficking” and “Topical issues of the international system for counteraction to drug related crimes committed with the usage of modern payment tools”	Mr. Vladimir Tarabrin , Director, Department on New Challenges and Threats, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Andrei Agafonov , Senior Operation Officer, Main Directorate for Drug Control, Ministry of the Interior, and Mr. Stepan Nechushkin , Counsellor, Anti-Money Laundering Department, Federal Financial Monitoring Service (Rosfinmonitoring), Russian Federation
	“Addressing Drug Trafficking and Related Organized Crime by Following the Money through Public-Private Partnerships – INCB’s experiences”	Mr. Fumio Ito , Project Manager, Project ION (International Operations on New Psychoactive Substances), International Narcotics Control Board (INCB)
	“Drug-related Illicit Financial Flows in the Perspective of Experiences of the Police Central Bureau of Investigation”	Mr. Michał Aleksandrowicz , Police Commissioner, Head of Unit, Organized Drug Crime Department, Police Central Bureau of Investigation, Poland
		Ms. Tuesday Reitano , Deputy Director, Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime

Questions and Discussions

10:30–11:00 COFFEE BREAK

RATSAAL	SESSION II CORRUPTION AND MONEY LAUNDERING AS FACILITATORS OF CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES	MODERATOR Amb. Adam Hałaciński, Permanent Representative of Poland to the OSCE
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This session will address anti-corruption measures and the current developments in anti-money laundering legislation and practices in order to identify ways for their further improvement in preventing the trafficking in illicit drugs, while ensuring full compliance with OSCE commitments and international law obligations.

11:00–12:30		Ms. Anita Ramasastry , Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on Combating Corruption
	“Pontón”	Ms. Danica Borzová , Senior Police Officer, Drug Headquarters, National Crime Agency, Presidium of the Police Force, Slovakia
	“The Role of INTERPOL against Financial Crimes: Tracing Illicit Flows of Money and Assets”	Mr. Noe De La Rubia Gonzalez , Criminal Intelligence Officer, Financial Crime Unit, INTERPOL
	“From Africa to Europe: Strengthening Compliance of Countries to Detect and Prevent Money Laundering”	Mr. Samuel Asimi , Programme Specialist, Transparency International (TI) Nigeria

Questions and Discussions

12:30–14:00	LUNCH BREAK
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RATSAAL	SESSION III ILLICIT DRUGS AND ORGANIZED CRIME AS THREATS TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND WELFARE	MODERATOR Ms. Maria Gratschew, Counsellor, Permanent Delegation of Sweden to the OSCE
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Session III will consider the implications on the economic and legal structures and anti-drug resilience of society in the OSCE participating States and Partners for Co-operation. Participants will discuss how these threats distort economic development, decrease economic opportunities, create unfair competition and exacerbate inequality.

14:00–15:30	“Drugs and Financial Investigation in Albania”	Mr. Cezar Keçi , Chief Commissioner, “E” Unit for Investigation of Economic and Financial Crimes, Albania
		Ms. Denise Mazzolani , Deputy Head, Strategic Police Matters Unit, Transnational Threats Department, OSCE Secretariat
	“Addressing Drug Trafficking and Related Organized Crime by Following the Money”	Mr. Giovannino Di Persio , Senior Organized Crime Adviser, Serious and Organized Crime Section, Department for Security and Public Safety (DSPS), OSCE Mission in Kosovo, and Ms. Yuliya Rangelova-Mueller , Senior Community Policing Officer, Community Safety Development Section, DSPS, OSCE Mission in Kosovo
	“Example of Cooperation and Practice from Field Missions, OSCE Mission to Skopje”	Mr. Almir Kudra , Organized Crime Advisor, Public Safety and Community Outreach Department, OSCE Mission to Skopje
	“Developing Responses to Organized Crime – The Role of Forensic Science”	Mr. Martin Raithelhuber , International Coordinator, Global Synthetics, Monitoring, Analyses and Trends Programme (SMART), UNODC

Questions and Discussions

15:30–16:00	COFFEE BREAK
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CLOSING SESSION

MODERATOR

Mr. Eduard Lokotunin, Police Affairs Officer on Combating Illicit Drugs, Strategic Police Matters Unit, Transnational Threats Department, OSCE Secretariat

The closing session will outline key findings and outcomes from the Conference, such as best practices, lessons learned, as well as challenges and opportunities in tackling the links between trafficking in illicit drugs and organized crime. Furthermore, the discussion will also highlight the potential role of the OSCE in contributing, along with other international and regional organizations, to the fight against illicit drugs, particularly through capacity-building and training activities.

16:00–16:30

Amb. Tobias Lorentzson, Deputy Permanent Representative of Sweden to the OSCE

Mr. Guy Vinet, Head, Strategic Police Matters Unit, Transnational Threats Department, OSCE Secretariat