

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.



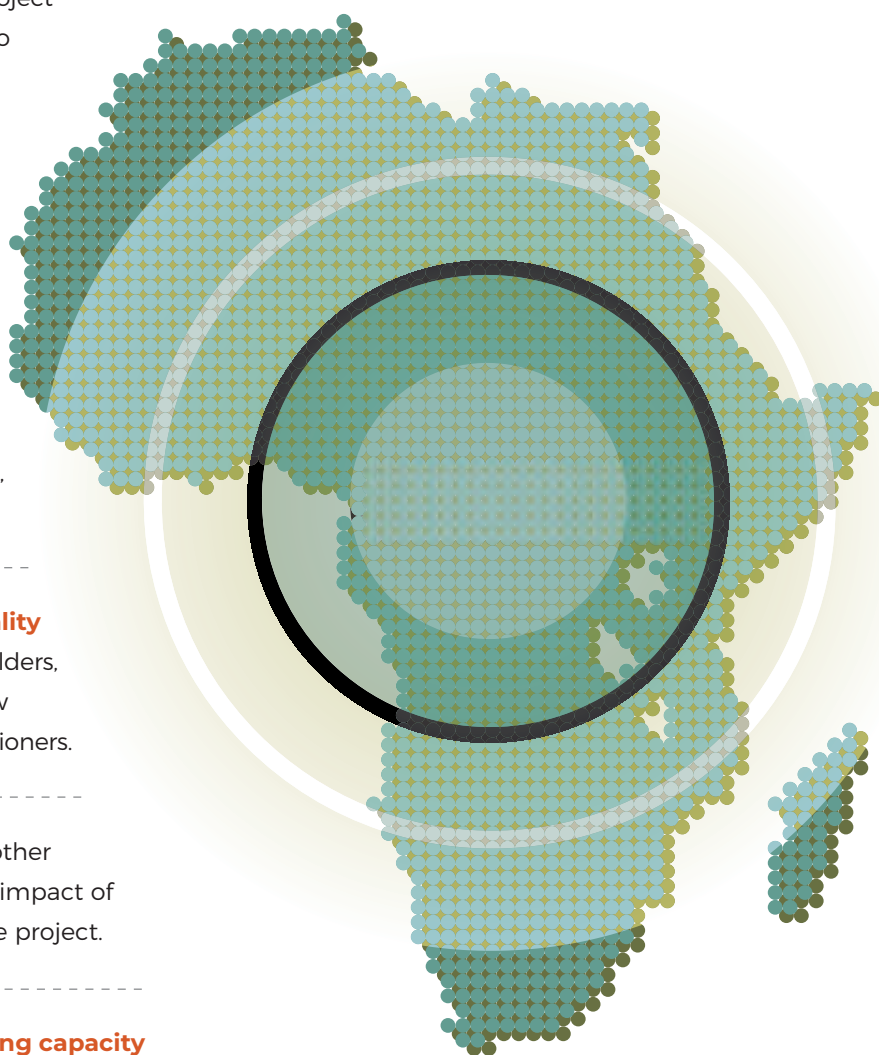
ENACT is a recognised source of quality analysis accessible to African stakeholders, and sought out by policy makers, law enforcement agencies and criminal justice practitioners.



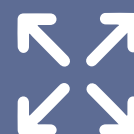
The international community and other actors engaged in the evolution and impact of TOC in Africa draw on the work of the project.



Impact is seen in outcomes of ongoing capacity building, newly created analytical units and regional and national technical support.



Results are emerging, and impact is growing



Research

The objective of research is to increase awareness and knowledge of TOC in Africa through research publications and briefing events.

33

policy briefs

15

INTERPOL analytical reports including 5 continental reports

28

research papers

>20

videos

>1m and 1m

website pageviews and content downloads

5

strategic continental reports on key themes, priority threats and major crimes based on primary field research

250

short, ENACT Observer-web pieces, highlighting topical issues on the continent

All ENACT research and analytical reports are available to download from the [ENACT website](#).

ORGANISED CRIME TYPES

| | |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| HUMAN TRAFFICKING | HUMAN SMUGGLING |
| DRUG TRAFFICKING | ARMS TRAFFICKING |
| CYBERCRIME | IFFs AND MONEY LAUNDERING |
| FAUNA | FLORA |
| MINING AND EXTRACTIVES | MARITIME |
| MAFIA-STYLE CRIME | TRADE AND COUNTERFEIT GOODS |
| CROSS-BORDER SMUGGLING | EMERGING CRIMES |

The Organised Crime in Africa Index

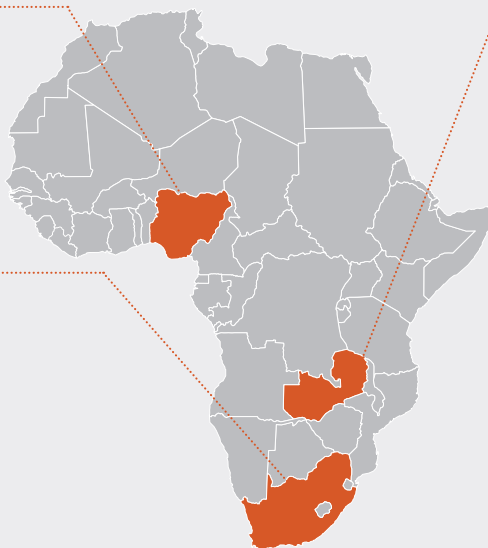
Led by the Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime (GI-TOC), the ENACT Organised Crime Index provides the first-ever multidimensional measure of organised crime and its impact. This pioneering index draws on input from a large team of African experts, and measures and analyses both organised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

NIGERIA

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

SOUTH AFRICA

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.



ZAMBIA

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.



The Africa Organised Crime Index has become a major reference in academic studies on organised crime. A dedicated and interactive website, africa.ocindex.net, allows users to access the findings, scores and methodology.

Link to [2021 ENACT Organised Crime Index](#)

Building capacity to enhance Africa's response

ENACT PROVIDES:



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



155 participants from 34 countries took part in webinars on the WomENAction initiative, which offers a safe networking environment to African female police officers in fields relating to organised crime and intelligence analysis



Increase information sharing and strengthen national and regional cooperation to prevent and disrupt transnational organised crime

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

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

OUTCOMES

- The CAPCCO TOC risk assessment
- Ratification at police chiefs and heads of state level of the CAPCCO-EAPCCO cooperation agreement and the WAPCCO-CAPCCO cooperation agreement
- The revised 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

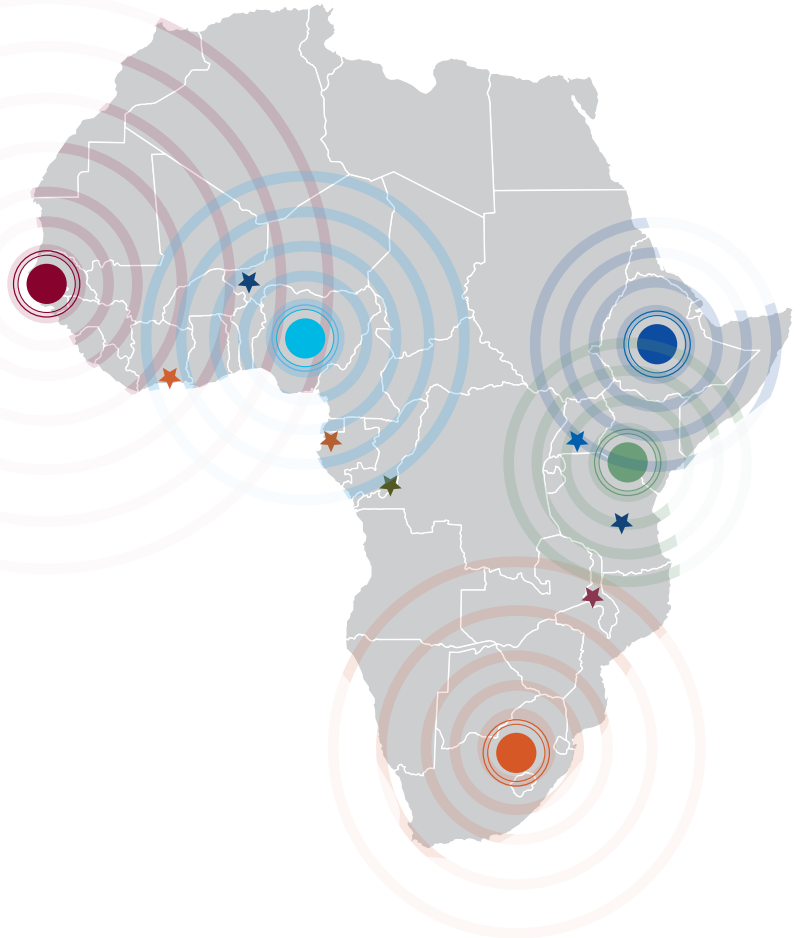
Enhancing regional cooperation

ENACT research and analysis regularly inform governments and policy makers, enabling more effective strategies to help 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.

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

There are also seven Criminal Analytical Units (CAU) set up with infrastructure, hardware and software and training, and ongoing access to INTERPOL databases to assist in investigating and resolving criminal cases.

- ★ **DODOMA, TANZANIA**
- ★ **ABIDJAN, CÔTE D'IVOIRE**
- ★ **KAMPALA, UGANDA**
- ★ **LILONGWE, MALAWI**
- ★ **NIAMEY, NIGER**
- ★ **LIBREVILLE, GABON**
- ★ **BRAZZAVILLE, CONGO**



Going forward

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The first phase of the ENACT project developed an Africa-wide analytical evidence base that increased key stakeholder awareness and led to innovative policy and operation responses to TOC on the continent.

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The second phase, currently under way, draws on this repository of knowledge and continues its research agenda. This phase increases the focus on technical assistance and capacity development to support policy making and implementation with state and non-state institutions as well as the expansion of criminal intelligence analysis in Africa.

ENACT Phase II was initiated on 1 February 2022 and will run to 31 December 2025.

The ENACT project is implemented by the Institute for Security Studies (ISS), in partnership with INTERPOL and the Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime (GI-TOC).

