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A light blue map of Southeast Asia is overlaid on the dark blue background, showing the outlines of the region's countries.

Partnership Forum on Transnational Organized Crime

**27-29 January 2010
Bangkok, Thailand**

KEYNOTE SPEECH

**Responding to TOC in East
and SE Asia**

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**Bangkok
27 January 2010**

**The threat we face from
transnational organized
crime (TOC)**

Are we operating at a disadvantage?

1. Bureaucracy
2. Budgets
3. Sovereignty

International Conventions

- **UNTOC - Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (adopted 2000)**
- **UNCAC - Convention against Corruption (entered into force 2005)**
- **The Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs – 1961 (amended by the Protocol of 25 March 1972)**
- **The Convention on Psychotropic Substances – 1971**
- **The Convention against the Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances – 1988**
- **16 international instruments (resolutions and conventions)**
- **...including the UNSC Resolution 1373 – Countering the Financing of Terrorism**

International Crime Conventions

	UNTOC United Nations convention against Transnational Organized Crime	Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children	Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air,	UNCAC United Nations Convention against Corruption
Brunei	A= Acceded			R
Cambodia	R = Ratified	R	R	A
China	R			R
Indonesia	R	R	R	R
Lao PDR	R	A	A	R
Malaysia	R	A		R
Myanmar	A	A	R	S
Philippines	R	R	R	R
Rep of Korea	S = Signed	S	S	R
Singapore	R			R
Thailand	S	S	S	S
Viet Nam	S			R

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Cambodia	P	A	A
China	A	A	R
Indonesia	P	A	R
Lao PDR	P	A	A
Malaysia	P	A	R
Myanmar	P	A	A
Philippines	P	A	R
Rep of Korea	P	A	A
Singapore	P	A	A
Thailand	P	A	A
Viet Nam	A	A	A



ASEAN Charter (2007)

Signed in November 2007

Selected priorities under Article 1 (Purposes):

- Item 7: *“...to enhance good governance and the rule of law...”*
- Item 8: *“to respond effectively, and to respond to all forms of threats, transnational crime and trans-boundary challenges”*
- Item 9: *“...to ensure the protection of the region’s environment...”*
- Item 12: *“to strengthen cooperation in building a safe, secure and drug free environment for the people of ASEAN”*

ASEAN Political-Security Community Blueprint – linkages to UNODC RPF



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- A.1.7 – Prevent and combat corruption

B. Comprehensive Security

- B.4.1 – Non-traditional security
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 - Smuggling of Migrants
 - Drugs
 - Cyber crime
 - Border management
- B.4.2 – Counter-terrorism
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 - Trafficking in persons → 4. Project Childhood
 - Smuggling of Migrants → 3. SOM: Coordination & Analysis Unit (CAU)
 - Drugs → Underway: GMS MOU, ACCORD etc
 - Cyber crime
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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE ASEAN SECRETARIAT AND THE UN OFFICE ON DRUGS AND
CRIME¹, ON DRUG CONTROL AND CRIME PREVENTION COOPERATION**

The Secretariat of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, hereinafter referred to as the ASEAN Secretariat, and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, hereinafter referred to as the Office on Drugs and Crime,

Considering that ASEAN has been established to promote regional peace, economic development, social progress and cultural development in the region and that these goals can be effectively advanced through cooperation and joint action with other international organizations;

Considering that the Office on Drugs and Crime, which consists of a drug programme and a crime programme, was established in 1997 to enable the United Nations to focus and enhance its capacity to address the interrelated issues of drug control and crime prevention;

■ *Considering further* the goodwill and cooperation that have existed between the Office on



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MOU on Drug Control and Crime Prevention (2003)

Signed between UNODC and ASEAN Secretariat in April 2003.

Objectives:

1. Identify and develop joint technical co-operation projects and programmes
2. Achieve complementary action between ASEAN and UNODC

The Need of the Hour

1. Know the threat better
2. Sharpen our technical capacity to act
3. Cooperate better across the region

**SOMTC
meeting
July 2009
Nay Pyi Taw**



**UNODC
Partnership
Forum
Jan 2010
Bangkok**

Putting ideas into action:

1. Coordination and Analysis Unit (CAU) on the smuggling of migrants
2. Towards AsiaJust
3. Partnership against Transnational crime through Regional Organized Law Enforcement (PATROL)
4. Project Childhood

Project scoping and development

- Objective situation analysis (2007-2008)
- Consultation with partners (2008-2009)
- UNODC Regional Programme Framework
- Project documents written (2008-2009)
- Fund-raising (2009)
- Introduction of UNODC Regional Programme Framework at SOMTC (July 2009)
- Partnership Forum (27-29 Jan 2010)
 - Agreement on content
 - Signature
 - Implementation



**Regional Programme Framework
for East Asia and the Pacific**
2009 - 2012

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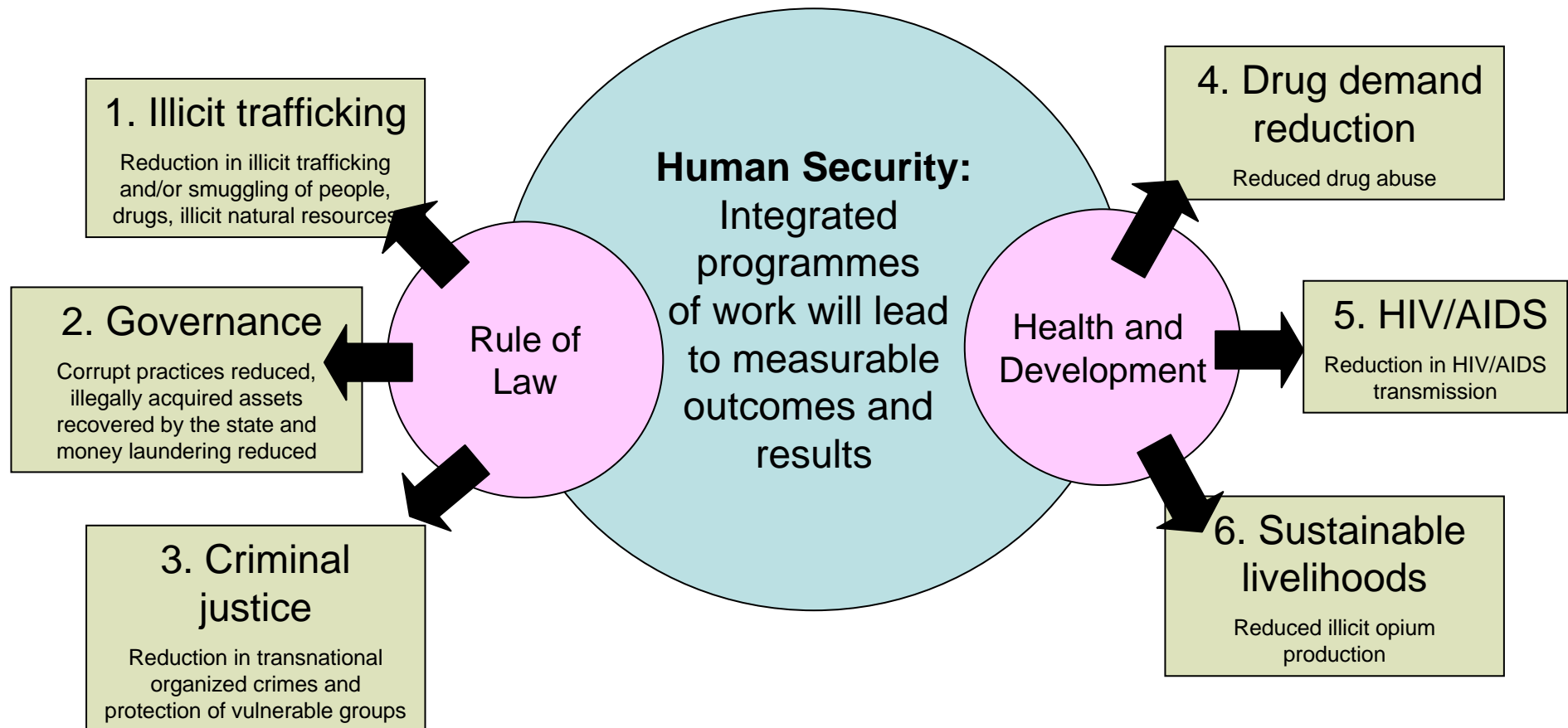
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Programme structure based on UNODC mandates



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