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Newsletter

Like a flash, January is over! Even more interesting, we didn't experience 90 days in this year's January.

How did your January go? For us at UNODC in Nigeria, we started this year on a roll by executing two important launch events to complement the efforts of the Nigerian Government in combating organized crime.

Let's take a look!

Painting the canvas of a drug free Nigeria with a top-notch forensic lab in Lagos

Behind every illicit drug interception, is a dedicated team leveraging technology, intelligence gathering and strategic collaborations.

Thanks to the generous funding from the US Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, UNODC successfully completed the refurbishment of an NDLEA forensic lab and handed it over to the agency in Lagos.

This lab empowers Nigeria to meet the benchmarks for international standards on the analysis of drugs and psychotropic substances.

For more about the event, please click [here](#).

United Front Against Human Trafficking: Unveiling of the Countering Human Trafficking Office in Lagos State

The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), and the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP), in another important step towards combating human trafficking, unveiled the Countering Human Trafficking Office in Lagos State. The new office will be utilized by the Anti-Human Trafficking Unit of the Lagos State Neighbourhood Safety Agency (LNSA) as a member of the Lagos State Task Force (STF) on Human Trafficking to coordinate state-wide action against trafficking in persons and the smuggling of migrants and to provide access to victims, their families and friends as well as concerned citizens in support of a whole-of-society effort to tackle this heinous crime.

More about this event [here](#).

Nigeria leads the international community towards enhancing the use of Beneficial Ownership Information in support of stolen asset recovery

"Enhancing the use of Beneficial Ownership information to Strengthen Asset Recovery" is one of the twelve resolutions adopted at the recently concluded Tenth Conference of States Parties (COSPP) to the United Nations

Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC) in December 2023 in Atlanta, USA.

Since 2003, this is the sixth Nigeria sponsored resolution adopted by the Conference in support of improved international cooperation in the tracing, seizure and confiscation as well as the recovery and return of the proceeds of corruption to countries of origin.

More about this [here](#).

Nearly 89,000 women & girls were killed intentionally in 2022 across the globe

Across the globe, nearly 89,000 women and girls were killed intentionally in 2022. This figure represents the highest yearly number recorded in the past two decades.

More in this research brief jointly produced by UNODC and UN Women [here](#).

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