



## Concept Note

### Breakout Group on Organized Fraud Youth Consultation Preceding COP12 UNTOC

#### Useful documents:

- Dedicated page for the COP12 Youth Consultation [HERE](#)

#### Overview:

Fraud has evolved significantly over the years, adapting to technological advancements and changes in society. It has become increasingly sophisticated, often using psychological manipulation, enabled by information and communications technologies (ICTs). The high volume and severity of fraud pose a significant risk to people, economies and prosperity worldwide, and have a negative impact on the public's confidence in the rule of law. Furthermore, the dynamic nature of fraud – which is constantly being adapted to changes in legal, social, commercial and technological systems – means that new and innovative methods of the offence may go unnoticed within static official data. In many cases, domestic law enforcement entities do not have the capacity to investigate and uncover the offenders and the organized criminal groups behind the crime: international cooperation is required, suggesting the need to give greater prominence to fraud in the policy framework and legislation against organized crime.

The breakout group will delve into the link between organized crime and fraud. It aims to increase youth understanding of organized fraud, to raise awareness of the impact of organized fraud, to facilitate the exchange of ideas for increasing youth engagement in preventing and addressing organized fraud, and to explore opportunities for cooperation between youth and UNODC to strengthen engagement in addressing this issue.

**Date/Time:** Thursday 10 October, 14:00-15:15

<b>14:00 – 14:20</b>	<b>Organized Fraud</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Substantive overview of the topic</i></li><li>- <i>Roxana-Andreea Mastor, Crime prevention and Criminal Justice Officer, Conference Support Section, Organized Crime and Illicit Trafficking Branch</i></li></ul>
<b>14:20 – 15:00</b>	<b>Break-out groups discussing organized fraud</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Questions to be discussed: see below</i></li><li>• <i>Four break-out groups (in person, online with interpretation, two online without interpretation)</i></li><li>• <i>Moderators:</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Roxana-Andreea Mastor, Crime prevention and Criminal Justice Officer, Conference Support Section, Organized Crime and Illicit Trafficking Branch</i></li></ul></li></ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Catherine Muganga, Legal Officer, Conference Support Section, Organized Crime and Illicit Trafficking Branch</li><li>- Marie-Cecile Grudzinski, Consultant, Conference Support Section, Organized Crime and Illicit Trafficking Branch</li><li>- Renata Delgado-Schenk, Crime prevention and Criminal Justice Officer, Cybercrime and Anti-Money Laundering Section, Organized Crime and Illicit Trafficking Branch</li></ul>
<b>15:00 – 15:15</b>	<b>Summary of the outcomes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rapporteurs report back on the recommendations made</li></ul>

**Objectives:**

- Increase youth understanding of UNODC’s work on organized fraud.
- Raise awareness among youth about organized fraud and its impact on youth.
- Facilitate the exchange of ideas for increasing youth engagement in preventing and addressing organized fraud.
- Formulate recommendations to the Conference of the Parties on enhancing youth engagement in efforts to prevent and combat organized fraud and increase protection of victims.

**Structure:**

1. **Presentation:** Overview of the complexities and impact of organized fraud and UNODC’s approach. This will set the stage for an interactive discussion during the breakout rooms.
2. **Break-out group discussion:** Youth participants will be asked to share their views, experience, and ideas in a small working group. They will be invited to reflect on their experiences and knowledge of organized fraud; and brainstorm on ways to strengthen youth engagement in UNODC’s work.
3. **Summary of outcomes:** A pre-identified rapporteur will present the recommendations of the breakout group.

**Possible Discussion Points:**

1. What do you understand by organized fraud and what types of fraud are you most familiar with?
2. How do you think organized fraud impacts your community or country, especially its impact on the youth and future generations, including in terms of opportunities, governance, economy and social structures?
3. Why do you think it is important for youth to be aware of and involved in efforts to prevent and combat organized fraud?
4. What role should governments and law enforcement play in working with youth to prevent and combat organized fraud ?



5. What would make you feel more empowered of taking action against organized fraud in your community?

**Expected Outcomes:**

- Developing an understanding of organized fraud and the impact of organized fraud on youth and their communities
- Exploring ways to empower the youth to recognize and avoid becoming victims of organized fraud.
- Identifying platforms and resources to cultivate youth participation in organized fraud prevention.
- Identifying opportunities for collaboration between youth-led organizations and governments in efforts to prevent and combat organized fraud.

This breakout session will contribute to shape the recommendations that will be delivered to the Conference of the Parties during the plenary statement and contribute to a more inclusive and youth-driven approach to address and prevent organized fraud.

**Pre-reading Materials:**

- [Organized fraud. Background paper prepared by the Secretariat](#), prepared for the Working Group of Government Experts on Technical Assistance 2024
- [Draft Resolution: Organized fraud and the Sharing Electronic Resources and Laws on Crime knowledge management portal](#), Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, 12th Session