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**SPECIAL EVENT**

**Integrity of Counter Narcotics and Justice Sector Institutions:  
The role of anti-corruption measures in the effective fight against drug trafficking &  
organized crime**

**7 November 2017, 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  
Room: M7**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

Integrity, accountability and resilience against the influences and threats from organised crime groups are essential to ensure that law enforcement units working on drug-trafficking and related offences, can carry out their work effectively. If those elements are not in place or not put into practice, the detection, investigation and prosecution of offences might be jeopardized. The impact can be felt at the national level, but also across borders where criminal networks operate across countries or continents.

Many initiatives supporting the fight against trafficking of drugs and contraband have not yet analysed and addressed corruption risks more comprehensively. Law enforcement agencies and officers working on drug related and organised crime though, need dedicated training and support systems due to their exposed position.

The event will outline approaches on institutional integrity implemented under the CRIMJUST project (2016-2020), which is focusing on several countries along the Cocaine Route across Latin America, the Caribbean and West Africa. In addition, the event will showcase how civil society has and can support criminal justice institutions in the detection, investigation and prosecution of organised crime cases as well help mitigate the vulnerability of those institutions to corruption and influence by organised crime groups.

This event will provide expert input as well as room for conversation and debate, highlighting the critical issues and promoting active knowledge exchange between participants. Since the project is primarily working with counter narcotics units, the event aims at increasing awareness in the anti-corruption community and supporting exchange of experiences.

### III. AGENDA AND PANELLIST

Chair: Constanze VON SOEHNEN, Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer, ISS/CEB/UNODC

- Tofik MURSHUDLU, Chief, ISS, Organised Crime Branch, UNODC  
*Strengthening Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Officers in combatting drug trafficking and organised crime. An overview of the current situation, drug trafficking networks, seizures and the risk of corruption*
- Constanze VON SOEHNEN and Virginia DE ABAJO-MARQUES, Regional Anti-Corruption Mentor (Latin America and the Caribbean) and Constanze VON SOEHNEN,  
*Why and how to mainstream institutional integrity measures into Criminal Justice Institutions, with a focus on Counter Narcotic Units. Recap of activities, research findings and next steps.*
- Zoe REITER, Senior Project Leader and Arielle JOSEPH, Project Officer, Transparency International  
*The role of civil society in the prevention of and fight against organized and drug-related crime*

Questions for the panel and open discussion

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