

## SIDE EVENT

# Linkages between organized crime and corruption and the multilateral response



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**Thursday, 20 May**  
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Addressing the links between organized crime and corruption is difficult, partly due to the lack of accepted definitions and universal understanding of both terms. In addition, historically the phenomena tend to be researched and analyzed separately, and multilateral responses also tend to address them separately.

There are various ways to understand these links. According to the sociologist Zygmunt Baumann: organized crime is like a liquid which silently through bureaucratic mechanisms, corrupting them in order to reach its goal of domination. Uglješa (Ugi) Zvekić has developed the concept of “Organized Corruption”, which is not only about systemic illicit financial gains and undue influence in decision making but

also about systemic ‘buying’ and ‘influencing’ of social support to gain or stay in political and economic power.

To better understand the manifestations of the links between organized crime and corruption, GI-TOC consulted with a selection of leading thinkers from its Network of Experts. This event will feature a presentation of the results of this consultation and highlight the importance of and galvanizing improved responses to the links between organized crime and corruption, which is one of the priorities of Italy’s current chairmanship of the G20 Anti-Corruption Working Group (ACWG). The event will also feature updates on the work of the G20 ACWG in this regard.

## SPEAKERS

- Chair: Gladwell Otieno, GI-TOC Board Member and Executive Director, Africa Centre for Open Governance (AfriCOG)
- Uglješa (Ugi) Zvekić and Ian Tennant, GI-TOC on the key findings of the expert consultation
- Lucia Dammert, Professor of International Relations at the Universidad de Santiago de Chile
- Jay Albanese, Criminologists Without Borders
- Giovanni Tartaglia Polcini, Magistrate, Legal Adviser, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Head of the Italian Task Force for the G20 ACWG
- Q&A