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& CRIMINAL JUSTICE



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ABOUT THE ALLIANCE



Vision

The Alliance brings together a broad network of civil society organizations contributing to the achievement of security and justice for all. It ensures that civil society are recognized and heard in advancing the crime prevention and criminal justice agenda and in designing, implementing and measuring results of relevant policies everywhere. Under the umbrella of the Alliance, cooperation among its members will be strengthened, reinforcing the expertise and vision of each of the members to add value and support the work of relevant international organizations, especially UNODC. The Alliance encourages its members in playing a key role towards the achievement of the SDGs, and in particular Goal 16 to “Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.”

History

Crime-related matters have been dealt with by the United Nations since the 1950s, when the Social Defence Unit, then Crime Prevention Branch, was established within the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs (CSDHA) in New York. The first United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders took place in Geneva in 1955, followed by regular Congresses every five years. Acknowledging the important role of an organization to serve as the main civil society interlocutor with the UN programme, the Alliance was established to support the Social Defence Unit in New York in 1972. Professor Gerhard O. W. Müller of New York University chaired the Alliance during its early years, prior to becoming the Chief of the Crime Prevention Branch. In 1980, immediately after the inauguration of the UN headquarters in Vienna, the Vienna International Centre, the Branch was transferred from New York to Vienna. The Alliance followed the shift of the UN crime prevention functions to Vienna, where it became fully operational in 1983.

In 2019 the Alliance was registered as an NGO in Austria (*Verein von Nichtregierungsorganisationen für Verbrechensprävention und Strafrechtspflege*). Among the three umbrella organizations coordinating civil society organizations around matters of interest of UNODC, it is the one with the broadest mandate. Among its objectives the Alliance includes supporting UNODC and the Commission on crime prevention and criminal justice, by ensuring the meaningful engagement of civil society in the implementation of the crime prevention and criminal justice programme. The Alliance regularly represents the interests and opinions of its members in relevant UN venues and channels crucial information on issues and events concerning civil society at the global, regional and local levels.

The Alliance, through its coordinating role facilitating the engagement of civil society, supports the work of intergovernmental bodies towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals



2020 HIGHLIGHTS

2020 has been a difficult year for all. Among the consequences of the pandemic, many observers have noted that there is a risk for shrinking space of civil society. The Alliance has taken a leading role in ensuring and protecting participation of NGOs, academia and individual experts in the international debate. This has been obtained through a process of institutional consolidation, regular meetings of members, and engagement in substantive matters.

In 2020 the Alliance completed its transition towards a fully structured organization. The process required the development the establishment of a more formal structure, inaugurated with the Statutes and registration in Austria in 2019. Two General Assemblies took place in 2020 (an Extraordinary GA in May and the Annual GA in

October), to adopt the bylaws and membership fees and to fill Board and Auditor positions. Closer cooperation with UNODC resulted in the signature of the Memorandum of Understanding in May and the establishment of a coordination role for the Alliance for the selection of NGO speakers at major events (CCPCJ, Crime Congress) similar to the one already adopted by the Vienna NGO Committee on Drugs.

The Alliance organized monthly meetings for members (informal meetings) via Webex. While in the past groups of members could meet in person on the occasion of major



events, during the pandemic the Alliance perfected modalities for remote discussion via Webex for formal and informal meetings, and via Electionrunner to support the Nominations Committee for elections of Board Members. During 2020 it was also possible to reunite under one Alliance the workstream of the very active New York group. This resulted in consolidating all information in one unique website, as well as Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter accounts, and creating a NY Committee.

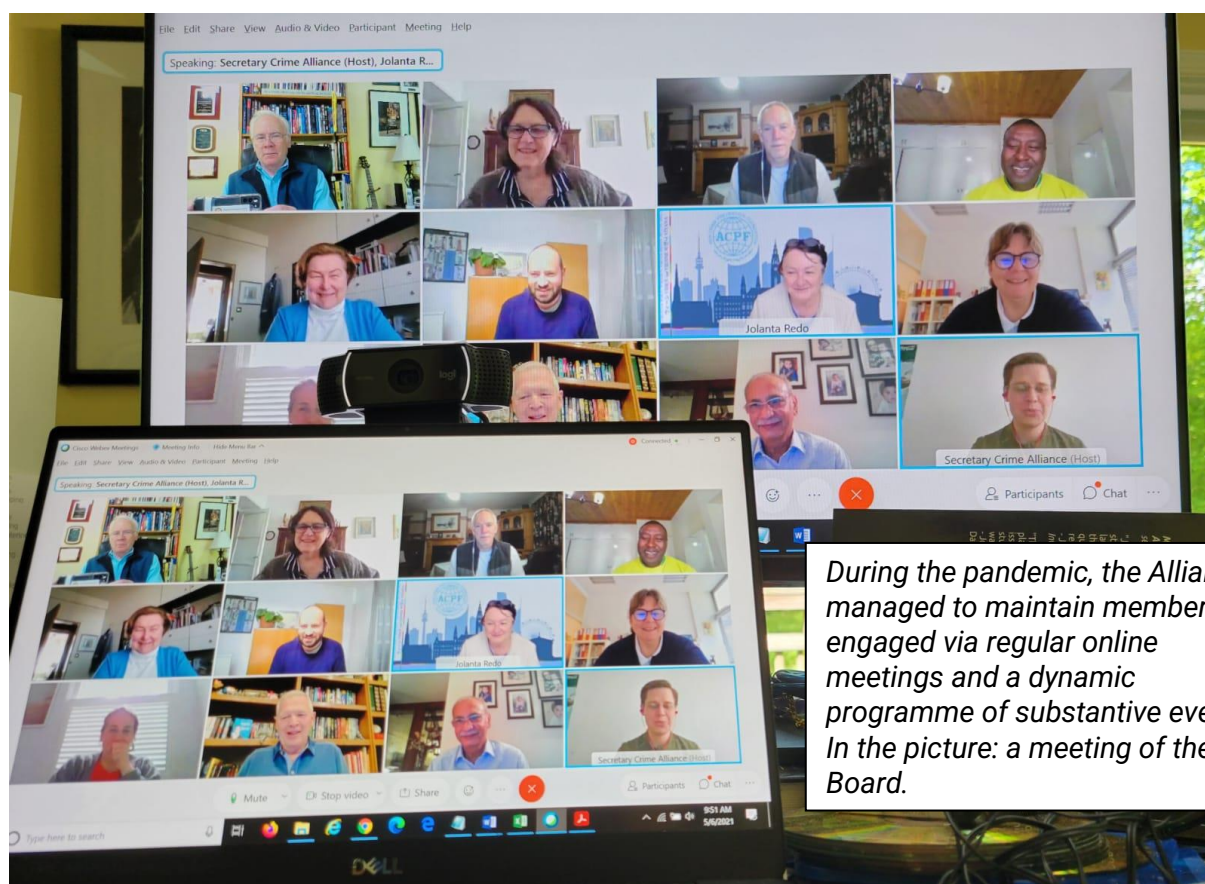
The Alliance also actively engaged in the organization and co-sponsoring of numerous scientific events, including the series of 'Change the World' webinars on global urban safety, jointly organized with APCOF and Fixed Africa, and the International Summit on Domestic/Family Violence During the COVID-19 Era, organized by the NY Committee. We also co-sponsored the webinars organized by the Coalition of Faith-Based Organizations.

We look forward to continuing playing an important role in supporting the global agenda on crime prevention and criminal justice within the framework of sustainable development.

The Executive Board
April 2021

BOARD MEMBERS

Members of the Board of the Alliance of NGOs on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice are elected for a period of two years.



During the pandemic, the Alliance managed to maintain members engaged via regular online meetings and a dynamic programme of substantive events. In the picture: a meeting of the Board.

Executive Board

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Peace (DJP)
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2019-2021

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Borders (CWOB)
Vice-Chair
2020-2022

Michael O'Connell
World Society of Victimology
(WSV)
Vice-Chair
2019-2021

Philip Reichel
Academy of Criminal Justice
Science (ACJS)
Vice-Chair
2019-2021

Olivia Rope
Penal Reform International
(PRI)
Vice-Chair
2020-2022

Ian Tennant
Global Initiative against
Transnational Organized
Crime (GI)
Vice-Chair
2019-2021

Board Members		
<i>Mirjam Beike</i> Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd Board Member 2020-2022	<i>Tariq Khosa</i> Pak Institute for Peace Studies (PIPS) Board Member 2020-2022	<i>Jolanta Łopusiewicz-Redo</i> Asia Crime Prevention Foundation (ACPF) Board Member 2019-2021
<i>Farai Maguwu</i> Center for Natural Resource Governance (CNRG) Board Member 2020-2022		

Auditors		
Michael Jandl	Maria Riehl	

2020 ACTIVITIES

January

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What we do

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Launch of the website
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News

April

Kyoto Congress postponed!



May

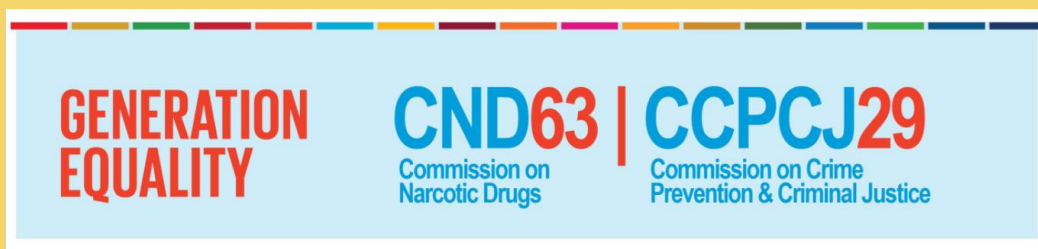
19 May - Signature of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Alliance and the UN Office on Drugs and Crime. The MoU will facilitate the Alliance and UNODC in coordinating meaningful engagement of civil society in crime prevention and criminal justice. (In the picture, Jean-Luc Lemahieu, Director of the Division of Public Affairs and Policy Analysis of UNODC, and Anna Alvazzi del Frate, Chair of the Alliance, with the signed MoU).



20 May - Extraordinary General Assembly of the Alliance (Webex)



June



12 June – Beijing +25 (Virtual) - The Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND) and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ) hosted a [joint virtual high-level special event](#) in commemoration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women and adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. The Alliance was invited to make a statement and to coordinate three additional civil society speakers on behalf of several NGOs.

29 June – Briefing for NGOs on the outcomes of the Review of Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption, including on the technical assistance needs identified

June-September – First internship at the Alliance! Francesco Serra, a student of the Amsterdam Vrije Universiteit, was the first intern supporting the work of the Executive Board of the Alliance. Due to the pandemic, Francesco carried out his internship mostly remotely.

August

On 31 August – 1 September the Alliance took part in the NGO Briefing for the 2021 UNGASS on Corruption.

September

The Alliance participated in the Intersessional meetings of the UNCAC Conference of States Parties (2 September) and of the CCPCJ (30 September)

October

12-16 October – 10th Session of COP-UNTOC

12 October – NGO Briefing for COP-UNTOC



14 October – Annual General Assembly of the Alliance (Webex) and election of Board Members (Electionrunner)



November

19-20 November – 2nd Intersessional meeting of the UNCAC Conference of States Parties.

December

	<p>1 – 4 December – Education for Justice (E4J) Global Dialogues Series organized by the CSU of UNODC</p> <p>Good practices in engaging civil society</p>
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3-4 December – 29th Session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice. The Alliance coordinated the assigned civil society speaker slots (the Alliance and four member organizations made statements).



17 December – Ms. Ghada Waly, Executive Director of UNODC, met with the leaders of the three umbrella organizations supporting the key mandates of UNODC: the Alliance of NGOs on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, the Vienna NGO Committee on Drugs (VNGOC) and the UNCAC Coalition. [Together, they discussed civil society participation in meetings and processes related to UNODC's mandate.](#)



MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE

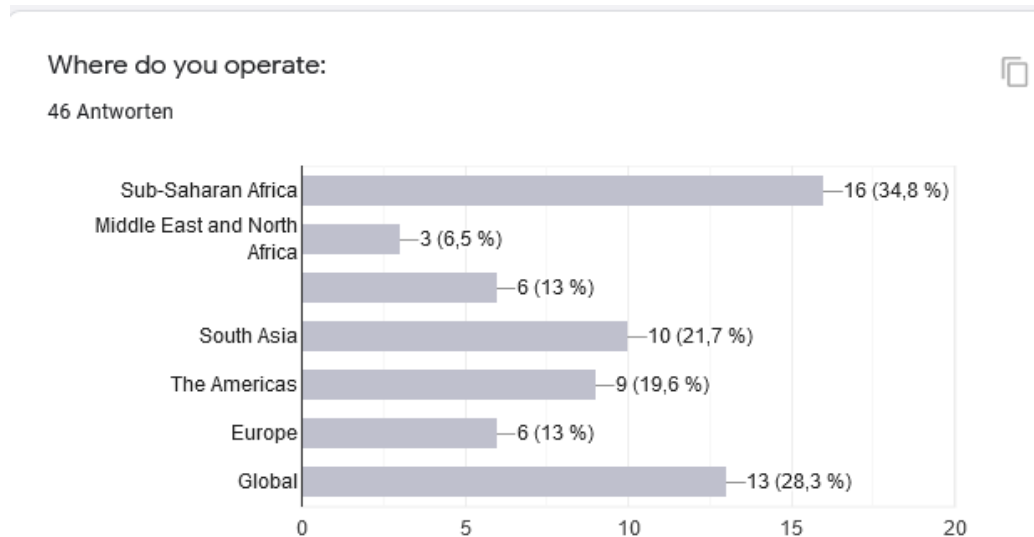
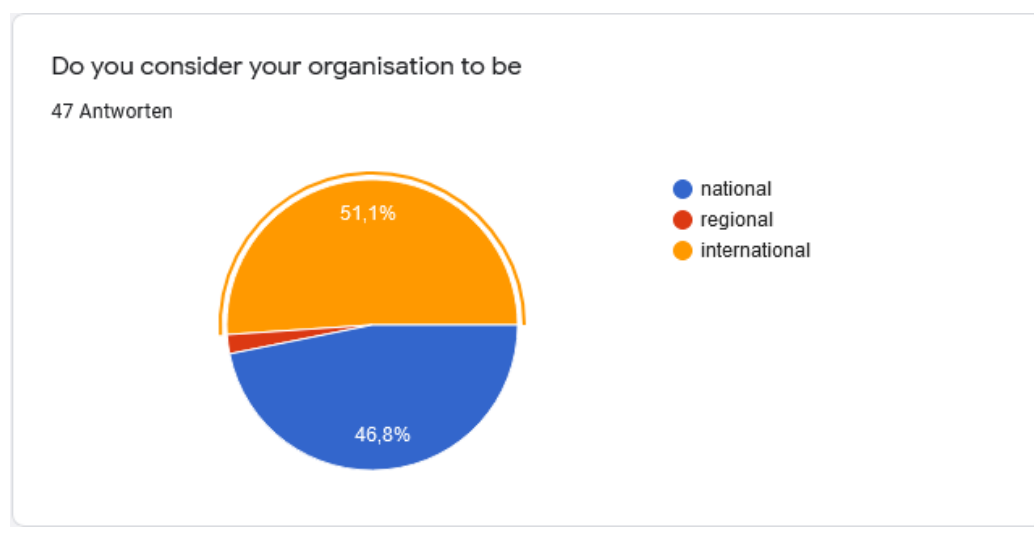
Membership in the Alliance is regulated by the Statutes. Overall, the Alliance reaches a mailing list of almost 500 addresses of NGO and individual members. 72 NGOs are ordinary members, out of which 44 in good standing as of 12 May 2021.



The Alliance, in cooperation with some of its members, provides a small number of sponsorships for NGOs who cannot afford the payment of the membership fee. As of May 2021, 6 NGOs enjoy sponsorship.

The Alliance processed approximately 70 applications (including both NGO and individuals) between January 2020 - May 6th 2021

Overview of registrations since January 2020 via membership form:



Honorary Members

Yael Danieli
 Christian Kuhn
 Karen Judd Smith
 Marlene Parenzan
 Michael Platzer

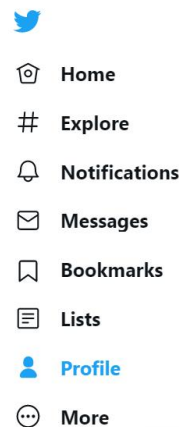
WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

The Alliance hosts the www.crimealliance.org website since January 2020. It has been accessed by approximately 1,000 individual IPs by May 2021.

The general email address of the Alliance is info@crimealliance.org. Individual email addresses have been established for the Chair, Secretary, Treasurer as well as the Intern. Other email addresses are dedicated to specific processes (for example, nominations, elections and statements). All in all, we manage 11 different email addresses.

We use *Send in blue* and *Mailchimp* for send out email to all members.

In April 2020 the Alliance opened a Twitter account @CpcjA



Tweet



We recently opened a LinkedIn page



Alliance of NGOs on Crime Prevention and ...
International Affairs · Wien, Wien · 65 followers

1 person from your school works here · 2 employees

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The YouTube Channel of the Alliance hosts live events, as well as recordings of webinars, statements and meetings

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCITGekXEdG7DYgvSz0hZDMA>