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ABOUT THE ALLIANCE

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, was established within the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs in New York. The United Nations Congresses on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (the first one was held in Geneva, 1955, followed by regular Congresses every five years), provided ample opportunities for exchange and engagement of civil society in the UN programme. Acknowledging the important role of an organization to serve as the main civil society interlocutor and coordinator, the Alliance was established in 1972. In 1980, immediately after the inauguration of the Vienna International Centre, the Crime Prevention Branch of the UN moved to Vienna. The Alliance followed the shift and became fully operational in Vienna in 1983. In 2019 the Alliance was registered as an NGO in Austria (Verein von Nichtregierungsorganisationen für Verbrechensprävention und Strafrechtspflege). It is one of three umbrella organizations coordinating civil society organizations around matters of interest of UNODC, the one with the broadest mandate. The Alliance supports 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. It 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.
2022 HIGHLIGHTS

2022 was an important year for the Alliance, which saw its active engagements with two new major multilateral processes: the Constructive Dialogues (CD) within the framework of the Review Mechanism of the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (UNTOC) and the Ad Hoc Committee to Elaborate a Comprehensive International Convention on Countering the Use of Information and Communications Technologies for Criminal Purposes (the AHC Cybercrime).

The CDs have been established as an occasion for civil society engagement with the UNTOC Working Groups (on Firearms, Technical Assistance, International Cooperation, Trafficking in Persons and Smuggling of Migrants). 2022 was the first opportunity to pilot this new initiative. Civil society organizations interested in participating in the two rounds of CDs in May and July had to apply for observer status twice. The Alliance worked closely with the Civil Society Unit of UNODC to ensure a smooth flow of information and meaningful participation of NGOs, also considering that some Covid-related travel restrictions still applied. All CDs took place in hybrid format, with only few civil society participants attending in person. In general, it can be considered as a learning experience which will hopefully lead to further engagement in the years to come.

The AHC Cybercrime represents a substantial opportunity for the Alliance to be involved in a process that addresses the hardest challenges that the evolution of Information and Communication Technologies pose, while developing best practices with the involvement of a large variety of stakeholders, from Member States to Non-governmental Organizations and Academia, with significant contributions from the Private Sector. The Alliance has participated actively in all three sessions and intersessional consultations held in 2022, including taking a leading role in establishing a “Vienna group” of relevant civil society stakeholders.
The establishment of the Alliance Working Group on Non-State Torture (NST) represents a first step in providing a forum for discussion of emerging issues to be brought to the attention of Member States for action. In this respect, the Alliance was able to host a side event on “Gender-based violence as torture inflicted by non-State actors” on the occasion of the 31st session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ) in May and an exhibition, which was held in November. The Alliance also produced a document “Stop non-State torture: enforce human rights for everyone” calling attention to gender-based violence as a form of torture perpetrated by non-State actors.

Serious attention was given to the issue of Climate Justice, during the first intersessional meeting of the CCPCJ which was held in February and in the context of the 66th Commission on the Status of Women, highlighting the importance of gender mainstreaming when dealing with climate policies and the particular impact that ecocide, climate change and natural disasters have on women and girls around the world.

The Alliance continued advancing its role as an umbrella organization, coordinating non-governmental organizations in the context of Vienna-based UN-processes. The number of membership applications received has grown and, thanks to the renewal of the grant from the Resilience Fund of the Global Initiative on Transnational Organized Crime, the Alliance was able to carry out its membership fee waiver programme.
BOARD MEMBERS 2022

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

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2022 ACTIVITIES

January – February

24 January

Between 24 January and 5 March, the Alliance participated in the 3rd Self-Paced course for non-governmental stakeholders’ engagement training in the UNTOC Review Mechanism.

14-16 February

CCPCJ Expert Discussions on Crimes that Affect the Environment: At its 30th session in May 2021, the CCPCJ approved a resolution entitled “Preventing and combating crimes that affect the environment”, which was subsequently adopted by the Third Committee of the General Assembly as A/C.3/76/L.6. Operative paragraph 15 of the resolution called upon the CCPCJ to hold, during the intersessional period, expert discussions on preventing and combating crimes that affect the environment with a view to discuss concrete ways to improve strategies and responses to effectively prevent and combat these crimes and to strengthen international cooperation at the operational level on this matter. The Alliance cooperated closely with the UNODC Secretariat of Governing Bodies in the preparation of the meeting, identified civil society panelists and disseminated information about the event.

21-23 February

The Alliance supported the Slum Child Foundation Kenya in organizing the online Africa Conference on Drugs and Crime: Promoting evidence-based interventions to foster African development, together with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the Vienna NGO Committee on Drugs (VNGOC). The aim of the conference was to create
avenues for dialogue and action to address drug and crime challenges in Africa and opportunities for civil society to support governments in responding to them through the main international instruments.

**March – April**

**28 February – 11 March**

These dates can be considered as a milestone, as the **first session of the Ad Hoc Committee for countering the use of ICT for criminal purposes**, AHC-Cybercrime for short, was held in New York; the Alliance was able to participate remotely. The AHC represents a unique framework for the development of best practices and for the increasing involvement of multi-stakeholders.

**14-18 March**

On the margins of the **65th session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs**, the Alliance was the co-organizer of two side events:

**16 March** - Cross-cutting Evidence-based Interventions on Drugs and Crime in Africa for the Implementation of UNODC Strategic Vision for Africa: this event was organized by the Slum Child Foundation on the 16th of March and co-organized by the Alliance together with the VNGOC and the UNODC Civil Society Unit.

**17 March** - Responding to drug-related challenges in the cyberspace: Vulnerabilities and opportunities to engage Civil Society: the side-event was organized by the UNODC Civil Society Unit. The Alliance was a co-organizer, with the support of the Government of Switzerland and the VNGOC on the 17th of March.

**14-25 March**

On the occasion of the **66th Commission on the Status of Women** (theme “Achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls in the context of climate change, environmental and disaster risk reduction policies and programmes”), the Alliance co-organised and participated in parallel events:

**21 March** - “Gender, corruption, organized crime: Understanding gender dynamics, building better responses” was jointly organized by the Alliance and the Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime, having panelists discuss the roles women play in building community resilience to organized crime and corruption.
22 March - “Climate Justice for Women & Girls: Approaches to Combating Ecocide”, jointly organized by the Alliance with the Vienna NGO Committee on the Status of Women and the NGO Committee on Sustainable Development. The event featured an online panel discussion on how women’s civil society organizations can bring perpetrators of ecocide to justice and what NGOs can do to support global efforts to end crimes against the environment.

24-25 March

The Alliance participated in the **Intersessional consultations with multi-stakeholders of the AHC- Cybercrime**, sharing information to facilitate participation among the members of its network.

May – June

6 May

**Constructive Dialogue on Firearms.** This was the first constructive dialogue, a new mechanism established to promote civil society engagement with the Review Mechanism of the UNTOC. The Alliance worked closely with UNODC CSU in facilitating civil society participation, raising awareness and sharing information.
16-20 May

The 31st session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice presented several occasions for meaningful engagement of NGOs, including the NGO briefing with UNODC CSU (16 May), the Civil Society Organization Roundtable Discussion with the U.S Department of State (17 May), the informal dialogue with the Executive Director of UNODC, Ghada Fathy Waly (18 May), and the dialogue with the Chair of CCPCJ, Ambassador Takeshi Hikihara of Japan (19 May). The Chair of the Alliance represented civil society at the event “A Multifaceted Approach to Turning the Kyoto Declaration into Action on the Ground”, Organized by the Chair of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in cooperation with Japan (16 May).

The Alliance and UNODC CSU facilitated the participation of a group of ten NGOs from Kenya in the CCPCJ, who were able to attend the conference remotely thanks to the establishment of a hub in Nairobi.

Side events

The Alliance joined forces with numerous partners in co-organizing the following side events:

16 May - “The importance of including external perspectives on the United Nations cybercrime treaty”, organized by the Igarapé Institute with the
support of Canada, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and the Alliance of NGOs on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, the Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime and the Royal Institute of International Affairs (Chatham House).

17 May - “Ten Years of the Anti-Feminicide Campaign at UNODC”, organized by the International Association for the Advancement of Innovative Approaches to Global Challenges with the support of El Salvador, Mexico, Spain, and the Alliance of NGOs on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, Soroptimist International and the UNODC Justice Section.


18 May - “Cross-Cutting Evidenced-Based Interventions on Drugs and Crime in Africa for the Implementation of the UNODC Strategic Vision for Africa”, organized by the Slum Child Foundation with the support of the Alliance of NGOs on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, the UNODC Civil Society Unit and the Vienna NGO Committee on Drugs.

19 May - “Power Politics V. the Rule of Law: From Transocean Insights to Global Perspectives”, organized by the Academic Council on the United Nations System with the support of the Alliance of NGOs on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, the International Association for the Advancement of Innovative Approaches to Global Challenges, the Office of International Programs of the Syracuse University College of Law and the United Nations Studies Association Vienna.

19 May - “Gender-Based Violence as Torture Inflicted by Non-State Actors”, organized by Finland with the support of Honduras, and the Alliance of NGOs on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice. Coordinated by the Alliance Working Group on GBV-NST, the event featured Linda MacDonald and Jeanne Sarson (GBV-NST activists), Rashida Manjoo, former Special Rapporteur on violence against women; Manfred Nowak, former Special Rapporteur on torture; Julissa Villanueva,
Undersecretary of Security of Honduras; Lutz Oette, Co-director of the Centre for Human Rights Law; and Eduardo Vetere, Executive Secretary of the 8th, 9th and 11th United Nations Congresses on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice.

20 May - “On Climate Change, Migration and The Rule of Law: Dialogue in Hell between Montesquieu and Machiavelli”, organized by the Universal Peace Federation with the support of Italy, and the Alliance of NGOs on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, the International Association for the Advancement of Innovative Approaches to Global Challenges, the United Nations Studies Association Vienna and Verein Justizgeschichte und Rechtsstaat.

18 May

Annual General Assembly of the Alliance (Hybrid form) and election of Board Members (Electionrunner)

27 May

The Constructive Dialogues on International Cooperation and Technical Assistance, within the framework of the UNTOC Review Mechanism. The event was preceded by a briefing for NGOs to better explain modalities of engagement and the importance of creating space for exchange between governments and civil society. In this hybrid event, the Alliance facilitated the participation and delivery of statements of many stakeholders attending remotely.
**30 May - 14 June**

**Second session of the Ad Hoc Committee to Elaborate a Comprehensive International Convention on Countering the Use of Information and Communication Technologies for Criminal Purposes**: During these two weeks of fruitful discussion, more than fifteen NGOs were able to speak, and their contributions were widely recognized. On 3 June, the Alliance and the Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime organized an informal networking reception for multistakeholder and state participants, allowing for fruitful interactions. The Second Intersessional Consultations with Multi-Stakeholders of the Ad Hoc Committee on Cybercrime took place on 13-14 June. Ian Tennant (Vice-Chair of the Alliance) and Ingeborg Geyer (Treasurer of The Alliance) participated as panelists under the item 'Mechanism of Implementation'.

**30 June**

The event "**Giovanni Falcone and Italian society's fight against Cosa Nostra**" was organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy at the UN in Vienna and the Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime to commemorate the 30th anniversary since the killing of the Italian Judge Giovanni Falcone (Capaci, 23 May 1992). The Chair of the Alliance, Anna Alvazzi Del Frate, was invited to intervene to highlight the role of civil society in combatting organized crime.
July – August

1 July

The **Constructive Dialogue on Trafficking in Persons**, within the framework of the UNTOC Review Mechanism: The event was preceded by a briefing for NGOs to better explain modalities of engagement and the importance of creating space for exchange between governments and civil society. In this hybrid event, the Alliance facilitated the participation and delivery of statements of many stakeholders attending remotely.

13 July

The Alliance co-organized, together with the UNODC Secretariat to the Governing Bodies and the VNGOC, a briefing for civil society “newcomers”, sharing information about the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and informing them about modalities for NGO participation.

26 August

An **Informal Consultation Meeting with the Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee** was organized ahead of the third session of the Ad Hoc Committee to Elaborate a Comprehensive International Convention on Countering the Use of Information and Communications Technologies for Criminal Purposes. The Alliance participated and shared information on the website to inform interested multi-stakeholders.

September – October

5-8 September

Alliance board members participated in the **intersessional meeting of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption** on the achievements of the political declaration adopted by the special session of the General Assembly against corruption.

15 September

The NGOs Alliance supported **the official launch of the UNTOC Review Pilot Initiative for Pakistan** with two members of the board, Ian Tennant (Global Initiative Against Transnational Organised Crime) and Tariq Khosa (Center for Governance Research) contributing to the discussions.
21-22 September

Alliance board members attended the **CND thematic discussions** on the implementation of all international drug policy commitments, following up to the 2019 Ministerial Declaration. The discussions focused on the implementation of the drug control convention and on human rights obligations.

26 September – 04 November

The Alliance facilitated the and invited members to undertake the **SE4U Self-paced course**, introducing participants to the UNTOC and its review mechanism, as well as entry points for engagement with governments.

17-21 October

During the **11th Session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (UNTOC)** the Alliance hosted and participated in a variety of events, including:

17 Oct - NGO briefing for participants, organized jointly with the UNODC Civil Society Unit

17 Oct - Social Event for civil society participants

17 Oct - Side event on “Cross-cutting Evidence based intervention on drugs and crime in Africa for the Implementation of UNODC strategic Vision for Africa”, co-organized with the Slum Child Foundation, the UNODC Civil Society Unit and the Vienna NGO Committee on Drugs.

19 Oct - Informal Dialogue with the Executive Director of UNODC, Ms Ghada Waly.

19 Oct - “Partnership for UNTOC implementation - two-year assessment of Stakeholder Engagement in the review process”, co-organized with the UNODC Civil Society Unit, the UNODC Conference Support Section (OCB) and the governments of Canada, Mexico, and the United States.

20 Oct - Informal Dialogue with the President of the 11th session of the CoP to UNTOC, Ambassador Baker Fattah Hussen (Iraq), with civil society participants.

20 Oct - Side events on “Assessing impacts of global arms control agreements on armed violence reduction”, co-organized with Kennis: Knowledge for Safety and Good Governance and CROSS: Osservatorio sulla Criminalità Organizzata, during which the panelists discussed indicators to assess the armed violence reduction impacts related to effective implementation of global arms control instruments, with a view to help States in meeting their commitments in reviewing the implementation of the Firearms Protocol.
20 Oct - Side event on “Civil Society Contribution to Combat Transnational Organized Crime”, co-organized with the Conference of NGOs in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations (CoNGO) and Graduate Women International. This event was aimed to discuss the key issues that represent the pillars of effective civil society action in preventing and combating transnational organized crime, with concrete examples.

November – December

14-17 November

The government of Honduras acted as a host for the Exhibition “Stop Non-State Torture - Enforce the Human Rights of Women & Girls”, organized at the Rotunda of the Vienna International Centre (VIC) by the Alliance Working Group on gender-based violence as a form of torture inflicted by Non-State Actors (NST) in cooperation with the Vienna NGO Committees on Status of Women and on Sustainable Development, Jeanne Sarson & Linda MacDonald, NST authors, and Lisa-Maria Schmidt and Ronja Janu, Art Students. On 14 November, the Opening Ceremony included welcome speeches by Honduras, Finland, UNODC, the city of Vienna and the Alliance. In the subsequent days, the exhibition provided a space for in-person and online discussion via a series of lunchtime events, as follows:

15 Nov - Why do we need a UN Declaration on Torture by Non-State Actors?
16 Nov - Non-State Torture is a Global Human Rights Violation & Crime
17 Nov - Reflections on four days of exhibition.

15-17 November

SE4U Workshop on the UNTOC Self-assessment Questionnaire. The Alliance participated and facilitated stakeholders’ participation to this in-depth overview of the implementation of the UNTOC Review Mechanism, by sharing relevant information on the website.
5-7 December

Thematic Discussions of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on the implementation of the Kyoto Declaration: The Alliance, in cooperation with UNODC CSU, selected civil society speakers to contribute to the panel discussions and make statements ‘from the floor’. In the margins of the Thematic Discussions, the Alliance organized and co-organized the following events, further fostering Civil Society participation:

5 Dec - Civil Society Get Together, and Civil Society Briefing and Needs Assessment on the Ad Hoc Committee on Cybercrime. The event was jointly organized and facilitated by the UNODC Civil Society Unit and the Alliance, and aimed at collecting input and views on the involvement of Civil Society in the AHC, assessing needs and scope of participation.

7 Dec - Stop non-State Torture: Enforce Human Rights for Everyone. The event was hosted by the Government of Finland and co-organized by Honduras and the Alliance of NGOs on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice. It provided a space dedicated to discussion following the description of the tragic histories of non-State Torture victims and survivors thanks to the extensive work of the non-State Torture experts. The Alliance produced a document stressing the main issues related to the non-sufficient criminalization of torture inflicted by NSTs and indicating the reasons why a declaration on non-State Torture is necessary.

8-9 December

The Alliance participated in the reconvened 31st session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ).

8-9 December

The Alliance together with UNODC CSU and the VNGOC organized a civil society consultation on strengthening the implementation of the UNODC Synthetic Drug Strategy in the margins of the reconvened sessions of CCPCJ and CND. The consultation gathered approximately one hundred NGO representatives (both in person and online) and facilitated discussions on how civil society can meaningfully engage in implementing the Synthetic Drug Strategy.
MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE

Membership in the Alliance is regulated by the Statutes. As of 31 December 2022, the Alliance counted 108 ordinary members and 19 extraordinary members, for a total of 127 NGOs, plus 24 individual members. Approximately 60% of the members were in good standing, including 15 who obtained a waiver of their fee for 2022.

Trends 2020 – 2022

A steady increase in the number of ordinary members was observed since the registration of the Alliance in Austria in 2019. This includes the transformation of informal affiliation to the Vienna and NY hubs into formalized membership and new applications. During 2022, the Alliance received 41 membership applications from NGOs, to be included as ordinary members. Eligibility of applicants is assessed by the Executive Board on the basis of the documentation provided in the applications. A monthly list of new applicants is submitted to the Board for admission.

Among the 41 applicants, 16 enjoyed special accreditation with UNODC, 15 had special consultative status with ECOSOC, and 3 had already applied for ECOSOC accreditation.

The scope of the work of NGOs, as declared in the membership questionnaire, indicated that more than half of the new members had a national scope, followed by more than a quarter with international scope and the remaining ones with regional scope.
The applying NGOs were involved in a diverse range of activities, with a considerable number of organizations engaging in activities related to drug use prevention and treatment of drug use disorders, followed by the field of transnational organized crime.

In 2021 the Alliance started cooperation with the Resilience Fund of the Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime to establish a fee waiver programme for NGOs in need. The programme covered the 2022 membership fee of 15 non-governmental organizations.

**Honorary Members**

- Yael Danieli
- Christian Kuhn
- Karen Judd Smith
- Michael Platzer

Two Honorary Members of the Alliance, Marlene Parenzan and Gary Hill, passed away in 2022. Their contribution to the engagement of civil society with the UN, and to the work of the Alliance in particular, will be hugely missed.
WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

The website of the Alliance registered over 2200 users in 2022, with the highest engagement right before the CCPCJ and the COP to the UNTOC. Most users were from the United States, followed by Austria and the UK. In total, users from 139 different countries / territories visited the website in 2022. The homepage is the most frequently visited, followed by the event page.

The mailing list of the Alliance, including membership at large, expanded to include 354 contacts in total. Between 1 January and 31 December, the Alliance sent thirty-eight circular information emails via Sendinblue, which proved again to be a valuable tool for communicating with the membership and keeping them informed. Circular emails contained information about UN Processes, upcoming deadlines, events, calls for statements, and more.

At the end of 2022 the Alliance counted 388 Twitter followers (141 more than in 2021) and 73 followers in LinkedIn (first year of use for the Alliance). Forty-one new videos of events, statements, and webinars were uploaded to the Alliance YouTube channel in 2022, accumulating over 1400 individual views.