



UN Task Force on Transnational Organized Crime and Drug Trafficking

**Presentation to the ACPR
Bangkok
30 May 2012**



Presentation Structure

1. Background

2. From knowledge to action



Task Force's purpose:

- To integrate responses to TOC into the peace-keeping, security and development activities of the UN
- To raise awareness and mobilize collective action against the growing and multifaceted threat of TOC and drug trafficking.



UN recognition of the threat

- 2004 – UN High Level Panel on Threats, Challenges, Changes
- 2010 – UNSC “considering TOC in conflict prevention”
- 2010 – UN Strategic Framework “drugs, crime, terrorism” as threats
- 2011 – UN Task Force on TOC and drug trafficking established by UN SG Policy Committee in March 2011
- 2012 Sec-Gen’s 5-Year Action Agenda



Co-chairs

- DPA + UNODC

Members

- DPKO
- UNDP
- DPI
- PBSO
- OHCHR
- UNICEF
- UN Women
- World Bank

Linkages

- UNDG (HQ) + RoLCRG + IASSRTF + regional UNDGs



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Letter to all UNRCs



September 7, 2011

Dear Colleagues,

Transnational organized crime; illicit trafficking in drugs, human beings, arms, money, and natural resources; and related corrupt practices, have become a global threat to governments, civil societies, and economies, undercutting the rule of law and hampering the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals. Such issues cannot be successfully tackled unilaterally or in a compartmentalized manner. Rather, they require a coherent and effective multilateral response. We recognize that, for many of you, these challenges are forcefully impacting on a daily basis the regions and countries in which you work.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the Secretary-General has decided to set up a new UN Task Force, co-chaired by the Department of Political Affairs (DPA) and the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), to raise awareness and mobilize collective action against the threat of transnational organized crime and drug trafficking. The Task Force is entrusted to develop a UN system-wide response as well as a roadmap of key activities and initiatives, including data-gathering, threat-mapping, vulnerability and needs assessments, evaluation of policy tools, and lessons learned. The response would focus on how Regional UNDG Teams, UN Country Teams, and peacekeeping and political field missions can more effectively address the issues involved.

In light of the above, we would like to invite Regional UNDG Teams and UN Country Teams under the leadership of the UN Resident Co-ordinator to integrate strategies for tackling transnational organized crime and illicit trafficking into their tools and policies including through:

- Inviting members of the Task Force to provide briefings at the UNDG Regional Team meetings, to help shape a joint strategic perspective on how to address this threat in different regions;
- Inviting representatives of the Task Force to Regional meetings of Resident Co-ordinators to explore ways in which the Task Force could support efforts by country teams;

All United Nations Resident Co-ordinators

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- Utilizing Task Force members' assessments (including the UNODC Regional Transnational organized Crime Threat Assessments (TOCTA)) to inform the upcoming CCA and UNDAF processes.
- Adopting into your presentations on human security and development the relevant key messages on organized crime as endorsed by the Secretary-General (see attached);
- Assisting in making Member States aware of the capacities that exist in the UN system to support their efforts to combat transnational organized crime

Of course, we also invite you to draw upon the resources of the UN Task Force to further other initiatives to improve our response to transnational organized crime. The representatives of the Task Force either in the field or the contact points at Headquarters would be pleased to discuss concrete opportunities with you.

The Secretary-General has firmly placed rule of law assistance at the center of the UN's agenda. Your collaboration will be instrumental in strengthening Member States' capacity to pursue justice, security and development through a holistic approach.

We look forward to working together with you on this important issue in the months and years ahead. Please find attached the Task Force Terms of Reference as determined by the Policy Committee decision. If you would like to have additional information on the Task Force, please contact Ms. Simone Monasebian at UNODC (monasebian@un.org) or Sebastian von Einsiedel at DPA (einsiedels@un.org).

Yours sincerely,

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United Nations

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United Nations Office on
Drugs and Crime



Timeline

- Launch
- End June – Meeting of Task Force Principals
(deferred from April 2012)



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Developing a UN system response

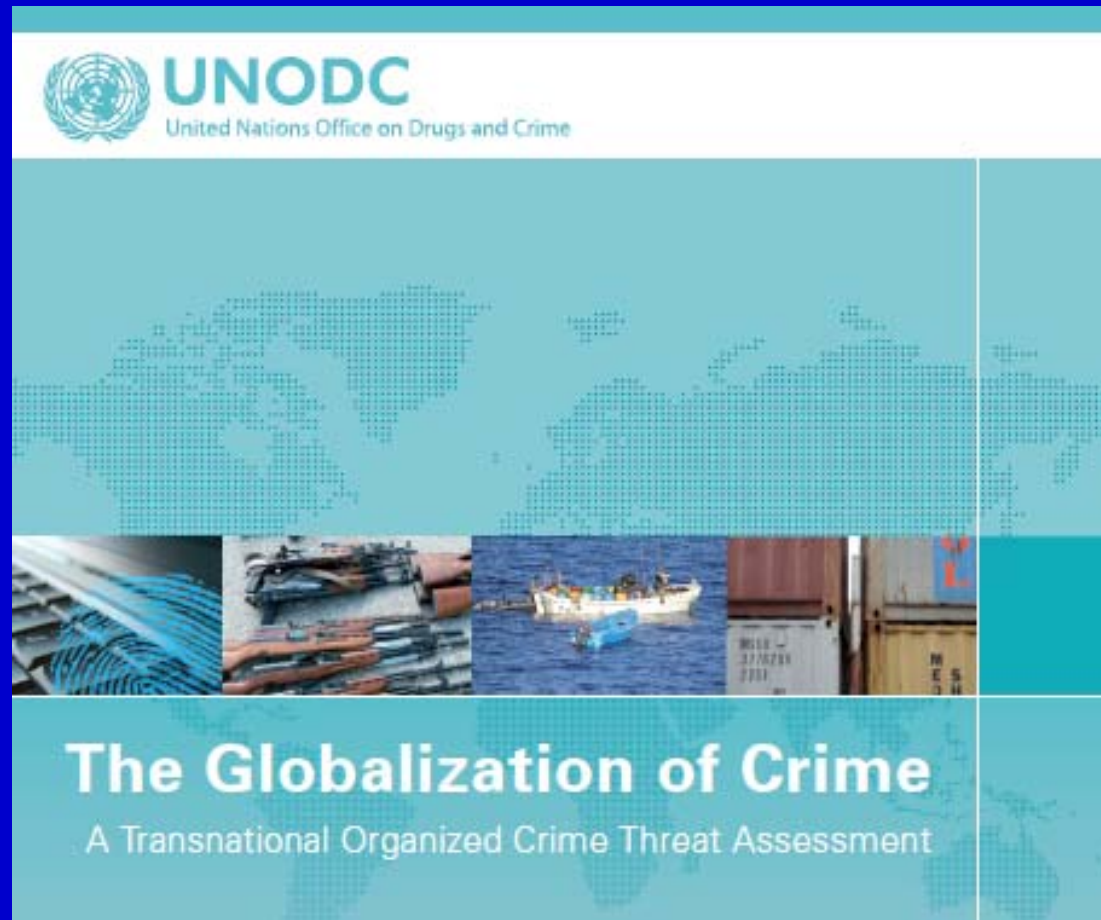
From Knowledge

To Action

- Data gathering
- Threat mapping
- Vulnerability needs
- Evaluation of policy tools
- Lessons learnt
- Policy recommendations

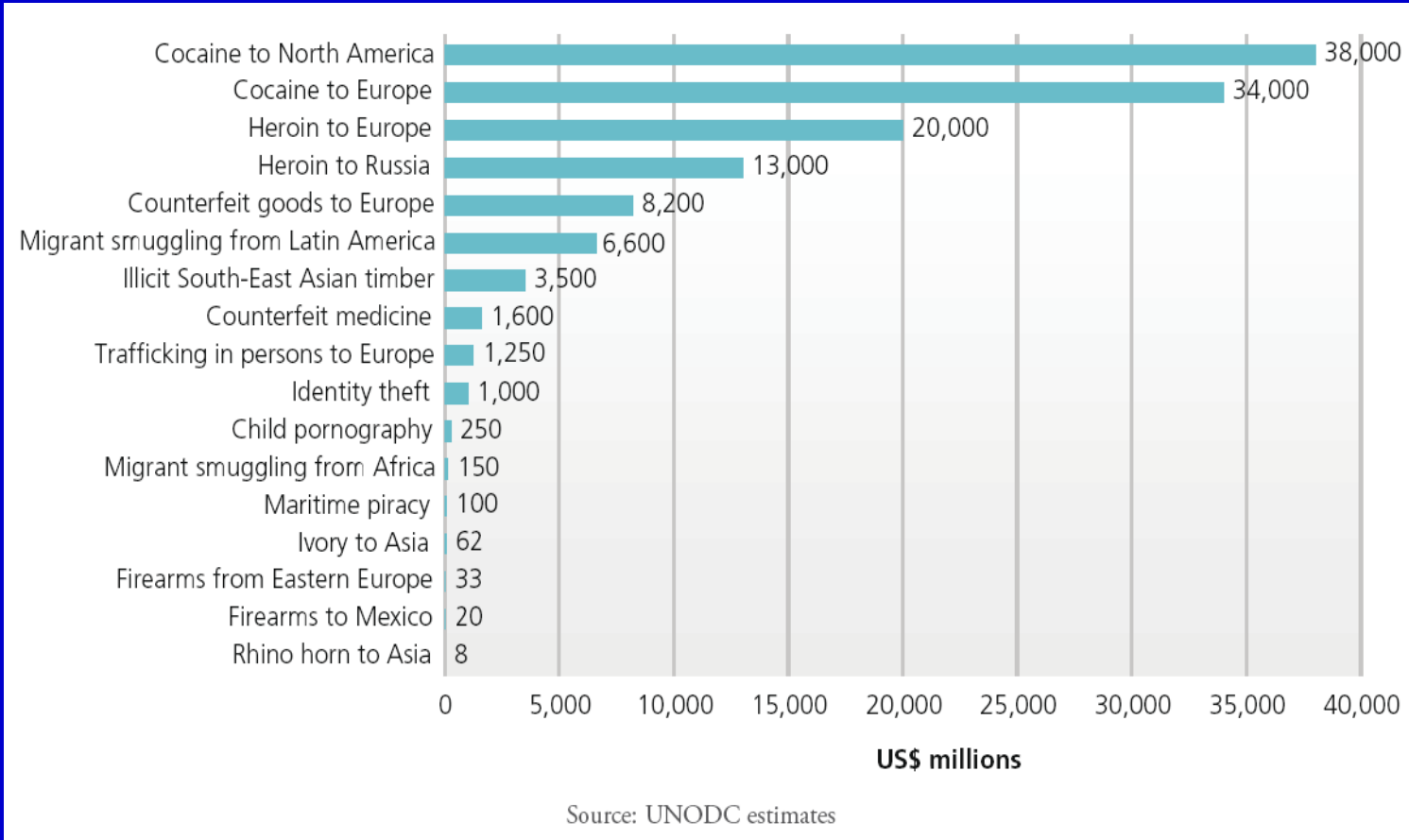


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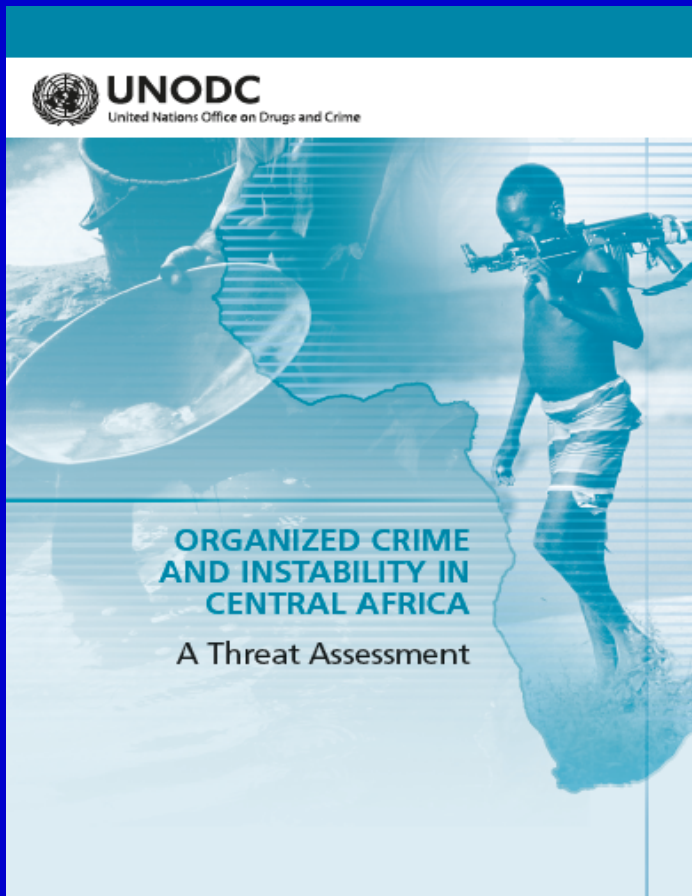
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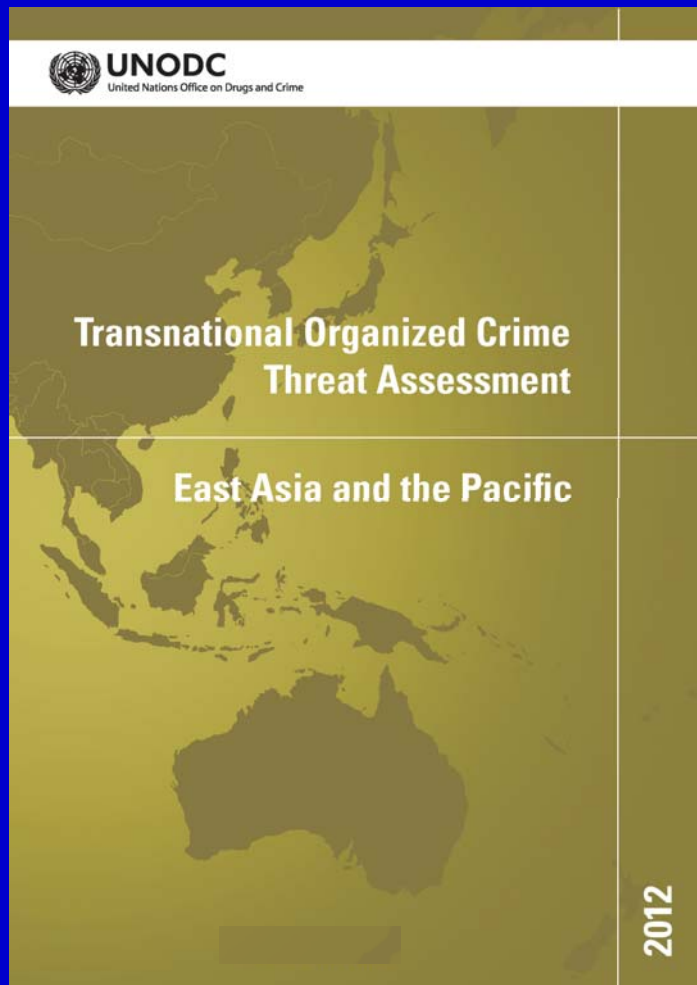
UNODC Regional TOCTAs



- Central Amer./Carib. (Aug 2012)
- East Asia / Pacific (Sep 2012)
- Eastern Africa (Jul 2012)
- West Africa (Aug 2012)
- Mid East / N. Africa (Dec 2012)



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1. People: Migrant smuggling & Trafficking in Persons

- Internal Regional flows
- Trans-Regional flows

2. Drugs

- Heroin
- ATS – Amphetamine-type substances

3. Environmental Crimes

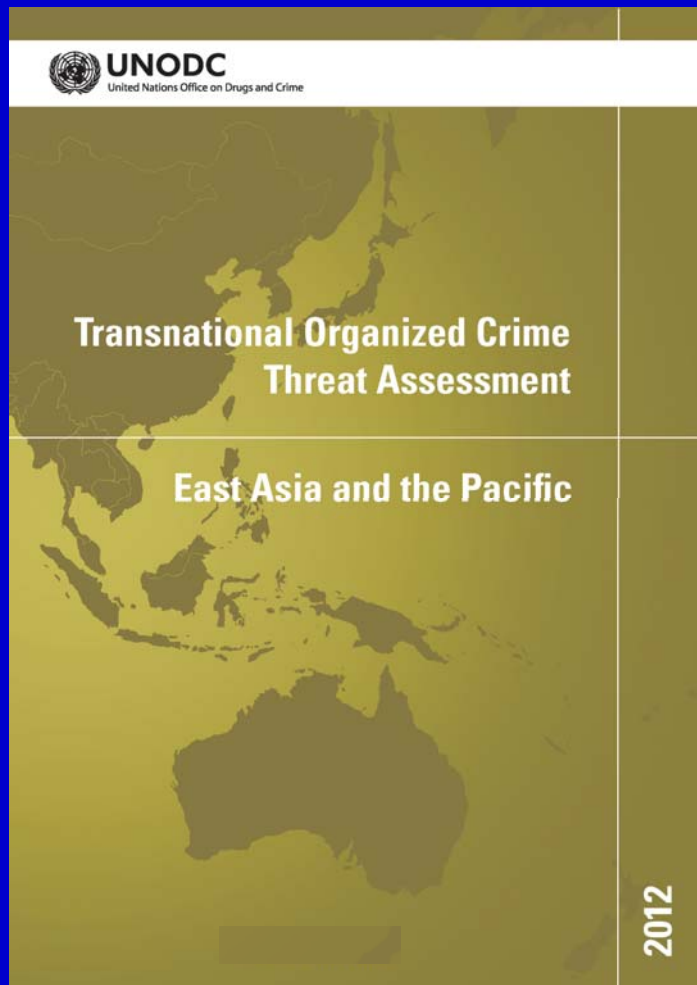
- Illegal Trade in Wildlife
- Timber
- E-Waste dumping / ODS illegal trade

4. Goods

- Counterfeit Goods
- Fraudulent Medicine



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Questions to be answered

1. What is the nature of the market for the commodity or service?
2. How is the trafficking conducted?
3. Who are the traffickers?
4. How is the money handled?
5. How big is the flow in annual dollar terms?
6. **What are the implications for response?**



Developing a UN system response

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To Action

- Within the UN
- With Member States



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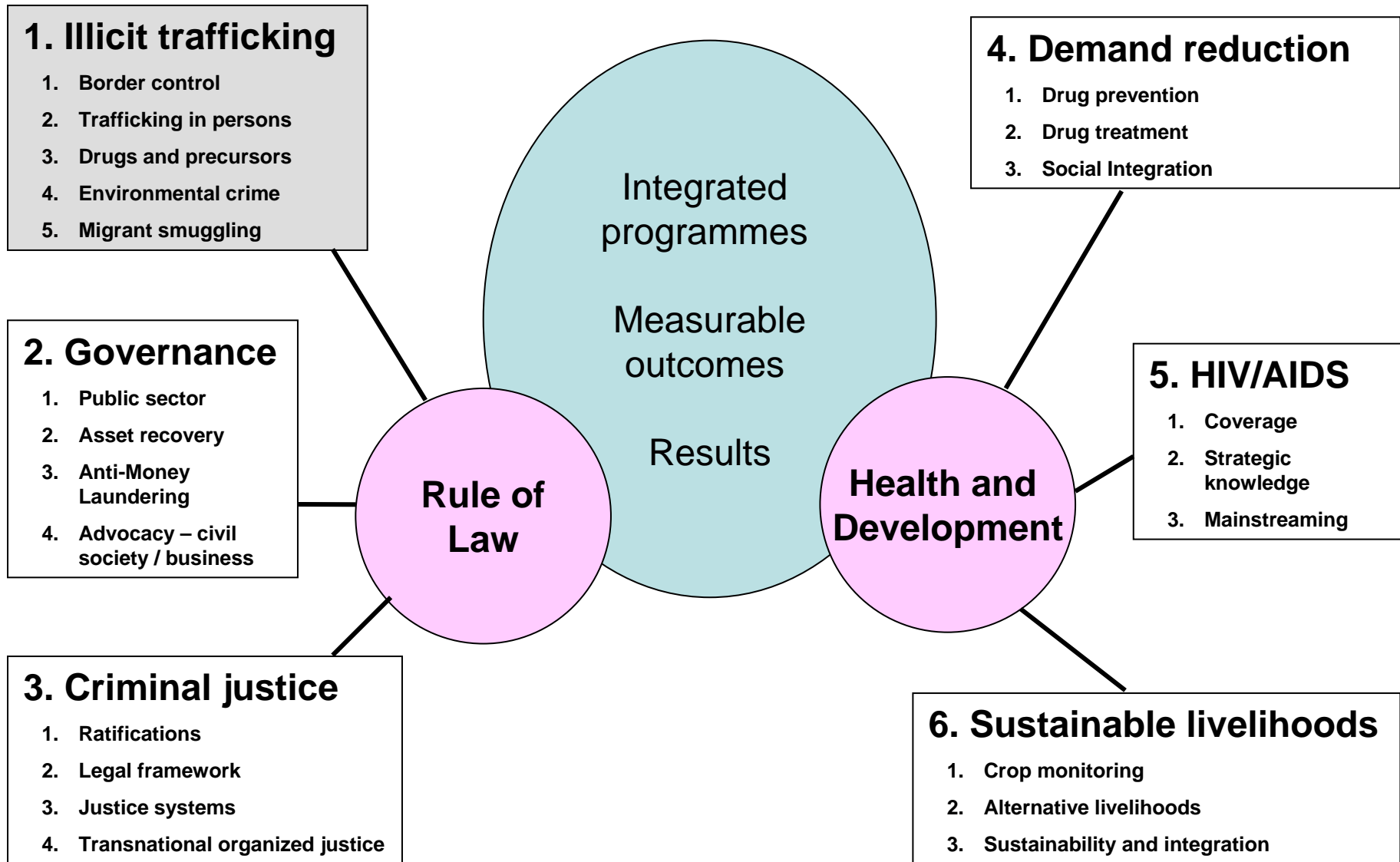
- **WITHIN THE UN**
 - Briefed UNDG Asia/Pacific (13 Oct 2011)
 - Letter to UN Resident Coordinators (24 Nov 2012)
 - Objective: mainstream TOC/DT within broader development and human security agenda of UNDGs, UNCTs
- **New UNODC Regional Programme (2013-2016)**



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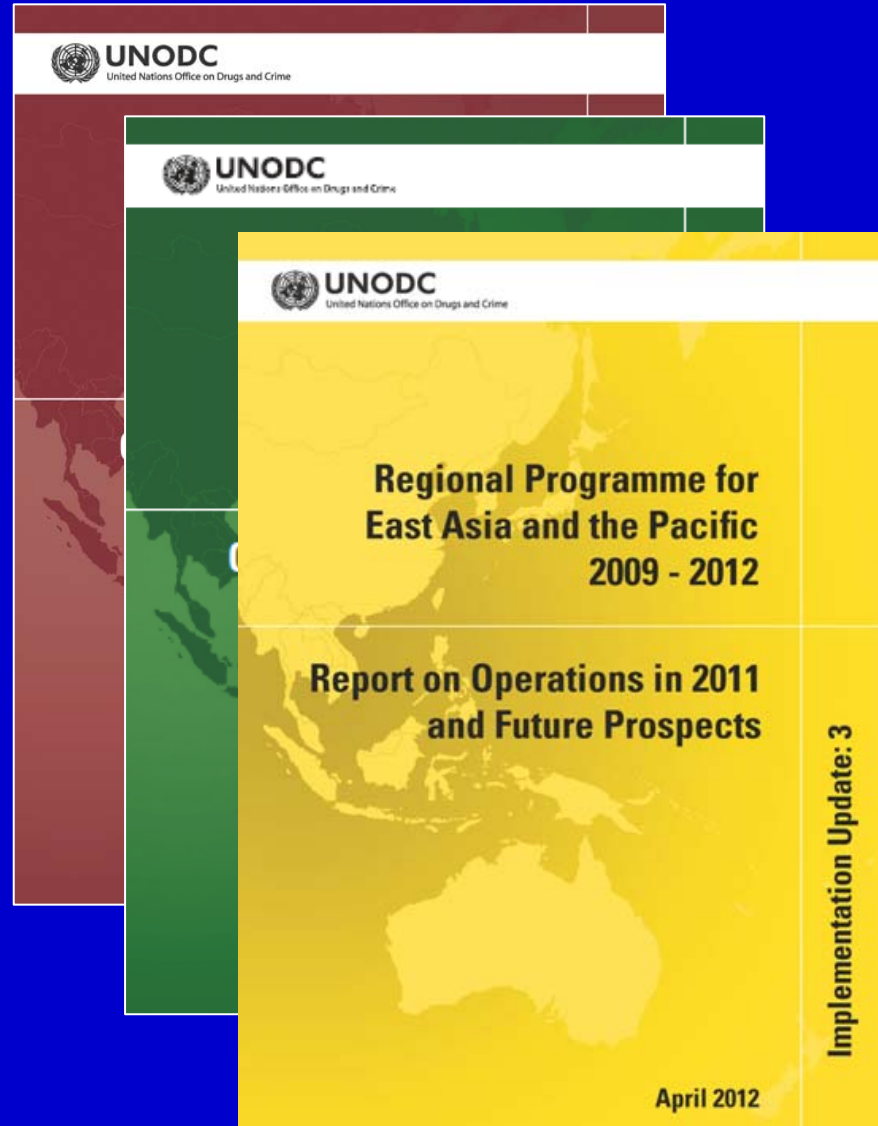
- **WITH MEMBER STATES**

- Place the TOCTAs at the disposal of M/S to inform policy and resource allocation in the criminal justice system
- Policy analysis + programming: CCAs → UNDAFs/UNPAFs
 - Eg. Iran's UNDAF (2011) addresses drug trafficking
- Establish Task Forces at regional level ?
- Integrate into ongoing work – e.g., SOMTC, Drug MOU etc
- Promote UNODC capacity-building for M/S on TOC/DT
 - **UNODC Regional Programme Framework**





**Regional Programme
(2009-2012)**





**Regional Programme
(2009-2012)**

**Independent
evaluation (late
2012)**

**New RPF (2013-
2016) to be
formulated**



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THANK YOU