



Countering Transnational Organized Crime Seminar

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**“Coordinating responses Across Borders: A
Combined Governance, Technological and
People Centered Approaches”**

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Introduction: Criminal Market Place Inherent to Borderlands

Linked to the existence of borders

TOC exists because
Borders separate countries

Complexity of the Phenomenon

Complexity of the criminal market place

Complexity of cross-border Cooperation





Magnitude of the Phenomenon

Transnational Crime and Financial Value its Adverse Implications on Economies of the Developing World (Global Financial Integrity -2017)

The Retail Value of Transnational Crime

Counterfeiting		\$923 billion to \$1.13 trillion
Drug Trafficking		\$426 billion to \$652 billion
Illegal Logging		\$52 billion to \$157 billion
Human Trafficking		\$150.2 billion
Illegal Mining		\$12 billion to \$48 billion
IUU Fishing		\$15.5 billion to \$36.4 billion
Illegal Wildlife Trade		\$5 billion to \$23 billion
Crude Oil Theft		\$5.2 billion to \$11.9 billion
Small Arms & Light Weapons Trafficking		\$1.7 billion to \$3.5 billion
Organ Trafficking		\$840 million to \$1.7 billion
Trafficking in Cultural Property		\$1.2 billion to \$1.6 billion
Total		\$1.6 trillion to \$2.2 trillion



Source: *Transnational Crime and the Developing World*

Amplified by 4 major factors:

- **Effects of Globalisation (Globalised markets and economic disparities)**
- **Massive migration and displacements**
- **Technological advancement**
- **Weakness of the state and responses**



Implications on Cross-border Coordination:

Common understanding of the phenomenon – Monitoring trends and Impact

Level of preparedness

Shared responsibility

Principles of Effective Coordination Across-Borders

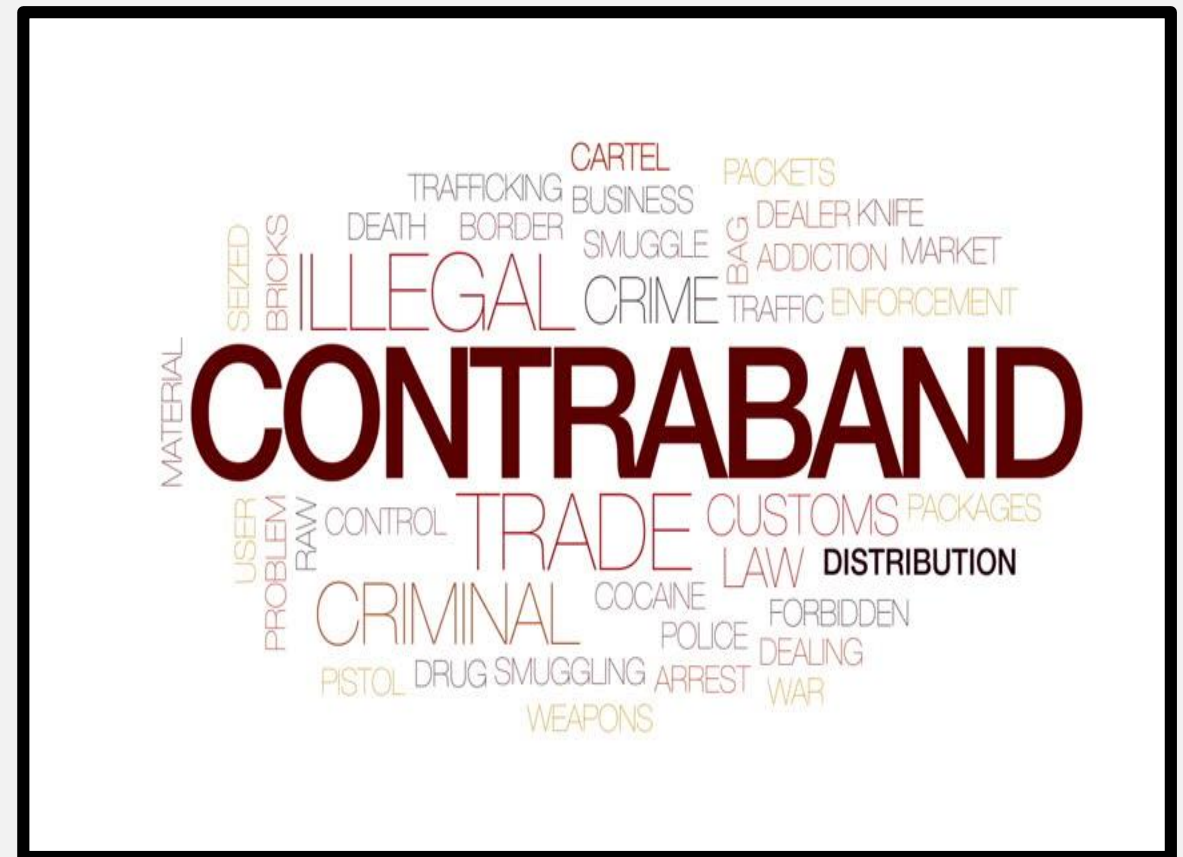
Responding to the Drivers and Enablers

Immediate drivers and Enablers

- Porous Borders and Ungoverned Spaces
- Over Regulation and Restrictions on Essential Goods (Contraband)
- Convergence and Alliances with Terrorism and Violent extremism (The “Terror –Crime Continuum”)
- Weak enforcement agencies and legal systems

Long-term drivers and Enablers

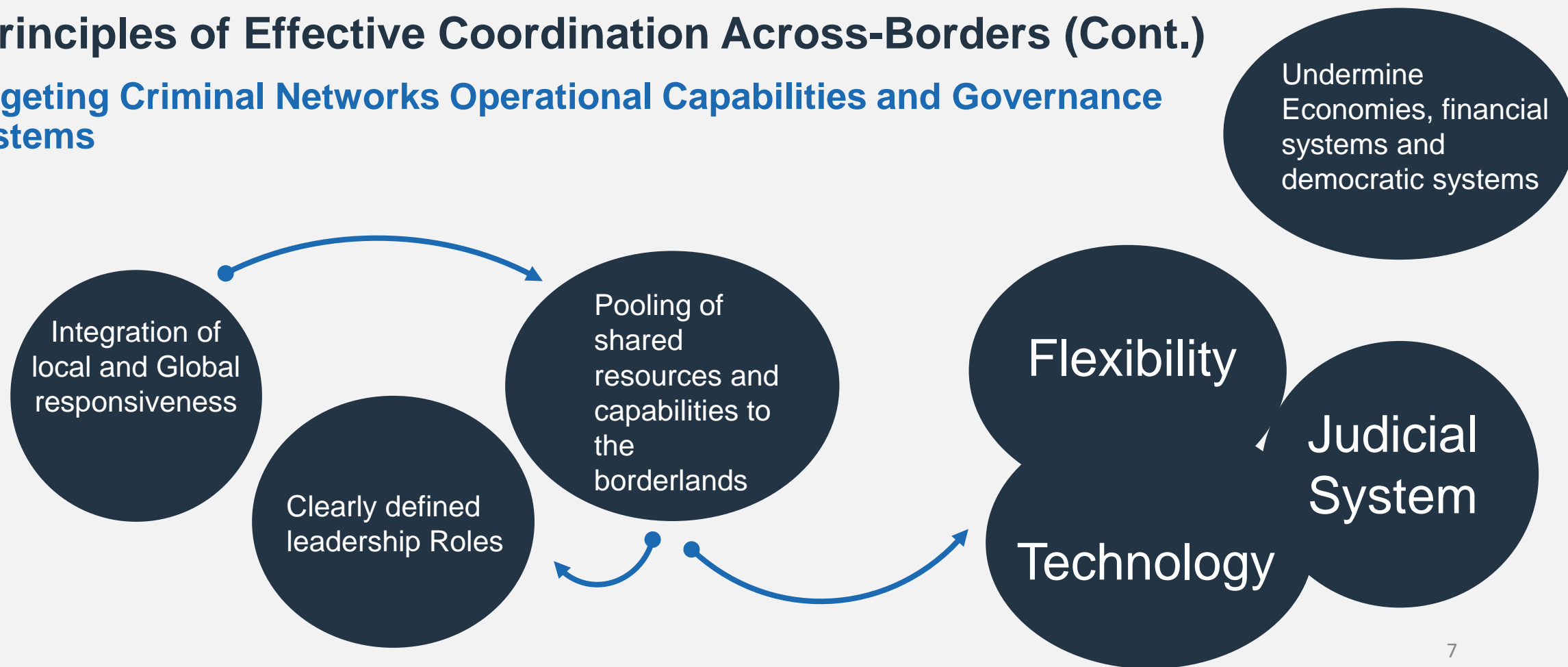
- Corruption and Weak Governance
 - Involvement of local populations
 - Lack of Education
 - Poverty/Inequalities/Vulnerabilities
- Violence and Insecurity**





Principles of Effective Coordination Across-Borders (Cont.)

Targeting Criminal Networks Operational Capabilities and Governance Systems



Existing Legal Frameworks and Bodies:

International

**International
Police
Organization
(INTERPOL)**

**UN Convention on Against Organized
Transnational Crime and other
conventions**

**UN Protocols Against Trafficking in
Persons, Smuggling of Migrants and
Trafficking in Small Arms and
Ammunition**

Regional

**African Police
Cooperation
Mechanism
(AFRIPOL)**

**Committee of
Intelligence and
Security Services of
Africa (CISSA)**

**African Union Solemn Declaration on a Common
African Defense and Security Policy - para 8
Various AU PSC Resolutions in 2017, 2018, 2019
RECs Protocols and Various Sectorial Strategies
and Road Maps**

National

**National Security
Strategy/ Sectorial**

**Harmonization of
existing Legal
Frameworks**

Rule of Law

Enforcement

**Domestication of Existing
Frameworks**



Regional and continental Coordination Approaches

Security/Border Control VS People's Vulnerability and Development

National and State Driven Responses

Regional/Cont. Responses

Local Responses

Few Initiatives:

- Joint Patrols in the Mano River Region
- Joint project for detection and investigation (Senegal, Gambia, Guinea Bissau – (UNODC)
- Similar assistance to the Horn of Africa and to EAC.
- Data availability on cross-Border Crimes and Insurgencies (MNJTF)
- Cape Verde increased Capabilities against Drug Trafficking.
- SADC initiative Against Poaching

Constituencies outside of criminal interests.

Who are they?

CSOs

Media

Local Constituencies

Thank You