

Measuring Illicit Financial Flows from illegal markets - *Presentation of results from pilot studies in four countries of Latin America*

As the custodian agencies of SDG Indicator 16.4.1¹, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) developed the *Conceptual Framework for the Statistical Measurement of Illicit Financial Flows (IFFs)*² and a set of guidelines to measure IFFs originating from different types of illicit activities. In order to test the methodological guidelines related to illegal markets and other criminal activities, UNODC, through the Centre of Excellence (CoE) for Statistical Information on Governance, Public Security, Victimization and Justice, conducted pilot testing activities in four Latin America countries, namely Mexico, Peru, Ecuador and Colombia. The activities focused on measuring IFFs from drug trafficking, smuggling of migrants, trafficking in persons and illicit gold mining, and were carried out between 2018 and 2020 within the scope of the United Nations Development Account project "*Developing indicator on illicit financial flows and monitoring them in Latin America*" (1617 AL).

This meeting is aimed at presenting the results of pilot testing activities conducted in the four countries, including national estimates of IFFs from selected illegal activities. Representatives of the relevant national institutions, UNODC, the CoE in Mexico, and other global experts will meet to present experiences, lessons learned and best practices, and provide ideas on how to mainstream data collection and research on illicit financial flows into the work of national statistical offices and the relevant institutions to facilitate monitoring of SDG Indicator 16.4.1.

¹ SDG Indicator 16.4.1 is formulated as "*Total value of inward and outward illicit financial flows (in current United States dollars)*"

² https://www.unodc.org/documents/data-and-analysis/statistics/IFF/IFF_Conceptual_Framework_for_publication_FINAL_16Oct_print.pdf

Agenda

Date	March 25 th , 2021
Location	Virtual meeting
Link	https://interprefy.interpret.world/loginlink?token=S-svhah0lr
Note	The meeting will be conducted in English and Spanish. Interpretation will be provided.

Meeting time

Countries	Time
Antigua and Barbuda, Grenada, St. Kitts and Nevis, United States, Canada	10:00 – 12:00
Brazil, Suriname	11:00 – 13:00
United Kingdom	14:00 – 16:00
Austria, Italy, Belgium, Switzerland, Luxembourg, Slovenia – Central European Time (CET)	15:00 – 17:00
South Africa	16:00 – 18:00
Thailand	21:00 – 22:00

Time (CET)	Topic	Language of the presentation
15:00 – 15:10	Opening remarks - <i>Jean-Luc Lemahieu, Director of the Division for Policy Analysis and Public Affairs (UNODC)</i>	English
15:10 - 15:30	Results from the pilot studies – <i>Salomé Flores, Coordinator (CoE), David Ravaux, Jr. Researcher (CoE), Laura Castro, Local Coordinator (UNODC Colombia)</i>	Spanish
15:30 – 15:45	Mexico’s experience (drug trafficking and smuggling of migrants) – <i>Edgar Guerrero, General Director of National Analysis (Attorney General’s Office); Gustavo Pineda, Director of Research for Public Policy (Ministry of the Interior)</i>	
15:45 – 15:50	Questions	English/Spanish
15:50 – 16:00	Peru’s experience (cocaine trafficking) – <i>Evelyn Guevara, Supply Reduction Specialist (National Commission for Development and Drug-Free Life)</i>	Spanish
16:00 – 16:05	Questions	English/Spanish
16:05 – 16:15	Coffee break	
16:15 – 16:30	Ecuador’s experience (cocaine trafficking and smuggling of migrants) – <i>Víctor Jima, Specialist in the Prevention of Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling (Ministry of the Interior); Diomedes Palacios, Director of Evaluation and Security Economics (Ministry of the Interior).</i>	Spanish
16:30 – 16:35	Questions	English/Spanish
16:35 – 16:45	Colombia’s experience (gold mining and cocaine trafficking) – <i>Juan Pablo Cardoso, Technical Director, Department of Synthesis and National Accounts (National Administrative Department of Statistics)</i>	Spanish

16:45 – 16:50	Questions	English/Spanish
16:50 – 17:00	<p>Closing remarks – <i>Adrian Franco, Vice President of the Board of Governors and President (National Institute of Statistics and Geography, Mexico)</i></p>	Spanish

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