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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, 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.

2021 HIGHLIGHTS

Congress years are always very important for the opportunity they represent for meaningful engagement of all stakeholders in the UN Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme. The much-awaited Kyoto Congress, postponed since 2020, finally took place in March. It was the first UN major event to be organized and successfully carried out in hybrid format, including an innovative interactive platform. Indeed, while technical issues were progressively resolved making online participation more enjoyable, multilateral processes started adjusting to new modalities to meet and work. During 2021 a new pattern of UN events emerged, with no more cancellations, but a series of hybrid meetings, in which the participation of civil society remained mostly virtual. Delegates from member States realized that in-person participation is almost indispensable to advance multilateral negotiations, but online side events remained the rule.

In 2021 the Alliance continued to grow and establish its coordination role with the Vienna-based UN processes on crime prevention and criminal justice. This role became more formal as regards the selection of NGOs for panelist and speaking slots on the occasion of multiple events relates to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ) and the Kyoto Congress. Furthermore, the Alliance took a leading role in the new processes related to the Ad Hoc Committee to Elaborate a Comprehensive International Convention on Countering the Use of Information and Communications Technologies for Criminal Purposes and the review mechanism of the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (UNTOC).

A very important development for the Alliance was the first project grant received from UNODC in April 2021. The grant supported a small range of activities aimed at strengthening the engagement of civil society in the UNTOC review and the CCPCJ - Kyoto Declaration and identifying areas for further development. Another grant, from the Resilience Fund of the Global Initiative on Transnational Organized Crime, supported the Alliance membership fee waiver programme.

In 2021 the Alliance continued its substantive involvement with a number of webinars and meetings. The final meetings of the series of 'Change the World' webinars on global urban safety, jointly organized with APCOF and Fixed Africa, lead to the production of an outcome document which was submitted by the Alliance as a

Conference Room Paper to the Kyoto Congress. Furthermore, the Alliance started the 'Making the Difference' initiative, in which NGOs take turns to present their work and share their experience in successfully communicating policy-relevant results.

The structure of the monthly meetings (informal online meetings) was improved to include thematic substantive briefings focusing on major UN events (for example, the High Level Political Forum, the Biennial Meeting of States on the Programme of Action on Small Arms and Light Weapons, etc.). These briefings provided crucial information on how civil society can better engage with these processes, as regards the substantive issues at stake as well as the respective rules for registration and participation.

The Annual General Assembly took place in May and was again supported by an electronic platform for the vote (Electionrunner), which will probably remain in the future as a viable and sustainable instrument for the elections of the Board.

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 2022



BOARD MEMBERS 2021

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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2021 ACTIVITIES

January - February



Between October 2020 and February 2021, the Alliance with the African Policing Civilian Oversight Forum (APCOF) and Fixed Africa convened a series of high-level discussions under the banner “Change the World”, to examine our collective efforts at promoting and enhancing global urban safety against the crisis generated by COVID-19. The outcome document of this important initiative was submitted to the 14th UN Crime Congress ([A/CONF.234/NGO/7](#)).



22 January, 17 February – The Alliance participated in the 1st and 2nd Intersessional meetings of CCPCJ.

2 February – Virtual CCPCJ special event for the launch of the 2020 UNODC Global Report on trafficking in Persons.

22-23 February – The Alliance also took part in the 3rd intersessional meeting of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption on the preparations for the special session of the General Assembly against corruption (UNGASS) on 22-23 February.

March - April

3 March – The Executive Director of UNODC, Ms Ghada Waly, invited the NGO participants for a briefing to discuss the role of civil society in the Kyoto Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice. The Alliance facilitated the meeting with the Civil Society Unit of UNODC.



The 14th UN Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice finally took place in Kyoto **from 7 to 12 March**. On **7 March**, during the high-level segment, the Alliance delivered the joint statement on behalf of civil society. In preparation for this statement and to get the pulse of the situation, the Alliance carried out a survey to explore the current areas of work, topics of concern and issues that civil society wanted to bring to the attention of the Congress.

The Alliance organized the following Ancillary meetings:

- **10 March** - Perspectives on Transnational Crime: 4th to 14th United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice
- **11 March** - Twenty Years of the Fight Against Corruption - Past, Present and Future
- **12 March** - Meeting of the Alliance of NGOs on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice



21 April - The Alliance participated in the webinar 'The Kyoto Declaration: Next Steps for Civil Society & Faith-Based Organizations', organized by the Coalition of Faith-based Organizations.

May – June

CCPCJ

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17-21 May - 30th Session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ).



SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON CRIME PREVENTION AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE - PLENARY FLOOR



On the occasion of the 30th Anniversary Session of the CCPCJ, the Alliance was invited to deliver a statement on behalf of civil society at the Ceremonial Opening Segment (**17 May**). During the session, the Alliance organized an informal dialogue for NGOs with the Chair, Ambassador Cortese of Italy (**20 May**). The Alliance organized, with the co-organization of the Civil Society Unit of UNODC, a side event on 'Civil society engagement in implementing the Kyoto Declaration' (**18 May**), and co-organized with CSU the side event 'UNODC integrated approach to countering organized crime through the engagement of NGOs, academics and the private sector' (**19 May**).



19 May - Annual General Assembly of the Alliance (Webex) and election of Board Members (Electionrunner)



3 June - CSOs workshop on 'Upstream prevention: Preventing armed conflict, violent extremism, and violent crime - commonalities and differences', jointly organized by the Global Center on Cooperative Security, the New York Center for International Cooperation and the Alliance.

July - August

7-8 July - Given the role the Alliance plays as a coordinating platform for NGOs working on crime prevention, it was invited to present its work during the 'Stakeholder Engagement in the Implementation of the Review Mechanism of the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime' (SE4U) training workshops organized by the CSU of UNODC and the Global Initiative on Transnational Organized Crime, focusing on the UNTOC review process (self-assessment checklist).

28 July - The Permanent Missions of Italy and Mexico to the United Nations hosted an official side event co-organized by the Alliance and its member organization CROSS at the seventh Biennial Meeting of States (BMS7) of the UN Programme of Action on Illicit Small Arms and Light Weapons (NY, July 2021), on the topic 'Comparing global arms instruments review processes: Lessons and challenges'.

September - October



7 September – Annual NGO Briefing on the margins of the resumed 12th session of the IRG of the UN Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC).

16 September – Making a Difference: Sharing Civil Society Experience. Episode 1: Featuring - Criminologists Without Borders

14 October – The Alliance met with the Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee to Elaborate a Comprehensive International Convention on Countering the Use of Information and Communications Technologies for Criminal Purposes, Ambassador Boumaiza Mebarki of Algeria, to discuss modalities of NGO engagement, especially as regards intersessional meetings.

November – December





10-12 November - First CCPCJ thematic discussion on the implementation of the Kyoto Declaration. The Alliance coordinated civil society panellists and NGO participation at large and held jointly with UNODC CSU the preparatory Civil society briefing (**10 November**).

11 November – Joint briefing of the Vienna-based Umbrella organizations. The Alliance of NGOs on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, the Vienna NGO Committee on Drugs (VNGOC) and the UNCAC Coalition made a joint presentation of their role and mandate. The meeting took place at VIC and was accessible via Webex.



17 November - Making a Difference: Sharing Civil Society Experience. Episode 2: Featuring the African Policing Civilian Oversight Forum (APCOF) who provided an all-round presentation of their work.

24-26 November



On the occasion of the 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence 2021

The Coalition of Faith based Organisations in cooperation with Sigmund Freud University organise at the premises of the university campus (Freudpl. 1, 1020 Wien) 3 events on

Femicide and psychological violence: current international and Austrian protection measures and recommendations for further action

2 December 2021

24h CONFERENCE
ON GLOBAL
ORGANIZED
CRIME

Civil society engagement against transnational organized crime: An overview



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Alliance of NGOs on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd, UNODC & Centre for Natural Resource Governance (CNRG)

13-17 December - The Alliance participated (remotely) in the ninth session of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC/COSP9), held in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt.



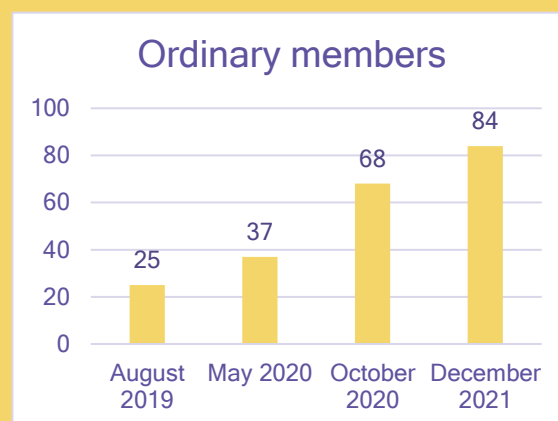
16 December - The Chair of the Alliance and the Deputy Director of UNODC Jean-Luc Lemahieu sign the extension of the Memorandum of Understanding on the role of the Alliance as the umbrella organization supporting the participation of civil society in the work of the UN Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme.

MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE

Membership in the Alliance is regulated by the Statutes. As of 31 December 2021, the Alliance counted 84 ordinary members and 10 extraordinary members, for a total of 94 NGOs, plus 20 individual members. Approximately 60% of the members were in good standing, including two who obtained a waiver of their fee for 2021.

Development 2019 – 2021

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 or NY hubs into formalized membership and new applications.



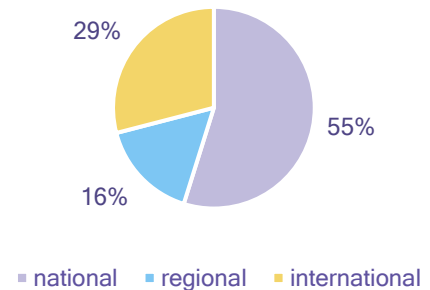
During the year, the Alliance received 38 membership applications, including 32 by NGOs and 6 by individuals. Eligibility of applicants is assessed by the Executive Board on the basis of the documentation provided in the applications. A monthly list of new applicants is

submitted to the Board for admission.

Among the 27 new ordinary members, 16 had ECOSOC accreditation and 2 enjoyed special accreditation with UNODC. Among the remaining applicants, 2 had already applied for ECOSOC accreditation and others demonstrated their significant contribution to the purpose of the Alliance.

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.

Scope of work of the 2021 new members



In 2021 the Alliance has started cooperation with the Resilience Fund of the Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime to establish a fee waiver programme for NGOs in need. Applications received in 2021 were assessed for eligibility criteria. The programme will cover the 2022 membership fee of 15 non-governmental organizations.

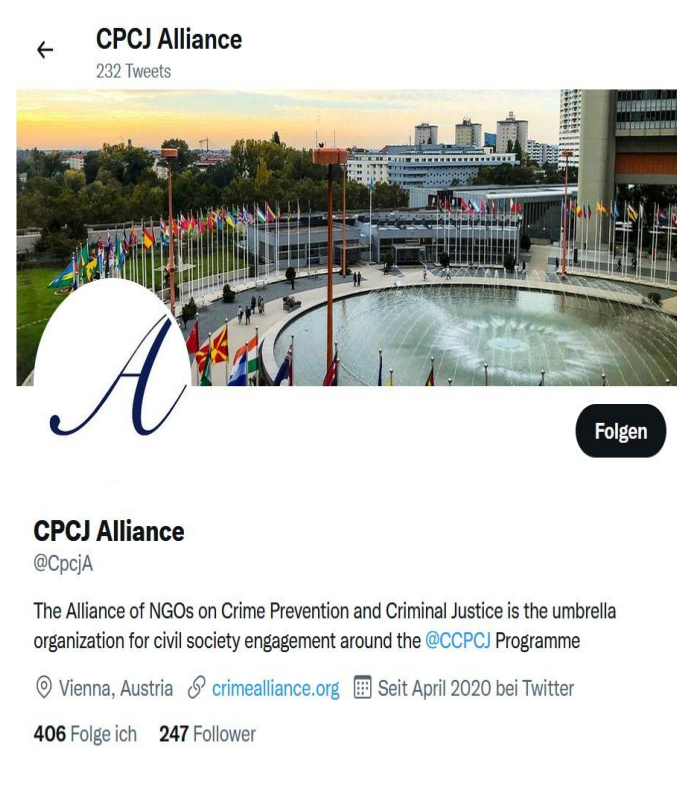
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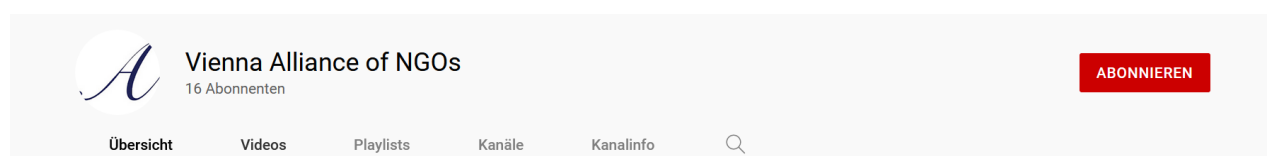
The Alliance hosts the www.crimealliance.org website since January 2020. In 2021, it has been accessed by 3,507 individual IPs, which is an increase of approximately 2,500 users from 2020. There were 6,700 searches for the Alliance website through Google and 30,000 clicks on the Events page. During 2021, 42 civil society events (including 29 organized or co-organized by the Alliance) and UN meetings within relevant Processes were advertised on and made accessible through the website. The Alliance used Webex as its main webinar platform.



Using *Send in blue* and *MailChimp* we sent out 54 emails to all members in 2021, that is more than one newsletter / information per week. The Alliance is active on social media, especially on Twitter (@CpcjA) and LinkedIn.



The Youtube Channel of the Alliance hosts live streaming of events (such as the General Assembly or designated webinars), as well as recordings of webinars, meetings and videos of official statements.



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