

INTERNATIONAL DIALOGUES TO FIGHT ILLICIT ECONOMIES

ILLICIT ECONOMIES A Threat to Security and Development

Whether in the form of piracy, money laundering, wildlife trafficking, human trafficking, the sale of counterfeit goods, or the trade of illegal drugs, illicit economies are emerging as an interdisciplinary field of criminal activities hurting individual lives and societies across the world.

Although difficult to measure, several UN agencies (UNODC, UNCTAD, UN Secretary General, among others) have estimated that the global illegal economy steals between \$2-4 trillion annually.

Illicit economies are creating a vicious cycle affecting society through failures in governance, state fragility, violence, corruption and underdevelopment.



THE PROGRAM

PMI IMPACT, a global grant initiative by Philip Morris International (PMI) to support projects dedicated to fight illegal trade and related crimes, is partnering with Meridian International Center, a nonpartisan, nonprofit diplomacy center, to deploy a six-part convening series over the course of 2020-2021 to raise awareness on the tribulations of illicit economies. The initiative will conclude with a July working group meeting to discuss recommendations and next steps. PMI IMPACT is the funding sponsor.

INTERNATIONAL DIALOGUES

Meridian will bring together a cross-section of experts, decision makers, and influencers from governments, multinational institutions, the foreign diplomatic corps, private sector, think tank community and civil society to discuss and partner on viable multisectoral solutions in the International Dialogue sessions.

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