



**HELLENIC REPUBLIC**  
**Ministry of Foreign Affairs**



**UNODC**  
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**Conference on  
Transnational Organized Crime  
in the Mediterranean Region:**

**Joining Forces  
to Stem a Deadly Business:  
Migrant Smuggling by Sea**

**26 - 29 January 2010  
Athens, Greece**

## Conference Venue

Training Centre  
National Bank of Greece  
41-43, Poseidonos Avenue 166 75  
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## Registration and information desk

A registration and information desk will be located in the lobby of the Fenix Hotel on Tuesday, 26 January 2010 between 13:00 and 15:30.

- Presentation by Mr. Stefan Berger, Federal Police/GASIM, Germany; GASIM (Joint Analysis and Strategy Centre on illegal Migration) - inter-institutional cooperation and policies to prevent and combat migrant smuggling (15 min)
- Presentation by Algeria: inter-institutional cooperation and policies to prevent and combat migrant smuggling (15 min)
- Presentation by Goksel Akar, Turkey: good practices, challenges and lessons learnt in using investigative techniques (15 min)
- Presentation by Mr. Alexandros Soukoulis, Greece: The role of international cooperation in preventing and combating migrant smuggling (15 min).
- Presentation by Greece – Mr. Heracles Moskoff: The relationship between smuggling of migrants and trafficking in human beings (15min)
- Presentation by Mr. Ahmed Ghanem, UNODC Tripoli: A proposal for further strengthening cooperation and state capacities in preventing and combating maritime smuggling in the Mediterranean region (15 min)

## Access to the Public

All sessions of the conference will be closed to the media and the public. A special media briefing will take place at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at 4.30 pm on Tuesday 26th January 2010, prior to the formal opening.

## Accommodation

Special group rates have been negotiated with the Hotel Fenix, 1-3 Artemisioni str, 166 75, Glyfada, Athens.

To reserve your accommodation please contact:

[iyoti.arora@unodc.org](mailto:iyoti.arora@unodc.org)

For further information on the hotel please refer to:  
<http://book.bestwestern.com/bestwestern/productInfo.do?propertyCode=77510>

## 14:00-15:45 Thematic Session 4: Strengthening Institutional Capacities

Moderator: Kamel Samir Kamel (Egypt)

The final session will identify good practices and gaps in state responses to the smuggling of migrants in the Mediterranean region and means to provide institutional support to the participating agencies as well as building the capacity of the practitioners in these countries. The role of UNODC in building the capacity of national counterparts would be discussed in this session. This discussion should lead to the drafting of recommendations that countries could endorse.

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### Discussion (30 min)

15:45-16:15 Coffee break

16:15-17:00 Closing:

- Moderator: Mr. Mohamed Abdul-Aziz, UNODC Egypt
- Presentation of recommendations based on the outputs of the workshops: Mr. Giannakopoulos (Ministry of Justice, Greece)
  - Discussion
  - Closing remarks by high-level representatives from Greece, Egypt (General Prosecutor Counselor Abdel-Meguid Mahmoud), EC (Mr. Francesco Luciani) and UNODC (Mr. Mohamed Abdul-Aziz, Regional Representative, Cairo).

## Friday, 29th January 2010

08:00

For those delegates whose travel timetables allow, the Greek authorities have offered to organise a cultural visit as follows:  
Transportation of delegates for a visit to Acropolis and the new Acropolis Museum

During the day

Departure of participants, according to their programme and flights. Metro line from Acropolis station to the airport (change at Syntagma). Tickets €6.00.

# Detailed Programme

## Tuesday, 26th January 2010

**12:00-15:00**

Arrival of the participants.  
Registration in the foyer of the Fenix Hotel.  
Please provide photographic identification, and a copy for administrative purposes

**15:00**

Transportation of delegates to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for opening of the conference.

**16:30-17:00**

Media briefing.

**17:00-19:00**

**Official opening** of the Conference by the Alternate Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Dimitris P. Droutsas, Minister of Citizen Protection Mr. Michalis Chrysohoïdes, and Mr. Mohamed Abdul-Aziz, Regional Representative, UNODC Cairo, followed by a reception hosted by the Hellenic MFA.

## Wednesday, 27th January 2010

**08:45-09:30**

Arrival of delegates at Conference Centre. Issue of conference passes.

**09:30-11:15**

**Opening session**

Moderator: Mr. Giannakopoulos, (Greece)

- Introduction of the concept of the workshop
- Ms Morgane Nicot, UNODC Vienna
- Introduction of participants - Delegates
- Overview of the evolution of the maritime smuggling routes in the Mediterranean region over the last two decades
- Paola Monzini (Researcher and UNODC consultant)

**11:15-11:45**

**Coffee break**

**11:45-13:00**

**Thematic session 1: Maritime smuggling and effective counter-measures:**

Moderator: Mr. Salvatore Guglielmino, (Italy)

This session will analyze migrant smuggling by sea: the current methods used by criminal networks and how the criminals are organized. The objective is to identify vulnerabilities, weaknesses and developing best practices for the disruption and investigation of these activities geared towards effectively dismantling the criminal networks. This session will look also at shortcomings in the area of international cooperation and possible responses.

- Presentation by Cmdr. Ioannis Chortis, Lt. Cmdr. Nikolaos Koletsis, Jr. Lt. Stavroula Kipou, H.C.G., Greece: maritime smuggling networks, modi operandi, routes and counter-measures (35 min)
- Presentation by Abdel Jouad Raïssi, Morocco: illegal migration by sea-any strategy to limit it? (15 min)
- Presentation by Marcelo Gomez Chao, Cuerpo Nacional de Policia, Spain: Heroes in the sea, the victims (15 min)

**Discussion (30 min)**

**13:00-14:30**

**Lunch**

**14:30-15:45**

**Continuation of Thematic session 1: Maritime smuggling and effective counter-measures:**

- Presentation by Mario Haber, Police General Headquarters, Malta: good practices, challenges and lessons learnt in countering maritime smuggling (15 min)
- Presentation by Mr. Ahmed Bashir Musa, Lybia: good practices, challenges and lessons learnt in countering maritime smuggling (15 min)

**Discussion (30 min)**

**15:45-16:15**

**Coffee break**

**16:15-17:45**

**Thematic session 2: Targeted investigative techniques:**

Moderator: Mr. Ansgar Pukeca, Interpol

Migrant smuggling networks consist of many actors. Those trading in the commodities of human beings have entry points that make them vulnerable to infiltration. The use of informants and undercover officers are perhaps the best tools, but not without challenges in this context. This session will look at how to make best use of informants and deploy undercover officers when investigating migrant smuggling. Other investigative techniques will be also discussed.

- Presentation by Algeria: good practices, challenges and lessons learnt in using investigative techniques (15 min)
- Presentation by Mr. Emmanuel Jourda, OCRIEST, France: Sharing good operational practice: Experience of managing informants (15 min)
- Presentation by Police Major Emmanuel Lydakis, Greece: good practices, challenges and lessons learnt in using target investigative techniques (15 min)
- Presentation by Mr. Lourens Worst, Royal Marechaussee, Netherlands: Deal or no Deal - Challenges and Opportunities in using informants (15 min)
- Presentation by Mr. Stephen Adaway, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, USA: good practices, challenges and lessons learnt in using investigative techniques (15 min)

**Discussion (30 min)**

**20:00**

**Dinner/Social event at Ekete (conference centre), hosted by Greece**

## Transportation

From the airport take the X96 bus to Glyfada. Your stop is the 2nd station (Glyfadas). Tickets cost 3,20 €. The Fenix Hotel is just behind the station. Taxi fare guide 25 -35 €.

Transportation to and from the opening ceremony will be provided.

The conference venue is located a short walk from the hotel.

Delegates should make their own enquiries in relation to visa requirements. For assistance in obtaining a visa contact Mrs. Rea Raptarchi, Expert-Minister Counsellor on European Affairs, mailto:rraptarchi@mf.a.gr with your name and passport number.

## Coffee breaks and meals

Refreshments for coffee breaks and lunches during the conference dates will be provided at the conference centre.

## Presentations

Equipment for PowerPoint presentations will be available at the conference facility. Participants delivering presentations are kindly requested to provide in advance of the meeting copies of their presentations in electronic form, (along with any other material related to the meeting they would like distributed to participants) to Mr Stephen Thurlow, Project Co-ordinator, UNODC.  
Tel: 0043 1 260 60 4131  
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## Meeting Logistics

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### Thursday, 28th January 2010

#### 09:00-10:30 Continuation of Thematic session 2 - Targeted investigative techniques:

- Presentation by Dr. Roberto Della Rocca, AntiCrime Direction, Italy: "Ticket to ride. An example of a recent investigation activity on smuggling of migrants in the context of Mediterranean region" (15 min)
- Presentation by Mr. Jamil Ben Ayed, Tunisia: good practices, challenges and lessons learnt in using investigative techniques (15 min)
- Presentation by Ms. Rowanne Mackie, SOCA, United Kingdom: good practices, challenges and lessons learnt in using investigative techniques (15 min)
- Presentation by Mr. Panagiotis Giannakopoulos, Senior Legal Expert MOJ, Greece: Special investigation techniques and the legal framework in a rule of law society (15 min)

#### Discussion (30 min)

#### 10:30-11:00 Coffee break

#### 11:00-12:45 Thematic session 3: Witness Protection

Moderator: Mr. Pierre Francis, (Lebanon)

- Investigations and prosecutions of migrant smuggling depend heavily on the information and testimonial evidence provided by victims and other witnesses. Victims may be unwilling to cooperate with authorities due to cultural or other barriers, if they feel that they will be punished by such cooperation or if they feel threatened or endangered by the smugglers. Smuggling co-conspirators may be effectively used to provide evidence against their former colleagues if they can be given some consideration for their testimony and if they can be protected.
- Presentation by Dr. Fausto Zuccarelli, Italy: Using collaborators as a investigation and prosecution tool. (15 min)
  - Presentation by Mr. Azzam Mamdouh Al -Najdawi, Jordan: Measures used to protect victims and witnesses before, during and after trial. (15 min)
  - Presentation by Police Captain Pericles Manolidis, Greece : Victim Protection legal framework (10 min)
  - Presentation by Ms. Sabine Bartoldus, Germany: Witnesses and victims at risk - aspects of a difficult co-operation with Criminal Police in Germany (15 min)
  - Presentation by Mr. Jim van RookeL, UNODC Vienna: Establishing a witness protection programme - good practices (15 min)

#### Discussion (35 min)

#### 12:45-14:00 Lunch