



# Promoting an international strategy to combat illicit trafficking in precious metals

## Kick-off Meeting of Experts

**23-24-25 September 2015**

UNICRI Headquarters,  
Viale Maestri del Lavoro 10  
Turin, Italy

### **Wednesday, 23 September 2015**

#### **Mechanisms and complexities of the precious metals supply chain**

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#### **09:30 – 10:00 Registration and welcome coffee**

#### **10:00 – 12:30 Morning Session**

- Welcoming remarks – Mr. Leif Villadsen, Deputy-Director, UNICRI and Mr. Thomas Rambau, Vulnerable Groups and International Crime, South African Department of International Relations and Cooperation
- Roundtable participants' presentation
- Presentation of the objectives of the meeting and of the project – Ms. Vittoria Luda di Cortemiglia, Program Coordinator, Emerging Crimes, UNICRI
- The threat of organized crime in the trafficking in precious metals – Mr. Peter Bishop, Senior Fellow, UNICRI

#### **Discussion**

**The discussion will cover the following items:**

- Which are the main steps of the precious metals supply chain (from the raw material to the consumer)?
- Which are the main risks and vulnerabilities of the precious metals supply chain?
- Who are the main actors of the illicit supply chain?
- What is the modus operandi of the illicit supply chain?
- Which are the connections between illicit trafficking in precious metals and other serious crimes?

#### **Lunch**

### 14.00 – 17.00 Afternoon Session

- Experiences and case studies to identify lessons learned, challenges and opportunities to mitigate the risk of illicit trafficking in precious metals:
  - Mr. Cees van Duijn, Coordinator, Environmental Security Sub-Directorate (ENS), INTERPOL General Secretariat
  - Mr. Robert Schouwstra, Independent Consultant, Mineralogy
  - Lt. Colonel Hennie Flynn, South African Police Service (SAPS)
  - Mr. Vladimir Prohorov, Head of Section, Department on New Challenges and Threats, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation
  - Mr. Vincent A. Paris, Assistant Crown Attorney, Counsel to the Toronto Police Service on Organized Crime and Firearm Issues, Canada
  - Ms. Miriam Spittler, Deputy Federal Prosecutor, Switzerland
  - Mr. Alan Martin, Research Director, Partnership Africa Canada (PAC)

### Discussion

**The discussion will cover the following items:**

- What is the existing regulatory framework in both mining and refining countries? How effective is it?
- Is there a level of harmonisation of processes in the precious metals' supply chain at regional or international level?
- What is the level of cooperation between countries in combating illicit trafficking of precious metals?
- Which are the best practices in investigating and prosecuting trafficking of precious metals?
- Which are the mechanisms to black-list illicit/suspicious suppliers and intermediaries?

17.00 Closure of the day

**Thursday, 24 September 2015**

**International Network and Public-Private Partnership in securing precious metals supply chain**

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**09:30 – 12:30 Morning Session**

- Experiences of Public-Private Partnerships in addressing illicit trafficking in precious metals:
  - Mr. Mandla Zembe, Head of Protection Services Anglo Platinum, representing the Chamber of Mines and Industry - Standing Committee on Security (SCOC)
  - Ms. Gabriele Randlshofer, Managing Director, International Platinum Group Metals Association (IPA)
  - Mr. Vladislav Gasumyanov, Vice-President, Director of Corporate Security Directorate – Head of Corporate Security and Mr. Vladimir Zagoskin, Head, Corporate Security Directorate, Head of Security Unit, Norilsk Nickel

**Discussion**

**The discussion will cover the following items:**

- Which are the best practices developed by governments to mitigate the risk of illicit trafficking?
- Which are the best practices developed by mining and refining companies to mitigate the risk of illicit trafficking?
- Which are the main areas of cooperation between public and private entities in combating illicit trafficking of precious metals?
- Are there standardized procedures for information-sharing between law enforcement agencies and precious metal producing companies?
- What can be learned from responsible and transparent supply chain management in similar areas such as minerals? How should this be implemented in the precious metals sector?

**Lunch**

### 14.00 – 17.00 Afternoon Session

- Presentation of the objectives of the International Network on Precious Metals' Supply Chain Security – Mr. Francesco Marelli, Head CBRN Risk Mitigation and Security Governance Programme, UNICRI
- Plenary discussion on strategies to be adopted and needs to be addressed to combat transnational trafficking

**The discussion will cover the following items:**

- Which are the existing challenges and gaps that still need to be addressed?
- How can Public-Private Partnership help in addressing such challenges and gaps?
- Are there good practices in Public-Private Partnership involving your country that could be taken as a model?
- Which steps would be needed to establish and strengthen such Public-Private Partnership in this sector?

17.00 Closure of the day

## Friday 25 September 2015

### Roadmap for an international strategy to combat illicit trafficking in precious metals

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#### 09:30 – 12:30 Conclusions and way forward

- Wrap up on gaps to be addressed in the research agenda – Ms. Francesca Bosco, Project Officer, Emerging Crimes Unit, UNICRI

#### Discussion

**The discussion will cover the following items:**

- Which are the current knowledge gaps which UNICRI study should address?
- Which are the under explored sectors and issues in the precious metals supply chain security?
- How can participants in this meeting support in the research effort by UNICRI?
- Which elements would need to be taken into account for the design of an Action Plan for the Operational Phase

- Closing remarks by Dr. Cindy J. Smith, Director, UNICRI