"It Takes a Network to Defeat a Network"

Asia's Civil Society Regional Network for UNTOC Implementation

Message from the Secretariat

We are proud to present the inaugural issue of the NET4U Asia Newsletter, a platform to highlight our collective efforts, reflect on early achievements, and outline the path ahead. In just six months, NET4U has evolved from a vision into a vibrant regional platform uniting civil society, academia, youth, and other stakeholders across Asia. Thank you for being part of this journey.

Formation & Key Milestones (January–June 2025)

- **Network Formation in Malaysia: NET4U Asia was officially launched during the Regional SE4U Workshop in Putrajaya, Malaysia (15–17 January 2025). Hosted by UNODC, the workshop brought together civil society organizations, academic institutions, and experts to form a united regional voice on TOC.**

- **Charter and Operational Framework: Through collaborative dialogue and consensus-building, NET4U drafted its Charter and Operational Framework, outlining our shared vision, values, coordination structure, and strategic direction.**



SE4U Regional Workshop on Non-Governmental Stakeholder Engagement in the Practical Application of the UNTOC

Impact Snapshot

43
Founding Members

11
Countries

Charter Operationalized

Growing visibility & international presence

Engagement & Events

14 February 2025:

First Coordinators' Meeting with UNODC

06 March 2025:

First Steering Committee Meeting held for the NET4U Asia.

16 April 2025:

First Meeting of Founding Members held for the NET4U Asia.

19-23 May 2025:

At the 34th UN Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ) in Vienna, Mr. Tariq Khosa (Strategic Advisor, NET4U Asia) formally presented the NET4U Charter, marking the network's global introduction.



Side Event CCPCJ "It Takes a Network to Defeat a Network: Empowering Civil Society Networks to Support Member States in Preventing Transnational Organized Crime"

Upcoming Activities

08 October 2025

Constructive Dialogue on Trafficking in Persons
A platform for civil society to share experiences, raise protection concerns, and highlight effective responses under the Trafficking in Persons Protocol.

13 October 2025

Constructive Dialogue on Smuggling of Migrants
An opportunity for stakeholders to engage with States on challenges and good practices related to the Smuggling

15 November 2025

International Day for the Prevention of & Fight against TOC
NET4U will lead a regional campaign & member-led initiatives across Asia. The Asia Youth Coalition against TOC will be launched as a youth-led platform to center young voices, strengthen collaboration, and co-create strategies for prevention & accountability across the region.



Closing Reflection

From our formation in Putrajaya to global representation in Vienna, from dialogue to coordination, NET4U is building momentum. Together, we are transforming how civil society engages in the fight against organized crime – not as bystanders, but as equal partners shaping justice and accountability in Asia.

In solidarity,
The NET4U Asia Secretariat