"It Takes a Network to Defeat a Network"

Asia's Civil Society Regional Network for UNTOC Implementation

Message from the Secretariat

Since 2025, NET4U Asia has connected civil society, academics and practitioners working to strengthen United Nations Convention against Transnational Organised Crime (UNTOC) implementation.

In this issue, we spotlight member initiatives from India and Pakistan, alongside our engagement at the 15th UN Crime Congress and the UN Convention against Cybercrime Conference. NET4U Asia members in India have expanded international capacity-building for law-enforcement officers. In Pakistan, NET4U Asia memebrs have mainstreamed civil society, youth and gender in organised crime response and policymaking.

We thank all members who contributed — and invite you to share your updates for future editions.

NET4U on the Global Stage

15th UN Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

Abu Dhabi | 28 September 2026

NET4U Asia convened an ancilliary session at the 15th UN Crime Congress, bringing together regional NET4U networks and the Global Initiative Against Transnational Organised Crime (GI-TOC) to explore cross-regional collaboration. Discussions focused on joint research, peer learning, coordinated advocacy and youth engagement, including a Youth Congress on organised crime.



UN Convention against Cybercrime Conference

Hanoi, Vietnam | 25–26 October 2025



NET4U Asia's participation in the global conference on the UN Convention against Cybercrime strengthened its global presence and highlighted opportunities for regional collaboration through a NET4U Working Group on Cybercrime, facilitating joint research, advocacy and collaborative initiatives.

NET4U Asia Member Contributions

India: Sharing Expertise, Strengthening Responses

NET4U Asia member, Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU), is strengthening law-enforcement responses to transnational organized crime through specialised training and international knowledge exchange, in collaboration with India's Ministry of External Affairs (MEA). Its two-to-three-week International Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) programmes have brought together officers from more than 30 countries, with Dr. Dimple Raval leading expert sessions on human trafficking, offender profiling and international best practices drawn from UNODC instruments and UNTOC.

RRU also extended its training to Guyana through a five-day programme for law-enforcement agencies and a separate gratis initiative, alongside more than seven additional expert sessions on human trafficking, drug trafficking and green criminology — demonstrating how specialised expertise can foster cooperation across borders.







Pakistan: Shaping a Coordinated Response to Organized Crime









NET4U Asia members, the Centre for Governance Research (CGR) and the Centre for Human Rights (CFHR), are spearheading whole-of society approach in the Government of Pakistan's (GoP) planning and response to organized crime. CGR and CFHR drafted Pakistan's first comprehensive National Strategy Against Organised Crime for the GoP with support from UNODC and the UK Government.

Complementing this, Pakistan's first Civil Society Declaration on Organised Crime was also presented, marking a milestone in collective civil society efforts.

CFHR and CGR also continue mainstreaming of youth, gender and civil society voices through various initiatives including: a dedicated youth panel on cybercrime, online exploitation and drugs trafficking with key findings feeding into the National Strategy; an arts-based advocacy session for youth to engage on TOC in safe spaces; and a nationwide youth pledge formalising committments and priorities on TOC.

The Road Ahead

Looking Ahead: From Connections to Collective Action

NET4U Asia's next chapter is about turning regional connections into global cooperation. Members are encouraged to share research, campaigns, training and policy initiatives, while building partnerships across regional networks and the wider global civil society community.

Upcoming Events:

Thirteenth Session of the Conference of the Parties to UNTOC
19–23 October 2026 | Vienna, Austria

States Parties meet to review and strengthen implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organised Crime.

International Day for the Prevention of & Fight against All Forms of TOC
15 November 2026 | International Day

An opportunity to raise awareness, strengthen partnerships and mobilise collective action against organised crime.

Stay Connected with NET4U Asia

Have a publication, campaign, training initiative or policy engagement to share?

We welcome member contributions and opportunities for collaboration.



Connect. Collaborate. Take action.

Follow our work and explore our journey.

In solidarity,
The NET4U Asia