

PAKISTAN CIVIL SOCIETY ALLIANCE

COMMEMORATING THE 2ND INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE PREVENTION OF & FIGHT AGAINST ALL FORMS OF TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME



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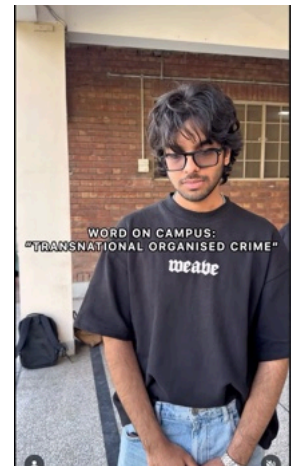


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The Centre for Human Rights and Centre for Governance Research with support and funding from the United Nations Office on Drugs & Crime - Country Office Pakistan, hosted a one-day Conference on organized crime in Lahore on 12th November 2025.

The Conference prioritized **inclusion and meaningful participation of youth and gender**, acting as its theme and backdrop for dialogue. The event brought together a total of 67 participants, including high-level representatives from government, law enforcement, civil society, academia, international experts, along with youth representatives who were given an equal share of the table for the first time in an organized conference context in Pakistan.

Key findings from the Conference will be incorporated into the Strategic Analysis for the upcoming National Organized Crime Strategy of Pakistan.



YOUTH EXPRESSION VOICES & DEMANDS

- NATION-WIDE PLEDGES ON TOC DAY
- PANEL AT OC CONFERENCE
- SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN



YOUTH EXPERIENCES IN ADDRESSING CYBERCRIMES & DRUG TRAFFICKING

The 1st youth panel at a high-level conference in Pakistan, legitimising youth voices. **Key challenges:** predatory online spaces; no digital literacy as a precursor to online scams and harassment; false implication of youth in drug cases, etc.

Priority recommendations: youth presence in policy-making; greater civic space for engagement & deeper connections with regional/international youth counterparts.

PAKISTAN YOUTH PLEDGE TO COMBAT TOC

Students from all across Pakistan joined hands to pledge to do more, in their own capacity, on the 2nd International TOC Day.

The [pledge video](#) identified **youth priority areas:** corruption, irregular migration, drug & arms trafficking, and cyber crimes. **Pledges included:** enhancing youth involvement in counter-OC narratives and formulating a collective youth vision to steer policy dialogue / programming.

ART, ADVOCACY & YOUTH

Students teamed up with CFHR to learn & advocate on TOC prevention and protection. Through youth-led social media content and an informal meet & coffee session, with 25+ students coming together to express their sentiments on TOC through [paint & artwork](#). Participants discussed **alternative means of advocacy** through theatrical performances for awareness-raising, constructing safe spaces and increasing relatability of such information-sharing through local festivals and games.

WHOLE OF SOCIETY ACTION

To commemorate the 2nd International Day for the Prevention of and Fight against All Forms of TOC, a hybrid discussion brought together national and international civil society and sector experts voices to shape upcoming priorities and next steps.



High-level dialogues with state representatives is enriched through engagement with national, global and international experts and civil society representatives, creating broader opportunities to combat TOC using traditional and non-traditional approaches and ensuring a holistic focus on all affected groups.



Joint platforms for dialogue between civil society and law enforcement must be in-built, reflecting inclusion of voices less heard and space for meaningful engagement on TOC challenges for women and other vulnerable groups, and to identify shared pathways for prevention and protection of these groups.



By mainstreaming cross-cutting issues like illicit economy disruption, national stakeholders can drive holistic and effective TOC prevention efforts aimed at dismantling criminal networks at their source.