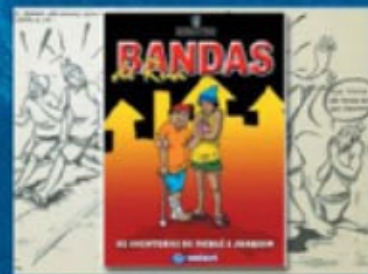




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advancing security, serving justice,  
building peace



*"The pursuit of peace and progress cannot end in a few years in either victory or defeat. The pursuit of peace and progress, with its trials and its errors, its successes and its setbacks, can never be relaxed and never abandoned."*

**Dag Hammarskjöld**  
**UN Secretary-General, 1953 - 1961**

*"All peoples must enjoy the protections and rights for which the United Nations stands."*

**Ban Ki-moon**  
**UN Secretary-General**



The United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute - UNICRI - was established in 1968 to assist intergovernmental, governmental and non-governmental organizations in formulating and implementing improved policies in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice.

UNICRI staff possess a wide range of expertise in the fields of research, training, technical cooperation, documentation and information management.

The Institute is also supported by highly qualified experts, recruited to meet specific project requirements, and by officials seconded from other UN organizations and Member States.

Cooperation and information sharing, both within the UN System and externally, is fundamental in all aspects of the work of the Institute.

UNICRI aims to advance understanding of crime-related problems, foster just and efficient criminal justice systems, support respect for international instruments and standards, facilitate judicial assistance and international law enforcement cooperation and the exchange and dissemination of information.



The Institute is governed by a Board of Trustees composed of eminent experts from different countries. Its programme activities arise from priorities identified by the UN annual Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Commission.



UNICRI structures its activities to meet the identified needs of Member States. Its programmes focus on crime prevention and criminal justice priorities, such as security governance, international criminal law, judicial reform, juvenile justice, major event security, corruption, victim protection, organized crime, human trafficking, counterfeiting, drugs and arms control. Through all of its programmes, UNICRI seeks to promote a better world and justice for all.

UNICRI's Headquarters is in Turin, Italy, with a Liaison Office in Rome. UNICRI operates all around the world.

UNICRI enjoys the support of Member States, international and regional organizations, charities and foundations. It is further supported in terms of financial and in-kind contributions from public and private sector organizations. UNICRI's activities are entirely financed through voluntary contributions. UNICRI funds are deposited in the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund.



# Security Governance and Counter Terrorism

UNICRI's activities in the fields of security governance and counter terrorism are designed to offer Member States a comprehensive range of response options to prevent acts of terrorism and enhance capacity through effective security governance, the rule of law and respect for human rights.

Operating from a flexible and responsive cooperation platform, UNICRI offers advisory services, strategic assistance and action oriented analysis across a wide spectrum of security topics.

*"UNICRI plays an invaluable role in identifying and disseminating best practices aimed at strengthening protection against terrorist attacks targeting large scale events and gatherings."*

**Kofi Annan**  
Former Secretary-General of the United Nations

UNICRI is a member of the United Nations Counter Terrorism Implementation Task Force (CTITF) that has a remit to implement the terms of the 2006 UN Global Counter Terrorism Strategy. The Institute jointly leads on two working groups on the protection of vulnerable targets and radicalization.



UNICRI's principal security governance and counter terrorism initiative is the IPO, International Permanent Observatory programme. Designed to enhance security governance and major event security, the IPO is promoted worldwide through the E/2006/28 ECOSOC Resolution on IPO.

The IPO supports Member States to identify and share best practices, enhances capacity and strengthens international cooperation in the course of planning security for major events such as major sporting events, political summits and other forms of mass gathering.

IPO services were engaged by China, the Russian Federation, Singapore, the Caribbean, Vietnam, Japan and Germany.

*"This seminar is an excellent opportunity to develop a common vision for security during major events, [...] it is also a way to build and strengthen long-term collaboration among Member States, including on security governance and counter-terrorism. In this way, we can forge enduring partnerships and give full effect to the spirit of the last year's resolution of the United Nations Economic and Social Council, which encouraged Member States to take advantage of the International Permanent Observatory on security measures during major events."*

**Ban Ki-moon**  
Secretary-General of the United Nations  
Message to the Seminar of the Coordination and consulting Committee on international security cooperation for the 29th Olympic Games Beijing, April 2007

*"I have been privileged to see at first hand the valuable contribution that UNICRI has made to public safety, especially through the work of the IPO. This endeavour merits continuing support from Member States and all parts of the UN System."*

**David Veness**  
United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Safety and Security



Complementing the IPO global strategy at regional level, is UNICRI's EU-SEC project that aims at improving the coordination of major event security across ten European Union Member States. The Programme is supported by the DG Research of the European Commission.

*"This project is a really good example of research that will improve our lives and really demonstrates that we can do things much better when we work together."*

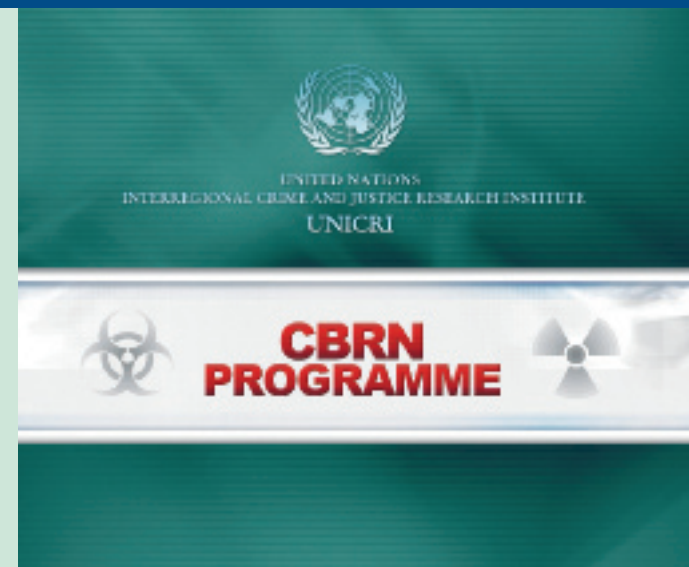
**Janez Potocnik**  
EC Science and Research Commissioner

*"This research helps to boost co-operation among national, European and international authorities. The results should influence the practical policy on security and mass events."*

**Franco Frattini**  
Vice-President, EC Commissioner responsible for Justice, Freedom and Security

*"The Commission is determined to do its part to better protect our citizens and fund EU-wide targeted research efforts. A strong European security research programme will also enhance Europe's competitive edge in many areas."*

**Günter Verheugen**  
Vice-President, EC Commissioner responsible for Enterprise and Industrial Policy



The programme 'Strengthening International Cooperation to Combat Illicit Trafficking and Criminal Use of CBRN (chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear) Substances and Weapons' offers Member States assistance to strengthen the exchange of information on CBRN, to develop a CBRN unified analysis of illicit trafficking and the criminal use of materials and to improve national expertise and responses especially on the illicit trafficking of biological and chemical material.

UNICRI's security and counter terrorism activities involve the staff working on action oriented analysis and other projects with many different partners in peacekeeping operations, public-private partnerships to counter terrorism, the international policing environment, the sharing of intelligence and information, and preventing attacks involving weapons of mass destruction.

Operating globally and designed around the four pillars of governance, prevention, response and legacy, UNICRI's security governance and counter terrorism efforts are designed to offer Member States, at a strategic level, a very comprehensive package of support.



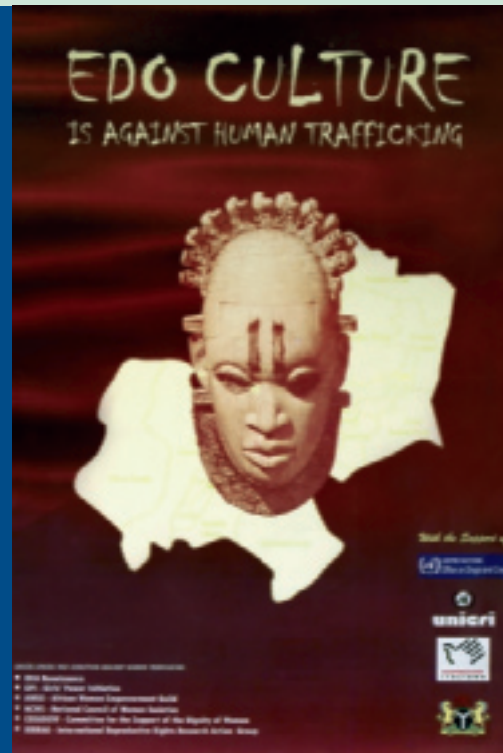
Through a wide range of activities, UNICRI is actively involved in efforts to reduce trafficking in human beings for commercial and sexual exploitation.

The Institute collects and evaluates information to design technical programmes of intervention in different countries and to strengthen international and regional cooperation through information-sharing.

UNICRI also designs practical models to specifically address problems encountered in peace-keeping operations.

Interventions are based on both preventing trafficking and exploitation and also assisting the victims.

The activities carried out aim to enhance capacities to combat criminal groups exploiting the victims and to develop mechanisms for the protection, rehabilitation and reintegration of trafficked people.



UNICRI's spot "Let's help them to get free from slavery"

# Counter Human Trafficking

In the countries in which UNICRI operates, it has created databases on trafficking in human beings and legal repositories on the international and national instruments to counter it. Seeking to promote the exchange of information and common practices to fight this hideous violation of human dignity, UNICRI has involved civil society and institutions by creating platforms against trafficking.

UNICRI has trained judges and law enforcement officers deployed in peace-keeping operations areas as well as social workers to improve the anti-trafficking response and guarantee the sustainability of the projects.

UNICRI has also launched awareness campaigns aimed at preventing trafficking.

The Institute has supported the maintenance of national hotlines on trafficking, designed to provide counselling and other important information for victims and potential victims.

UNICRI has also promoted microcredit activities as a part of the victim reintegration and rehabilitation process.

*"You refuse to do it, but in reality you have to face life. Yes, you can escape, but where do you go? You want to talk. With whom? You are destroyed. I remember that I refused to do so for five days. I always said no, said yes, and said no going backwards and forwards. Then nothing. I cried continuously for five days... they put me on the road of Tarquinia in Rome."*

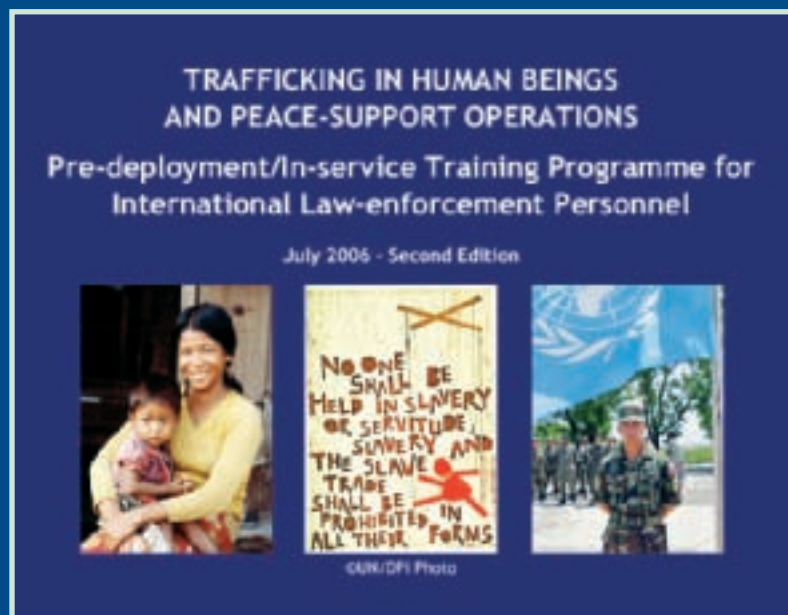
**(Interview Victim No. 7)**

**from the UNICRI research on trafficking of Nigerian girls to Italy**

*"I thought inside me. If I say no, I cannot even meet anyone. I cannot live here, I do not know the language. Here they do whatever they want. I asked her 'Why didn't you give me another job? Make me pay more'. She said that I should not disturb or discuss with her otherwise I will be in trouble."*

**(Interview Victim No. 3)**

**from the UNICRI research on trafficking of Nigerian girls to Italy**





## Justice Reform

UNICRI seeks to strengthen the governance of judicial institutions and to support judicial reform and operational capacity building.

The Institute promotes the rule of law and the adoption of international standards in the field of crime prevention and human rights, in particular, the protection of vulnerable people, such as women and children at risk.



*"My name is Ignacio and I am thirteen years old. I am from Benguela and now I am at the tribunal for minors. I was kept for a long time in a prison for adults where I had to polish the floor and to do other things that I cannot tell you. I am ashamed. In Benguela, where my family has been murdered, an armed group came and after killing my parents started to eat the food my grandma had cooked. A good police officer brought me at the tribunal for minors, here I am fine. The social educators make me draw, sometimes I watch videos and I play football with my friends. When I left Benguela for Luanda I started to steal and to use drugs: glue and gasoline. I put gasoline on my jacket sleeves and I sniffed it all day long so to feel fearless. I admit I have stolen a mobile from a woman at the market, but I did not push her at the point that she died."*

**UNICRI's Project:  
Strengthen Juvenile Justice in Angola  
Child's Story**

UNICRI assists countries to create and strengthen institutions such as juvenile courts, pre-trial observation centres, training, education and rehabilitation centres.

UNICRI aims to create a link between the informal custom and practice recognized by local communities and the legal framework adopted by national institutions. To achieve this objective, national forum and public debates are promoted to try and bridge the gap between civil society and governments.

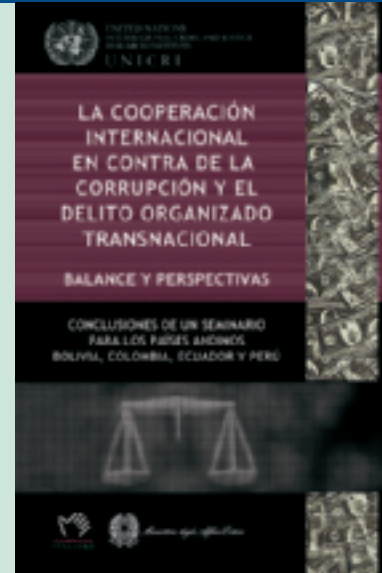
The Institute promotes awareness and the adoption of UN international instruments such as the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the UN Convention against Corruption.



The establishment of the rule of law requires developing different levels of intervention and policies designed to improve a shared culture that respects human rights.

Within its projects, UNICRI organizes parallel campaigns and develops activities to enhance civil society and institutional awareness on justice issues.

The instruments adopted target different audiences and include brochures, radio broadcasts performances, comics and more.



UNICRI is actively involved in assisting national criminal justice agencies to prevent corruption through a wide range of activities and in different countries such as Albania, Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Serbia.

UNICRI's projects aim to strengthen institutions in the fight against corruption, to promote the effectiveness of national legislation through judicial reform and the harmonization of national legislation to international standards, in particular to the United Nations Convention against Corruption.

UNICRI is also designing training courses for judges and prosecutors. In addition, the Institute facilitates judicial cooperation between different countries in the fight against transnational corruption.



# Training

UNICRI exchanges expertise, offers specialized documentation and enhances the transfer of knowledge and information worldwide.

The Institute also manages a clearinghouse on illicit drug abuse and related social phenomena.

The design of awareness campaigns and the creation of communication networks to facilitate public debate for the promotion of the rule of law and human rights in Member States requesting assistance, are also among the priorities of the Institute.

UNICRI undertakes action oriented research and designs and implements technical co-operation programmes.

The Institute contributes to the formulation of improved policies and offers tailored training courses for specialized personnel. In particular, UNICRI organizes specialized training for criminal justice personnel including prosecutors, judges and police officers, to enhance the capacity of institutions to deal with crime in the field of organized crime, illicit trafficking and corruption.



UNICRI offers a Masters degree (LLM) in International Organizations, International Criminal Law and Crime Prevention, designed for those who seek a unique insight into International Criminal Law, its implementation and the activities of international organizations. This programme is a combination of academic training and practical experience in an unparalleled setting.

The 10-month course is offered in Turin every year and is organized in cooperation with the University of Turin. The faculty includes senior professors, judges, lawyers and professionals from the UN System and other international organizations.

The programme utilizes innovative teaching techniques, such as simulated trials, to combine theoretical concepts with practical experience. Each subject incorporates an interdisciplinary teaching approach.

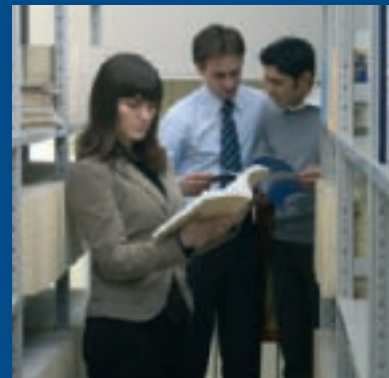
The Masters degree provides students with the expertise required for working in the world of international organizations.



The Centre is an asset to research, training and field activities enabling the Institute to meet the needs of international organizations, national institutions, NGOs, experts and professionals.



The activities of the Centre include the collection, analysis and dissemination of legislative, statistical and bibliographic documents that form the library holdings. The Centre produces and disseminates UNICRI publications and offers on-line access to the full-text. It also provides information on the Institute mandate, scope of activities and past and current programmes.



The Centre offers worldwide experts a resource for the development and implementation of technical interventions and research. It also supports training activities and organizes initiatives targeting the general public.

The Library holdings include more than 18.000 monographs, 1.100 journals and yearbooks, tens of thousands of documents by the United Nations System, other international and regional organizations, national institutions and NGOs, multimedia material, grey literature on crime prevention and criminal justice issues.

The Centre offers on-line access to all its services, such as the library catalogue, the criminological thesaurus, bibliographic databases, directories, journals' tables of contents, full-text articles, abstracts of monographs and personalized alerts targeted to the needs of its users.

The Centre assists visitors *in loco* and offers assistance to long-distance users in their bibliographical searches.



UNICRI has a Liaison Office in Rome that maintains contacts with the Host Country Institutions, civil society and the media both for UNICRI and in support of the Regional United Nations Information Centre for Europe in Brussels. In this regard, the Office promotes the work and goals of the United Nations by developing a wide range of activities and services.

The Liaison Office organizes the launch of UN reports, special press briefings, public events and meetings and provides support to the Secretary-General and other senior United Nations officials during official visits to Italy.

A comprehensive collection of United Nations publications, reports, videos and official records is accessible to the public.

The Liaison Office maintains a website in Italian ([www.onuitalia.it](http://www.onuitalia.it)) on news from the United Nations System.



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