Leveraging the Best Tools to Address Environmental Crime Enabled by Corruption

This side event focuses on the links between corruption, environmental crimes, and the implementation of UNCAC Resolution 8/12. Corruption enables and facilitates a variety of crimes that are damaging to society and the economy, and undermine the rule of law and sustainable development. The criminal networks responsible for or benefiting from environmental crime use and rely on corruption for their business at every step of their supply chain, making it crucial that corruption is addressed. To illustrate the need to address corruption as a key enabler of environmental crime, experts will discuss how corruption systematically manifests itself across three environmental crimes - wildlife trafficking, illegal logging, illegal mining - and look at some of the tools available to combat it.

Opening remarks

- **HEM Jean-Claude Brunet**, Ambassador for Transnational Criminal Threats at the French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs

Panel

- **Ms. Sarah Stoner**, Director of Intelligence, Wildlife Justice Commission
- **Prof. José Ugaz**, Criminal Lawyer, Former Chair, Transparency International
- **Mr. Vusumzi Pikoli**, Board Member, Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime, African Board
- **Mr. Tim Steele**, Senior Anti-Corruption Adviser, UN Office on Drugs and Crime

Moderator

- **Ms. Summer Walker**, New York Representative, Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime