

Illicit trade holds back progress on environment and climate goals

Rabat, 2 December 2019 – Today, the Transnational Alliance to Combat Illicit Trade (TRACIT) addressed the Africa Security Forum 2019. The event provided an opportunity to inform policy makers on how TRACIT is seeking to shape the policy response to illicit trade through targeted advocacy work and flag-ship initiatives such as the Global Illicit Trade Environment Index and its current study on cross-sectoral vulnerabilities in the supply chain.

The forum featured a presentation of TRACIT’s report, *Mapping the Impact on the Sustainable Development Goals of Illicit Trade*, which maps the 17 UN SDGs against 12 key sectors that participate significantly in international trade. Given the Forum’s focus on climate-related security issues, emphasis was placed on the negative impact of illicit trade on environmental degradation and climate change.

"Our recently released report on the impact of illicit trade on the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) unequivocally shows how illicit trade impacts protection of the environment, food security & water management," said TRACIT Senior Policy Advisor Esteban Giudici. The socio-economic impacts of illicit present significant deterrence to all 17 of the SDGs – holding back progress, increasing costs and pushing achievement of the goals further away."

About TRACIT

The Transnational Alliance to Combat Illicit Trade ([TRACIT](https://www.tracit.org)) is an independent, private sector initiative to drive change to mitigate the economic and social damages of illicit trade by strengthening government enforcement mechanisms and mobilizing businesses across industry sectors most impacted by illicit trade.

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