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Drug Trafficking routes in the region

- Cannabis Route to ME
- Cocaine Route to EU
- Amphetamine Route to ME
- Heroin Route to ME
Cannabis resin and cocaine routes to Sahel (2011)

Based on seizures and unconfirmed information
Cigarettes from the world to West Africa and to the Sahel region (2009)

Source: UNODC 2009
Firearms trafficking (2008-2011)

Source: Analysis of 38 major firearms seizures made between 20 March 2008 and 14 November 2011.
AQIM operations in the Sahel region

- Abduction by AQIM in the region of Sahel (2008-2012)
- AQIM’s terrorist acts against national forces and embassies

Source: UNODC
Where do we go from here?

- Some root causes of the Sahel crisis are purely security-related
- ECOWAS Regional Action Plan against Drugs and Crime not sufficient
- UNODC Regional Programmes not singling out Sahel countries
- UN Security Council Resolution 2056 (2012) calls for UN Action
- UN Integrated Strategy for the Sahel under development

- Need for a tailored strategic and programmatic response in the areas of illicit trafficking, organised crime and terrorism
- Need to operationalize the UN Integrated Strategy for the Sahel
- Need to answer the calls for assistance from Sahel countries
Crisis in Mali and Sahel countries

UN Security Council Resolution 2056 (2012), UNSC, S/RES/2056 of 5<sup>th</sup> July 2012 (Roadmap for the Restoration of Constitutional Order in Mali),

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Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Morocco, Algeria and Libya
**Objective:**
To support the strengthening of accessible, efficient and accountable criminal justice systems and capacities in the region, in order to effectively combat drug trafficking, illicit trafficking, organized crime, terrorism and corruption.

**Underpinning concept:**
Allow Sahel law enforcement agencies conducting in-depth / back-tracking investigations in order to uncover the structure of organized crime and terrorist groups and dismantle them while using improved criminal justice processes.

**Countries covered:**
- Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania and Niger
- Algeria, Libya and Morocco
- Neighbouring countries
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- National legislation and regional and international cooperation mechanisms
- Border control and interdiction of trafficking
- Accountable, fair and efficient investigation, prosecution and adjudication of criminal cases

- Scientific evidence in support of judicial investigations and proceedings
- Improved procedures, access and treatment in the judicial and prison systems

Total Programme budget is 51.5 Million US$

Japan already contributed with 8.3 Million US$ (August 2013)
5 Pillars:

- Legislation & international cooperation
  - Basis for intervention and cooperation

- Detection & interdiction
  - Basis for understanding and tackling cross-border crimes

- Investigations, prosecution & adjudication
  - Basis for genuinely dismantling groups and having a deterrent effect

- Forensics & scientific evidence in courts
  - Contribution to fair trails and to preventing human rights abuses

- Human & procedural rights
  - Contribution to national reconciliation, stabilisation & reinsertion

Budget:

US$ 51.5 million over four years
US$ 5.5 million saved IF soft earmarking and coordination among donors
US$ 7.2 million already pledged
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