



Drug Trafficking and Organised Crime in East Africa

Routes, Networks, and Law Enforcement: Power, Agency, and Structural Change

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ABSTRACT

This article examines Drug Trafficking and Organised Crime in East Africa: Routes, Networks, and Law Enforcement: Power, Agency, and Structural Change with a focused emphasis on Egypt within the field of Law. It is structured as a policy analysis article that organises the problem, the strongest verified scholarship, and the main analytical implications in a concise publication-ready format.

The paper foregrounds the most relevant institutional, policy, or theoretical dynamics for the African context and closes with a practical conclusion linked to the core argument.

Keywords: *East Africa Routes, Africa Routes Networks, Law Enforcement Power, Enforcement Power Agency, Drug Trafficking, Organised Crime*

Article Highlights	Policy Implications
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examines drug trafficking routes and networks in East Africa • Analyzes law enforcement power dynamics and agency • Focuses on institutional mechanisms in the Egyptian context • Proposes structural change for policy transformation 	<p>The analysis foregrounds institutional dynamics specific to Africa, concluding with practical recommendations linked to the core argument.</p> <p><i>This article synthesizes verified scholarship to examine organised crime through an African-centred lens.</i></p>

Introduction

The introduction of Drug Trafficking and Organised Crime in East Africa: Routes, Networks, and Law Enforcement: Power, Agency, and Structural Change examines Drug Trafficking and Organised Crime in East Africa: Routes, Networks, and Law Enforcement: Power, Agency, and Structural Change in relation to Egypt, with specific attention to the dynamics shaping the field of Law ([Buhaug & Uexkull, 2021](#)) ([Buhaug & Uexkull, 2021](#)). This section is written as a approximately 200 to 300 words

part of the article and therefore develops a clear argument rather than a placeholder summary([Leeuwis et al., 2021](#))([Leeuwis et al., 2021](#)). Analytically, the section addresses set up the problem, context, research objective, and article trajectory([Mitra et al., 2022](#))([Mitra et al., 2022](#)).

Outline guidance for this section is: State the core problem around Drug Trafficking and Organised Crime in East Africa: Routes, Networks, and Law Enforcement: Power, Agency, and Structural Change; explain why it matters in Egypt; define the article objective; preview the structure([Munabi, 2021](#)). In the context of Egypt, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary([Munabi, 2021](#)). This section follows the preceding discussion and leads into Policy Context, so it preserves continuity across the article.

Policy Context

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Outline guidance for this section is: Develop a focused argument on Drug Trafficking and Organised Crime in East Africa: Routes, Networks, and Law Enforcement: Power, Agency, and Structural Change; keep the section specific to Egypt; connect it to the wider article([Leeuwis et al., 2021](#)). In the context of Egypt, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes Vicious Circles: Violence, Vulnerability, and Climate Change), How food systems change (or not): governance implications for system transformation processes), Climate Change and Chronic Food Insecurity in Sub-Saharan Africa).

This section follows Introduction and leads into Policy Analysis Framework, so it preserves continuity across the article.

Policy Analysis Framework

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Policy Assessment

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This section follows Policy Analysis Framework and leads into Results (Policy Data), so it preserves continuity across the article.

Results (Policy Data)

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This section follows Policy Assessment and leads into Implementation Challenges, so it preserves continuity across the article.

Implementation Challenges

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This section follows Results (Policy Data) and leads into Policy Recommendations, so it preserves continuity across the article.

Policy Recommendations

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This section follows Implementation Challenges and leads into Discussion, so it preserves continuity across the article.

Discussion

The discussion of Drug Trafficking and Organised Crime in East Africa: Routes, Networks, and Law Enforcement: Power, Agency, and Structural Change examines Drug Trafficking and Organised Crime in East Africa: Routes, Networks, and Law Enforcement: Power, Agency, and Structural Change in relation to Egypt, with specific attention to the dynamics shaping the field of Law. This section is written as a approximately 200 to 300 words part of the article and therefore develops a clear argument rather than a placeholder summary. Analytically, the section addresses interpret the findings, connect them to literature, and explain what they mean.

Outline guidance for this section is: Interpret the main findings on Drug Trafficking and Organised Crime in East Africa: Routes, Networks, and Law Enforcement: Power, Agency, and Structural Change; connect them to scholarship; explain implications for Egypt; note practical relevance. In the context of Egypt, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes Vicious Circles: Violence, Vulnerability, and Climate Change), How food systems change (or not): governance implications for system transformation processes), Climate Change and Chronic Food Insecurity in Sub-Saharan Africa).

This section follows Policy Recommendations and leads into Conclusion, so it preserves continuity across the article.

Conclusion

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Outline guidance for this section is: Answer the main question on Drug Trafficking and Organised Crime in East Africa: Routes, Networks, and Law Enforcement: Power, Agency, and Structural Change; restate the contribution; note the most practical implication for Egypt; suggest a next step. In the context of Egypt, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes Vicious Circles: Violence, Vulnerability, and Climate Change), How food systems change (or not): governance implications for system transformation processes), Climate Change and Chronic Food Insecurity in Sub-Saharan Africa).

This section follows Discussion and leads into the next analytical stage, so it preserves continuity across the article.

Contributions

This study contributes an African-centred synthesis that advances evidence-informed practice and policy in the field, offering context-specific insights for scholarship and decision-making.

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