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PANEL 2

STRENGTHENING GLOBAL GOVERNANCE MECHANISMS

"Enhancing international co-operation in fighting corruption and addressing the cyberspace dimension"

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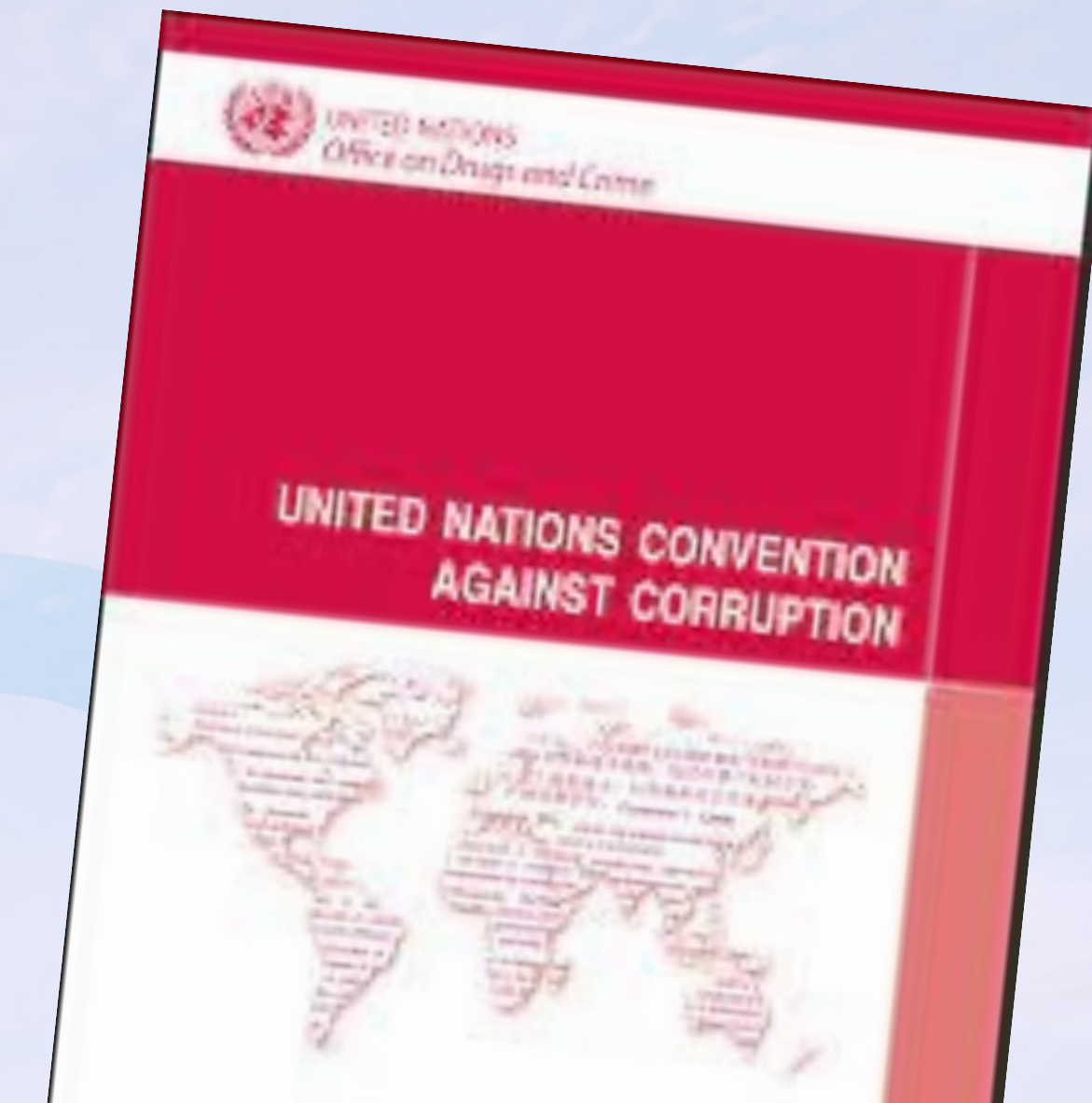
National systems
International frameworks

Acting on

Corruption crimes
Money laundering crimes

International co-operation

- Agency to agency co-operation

- Legal framework (conventions, treaties) for
  - Mutual legal assistance – investigation, interview, evidence gathering, properties seizure
  - Extradition – arrest and return of suspects

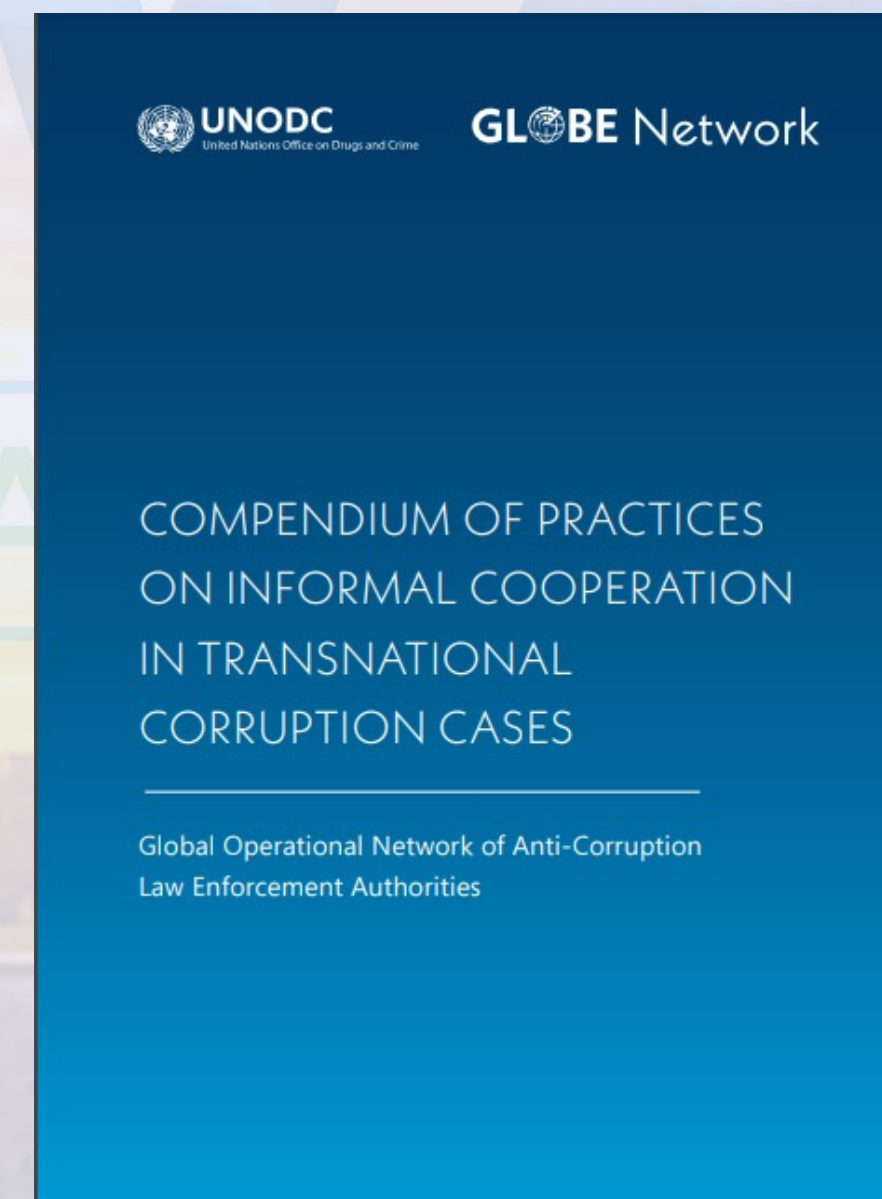- The key - policy discussions/formulation followed by practical deployment between countries

17th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime 2023

International co-operation

- GlobE network – managed by UNODC

- Platform to support anti-corruption enforcement agencies

- Share knowledge and
  provide support eg
  ❖ COMPENDIUM OF PRACTICES ON
    INFORMAL COOPERATION IN
    TRANSNATIONAL CORRUPTION CASES

https://globenetwork.unodc.org/

International co-operation

ASEAN-PAC (Parties against Corruption) – objectives

- *To establish and strengthen collaborative efforts against corruption among the parties*
- *To increase capacity and institutional building among the parties in preventing and combating corruption*

Others

- *ADB/OECD Anti-Corruption Initiative for the Asia and the Pacific*
- *APEC Anti-Corruption and Transparency Experts' Working Group (ACTWG)*
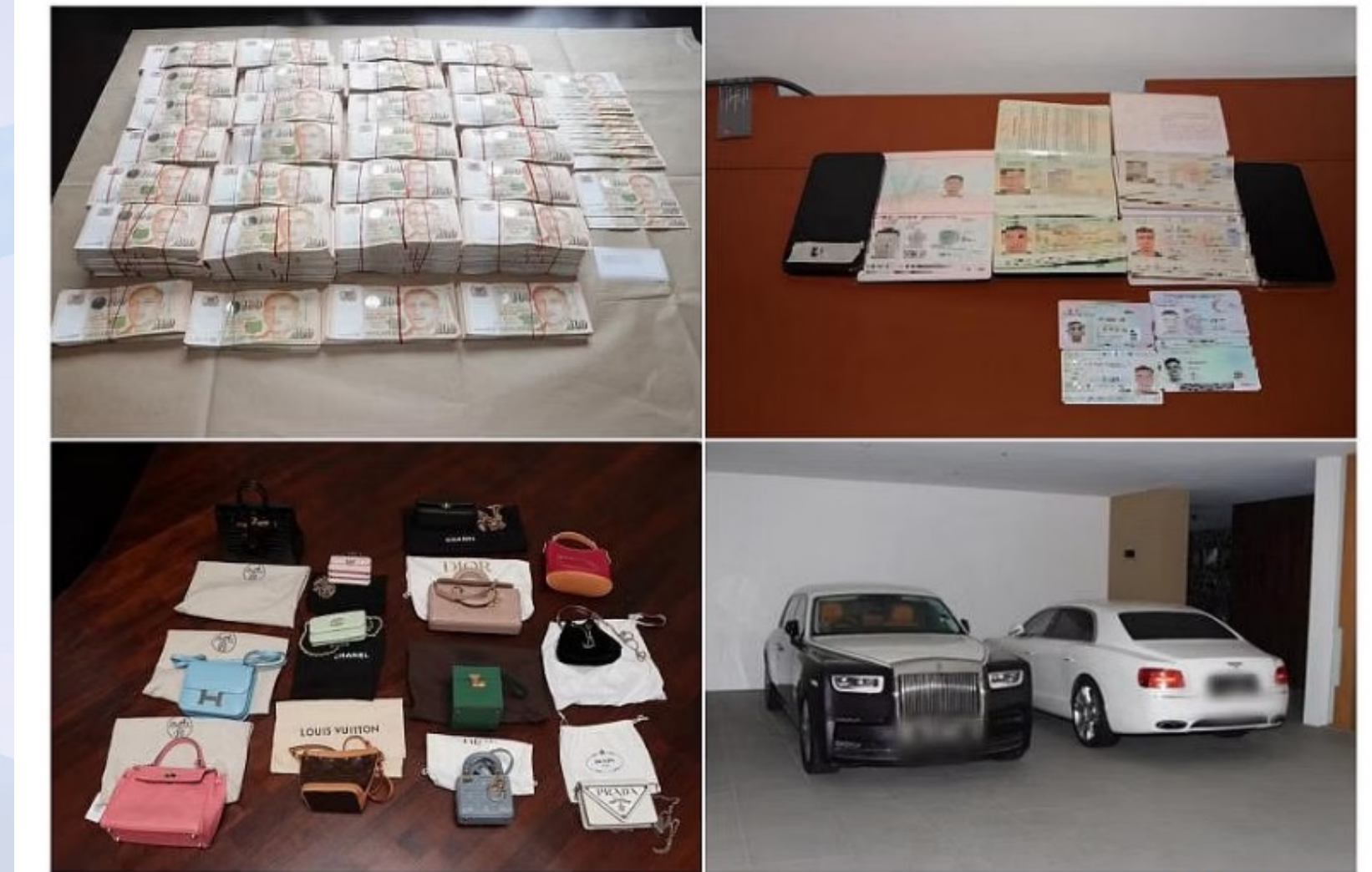- *G20 Anti-Corruption Working Group (ACWG)*

Source: asean-pac.org

International co-operation

- The key - policy discussions/formulation followed by practical deployment between countries

- Acting on corruption crime and money laundering crime

- Agency to agency support followed by mutual legal assistance and extradition

- The more agencies get to know each other, the better the relationship

- The stronger the relationship between agencies, the better the international co-operation

S'pore money laundering case among world's largest with assets seized worth over $2.8b
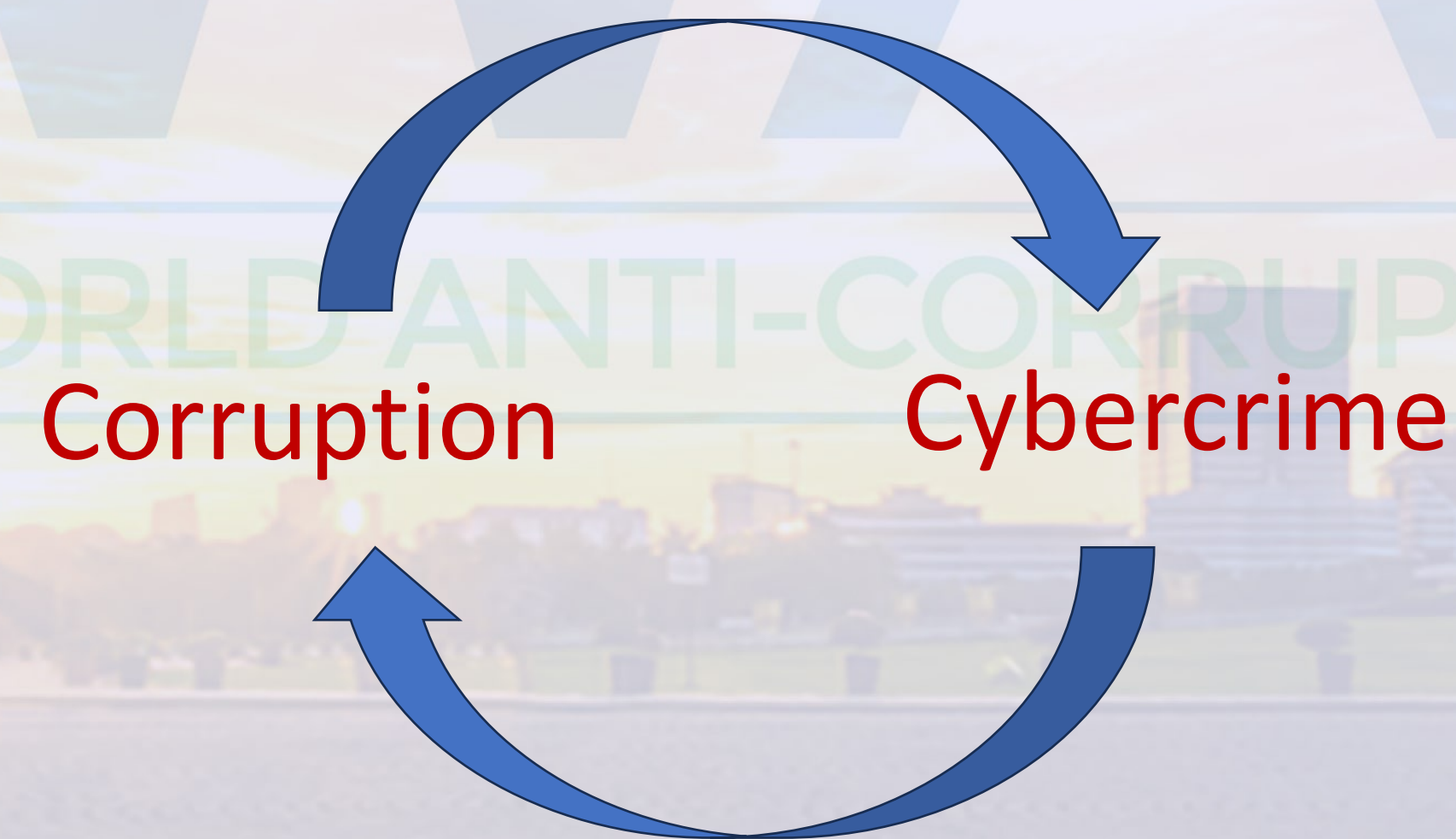
Source: Straits Times, 3 Oct 2023

Such a case involved Singapore and many countries where
-predicate crimes of gambling/scams occurred and
-where money laundering occurred

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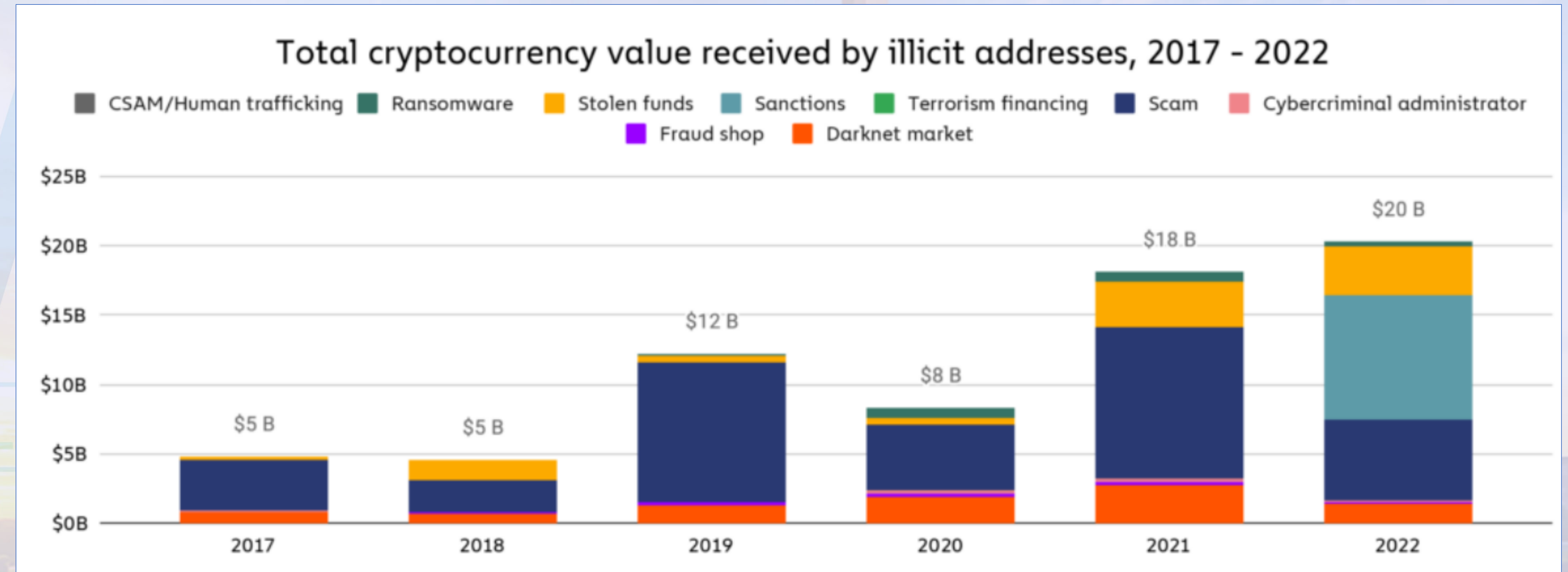
Corruption → Cybercrime

Implications
Speed
Scale
Complexity

Corruption crime – impact of technology

- Encryption

- Use of dark net

- Cryptocurrencies

- Other tech eg AI

Total cryptocurrency value received by illicit addresses, 2017 - 2022

Legend: CSAM/Human trafficking ■ Ransomware ■ Stolen funds ■ Sanctions ■ Terrorism financing ■ Scam ■ Cybercriminal administrator ■ Fraud shop ■ Darknet market ■

- 2017: $5 B
- 2018: $5 B
- 2019: $12 B
- 2020: $8 B
- 2021: $18 B
- 2022: $20 B

Source: Chainalysis, 2023

International co-operation – cyber dimension

- Policy level – eg ASEAN Ministerial Conference on Cybersecurity

- Operational level

  o Operations framework - eg CERT co-ordination in ASEAN

  o Capacity building – Exercises to handle cyber scenarios, Interpol conference etc

INTERPOL's Global Cybercrime Conference 2023

Global Governance

To enhance global governance and anti-corruption

- Practice with agency to agency and country to country support

- Capacity building
  - Investigating corruption crimes, including other crimes
  - Chasing the money trail and seizing illegal proceeds
  - Managing the high tech and cyberspace dimension

- Ability to deal with speed, scale and complexity

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