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**In this Issue we highlight,
Cybercrime in Africa and how
Governments are working to
protect their citizens online**

Foreword

Dear Readers,

It is my pleasure to introduce the first Issue of 2022. We are delighted to start another year after a hugely successful 2021.

AGA-Africa kicked off its 2022 engagements with a 5-day conference themed “Enhanced Access to Justice Through Effective Leadership and Integrity” held in collaboration with the Kenya Judiciary Academy and the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, from 17th -21st January 2022 at Sarova Whitesands Hotel Mombasa, Kenya.

AGA-Africa also participated in the regional Conference on **Addressing Cyber Crime in Sub-Saharan Africa** which was organised by the Commonwealth Secretariat from 17th - 20th January 2022 at the Movenpick Hotel, Accra Ghana.

AGA-Africa also signed a capacity building partnership with Microsoft on 20th January 2022 in Accra Ghana. The partnership is aimed at exchanging information, strategies and training to prevent, regulate, investigate and prosecute cybercrime in Africa.

AGA-Africa also signed a capacity building partnership with Microsoft on 19th January 2022 in Accra Ghana. The partnership represents a timely intervention to meet the urgent need to support capacity building in the area of investigations and prosecution of cybercrime and money laundering in Africa.

For their continued support for AGA-Africa’s programmes, I wish to thank **Hon. Lady Justice Martha Koome**, Chief Justice and President of the Supreme Court of Kenya, **Hon. Justice Aaron G. Ringeera**, Justice Emeritus, Court of Appeal of Kenya, East Africa Court of Justice (Appellate Division), **Dr. Tawanda Hondora**, Head of Rule of Law at the Commonwealth Secretariat and **Mark Ihimoyan**, Regional Director, Azure Engineering, Microsoft Middle East and Africa, Dubai and the United Arab Emirates (UAE)

As we step into the second month of the year, we look forward to fruitful engagements and events in the coming days.

Regards,

Markus Green ESQ.

AGA-Africa Board Member



“Access
to Justice
Through
Effective
Leadership
and Integrity”



Cybercrime in Africa:

How Governments are working to protect their citizens online

In the last 2 years with the spread of Covid-19 and the rapid digitization enforced on the African population by government lockdowns, cybercrime mutated becoming even more prevalent and largely creative. According to Jonathan Ratel from the Criminal Justice Systems, Governance and Peace Directorate at the Commonwealth Secretariat, “Cybercrime is a great concern for many stakeholders globally. From the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic, most organized crimes have moved online.”

According to Africa’s CyberThreat Assessment Report by Interpol, Africa has more than 500 million Internet users, with the leading countries being Kenya with 83% of its population being online, Nigeria with 60% and South Africa with 56%. Services especially like Mobile banking usage in particular has grown within these three countries, contributing to Africa’s active role in

digital financial services. However currently over 90% of African businesses are operating without the necessary cybersecurity protocols in place and without these protocols, threat actors are able to exploit increasing vulnerabilities as they continue to invent new cyberattacks. This leads to significant financial loss. In 2016, cybercrime cost the Kenyan economy about 36 million USD, the South African economy 573 million USD and the Nigerian economy 500 million USD.

Currently out of 54 countries only 29 have passed regulations to promote cybersecurity. 4 other countries are in the drafting stage while only 17 countries have adopted legislation to tackle online harassment. AGA Africa is working with the different African governments and judicial systems to help in capacity building especially where cybercrimes are concerned.

Expert Interview



1. What are the various types of cybercrime?

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2. What Cybercrimes are most prevalent in Africa?

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3. From your perspective as a subject matter expert in cybercrime, how is AGA-Africa working with judicial departments to police and bring to justice cybercrimes?

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4. In your opinion, what can African governments do better to protect their citizens against cybercrimes?

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5. What tools do you think that Judicial and policing departments need to be able to identify and prevent cybercrimes?

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› High Court Leaders Annual Conference, Kenya

AGA-Africa in collaboration with the Kenya Judiciary Academy and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH held a 5-day High Court Leaders Conference themed “Enhanced Access to Justice Through Effective Leadership and Integrity” from 17th -21st January 2022 at the Sarova Whitesands Hotel Mombasa, Kenya.

The event was graced by Hon. Lady Justice Martha Koome, Chief Justice and President of the Supreme Court of Kenya, Hon. Lady Justice Lydia Achode, Principal Judge of the High Court of Kenya, Hon. Lady Justice Mathilda Twomey, Judicial Institute for Africa-JIFA, AGA-Africa Board Member Markus Green Esq. and Titus Ogalo, GIZ Kenya Representative, among distinguished judges from the High Court of Kenya.

Hon. Lady Justice Koome noted that the High Court is central to the realization of the vision of optimal service

delivery and enhancing institutional performance that the Judiciary is championing under the vision that we have christened ‘Social Transformation through Access to Justice’ 

Mr. Green reiterated AGA-Africa’s commitment to fostering collaborations and facilitating the sharing of best practices in judiciaries across the continent.

He noted in his remarks that AGA-Africa is delighted to lend support, to the High Court of Kenya in line with the theme of the conference by facilitating the hiring of a consultant who will carry out training needs assessment, and prepare the manual for training of Judges and Magistrates as administrators and an e-Learning expert who will develop the leadership and management self-paced module.



Markus Green Esq., AGA-Africa Board Member



Hon. Lady Justice Martha Koome, Chief Justice and President of the Supreme Court of Kenya



A cross section of the conference participants



Lady Justice Hon. Martha Karambu Koome, Chief Justice and President of the Supreme Court of Kenya with delegates from the Kenya Judiciary Academy, AGA-Africa and other conference participants

› Regional Conference on Addressing Cybercrime in Sub-Saharan Africa in Accra, Ghana

AGA-Africa participated in the regional Conference on Addressing Cyber Crime in Sub-Saharan Africa which was organised by the Commonwealth Secretariat from 17th - 20th January 2022 at the Movenpick Hotel, Accra Ghana.

The workshop brought together investigators, prosecutors and senior Judicial officers, as well as Attorneys Generals and authorities engaged in combating cybercrime across sub-Saharan Africa and 12 Commonwealth countries in the region.

The event was graced by **Dr. Tawanda Hondora**, Head of Rule of Law at the Commonwealth Secretariat, **Dr. Albert Antwi-Boasiako**, National Cybersecurity Advisor, Government of the Republic of Ghana, **His Lordship Justice Kwasi Anin-Yeboah**, Chief Justice, Republic of Ghana, **Markus Green Esq**, AGA-Africa Board Member and **Mark Ihimoyan**, Regional Director, Azure Engineering, Microsoft Middle East and Africa, Dubai and the United Arab Emirates (UAE)



L-R: John Edozie, AGA-Africa International Advisor, Maame Hagan, AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for Ghana, Dr. Tawanda Hondora, Head of Rule of Law at the Commonwealth Secretariat, Mark Ihimoyan, Regional Director, Azure Engineering, Microsoft Middle East and Africa, Dubai and the United Arab Emirates (UAE), and Markus Green Esq, AGA-Africa Board Member, Caroline Mbabazi, AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for Uganda & Rwanda, Dr. Freda Mugambi Githiru, Director of Judicial Education and Curriculum Development of the Kenya Judiciary Academy and Chukukere Unamba-Uparah, AGA-Africa Programme Director and Country Coordinator for Kenya`



L-R: Dr. Tawanda Hondora, Head of Rule of Law at the Commonwealth Secretariat, Mark Ihimoyan, Regional Director, Azure Engineering, Microsoft Middle East and Africa, Dubai and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Markus Green Esq, AGA-Africa Board Member and Dr. Freda Mugambi Githiru, Director of Judicial Education and Curriculum Development of the Kenya Judiciary Academy.

› Signing Of Memorandum Of Understanding With Microsoft

AGA-Africa signed a capacity building partnership with Microsoft on 19th January 2022 in Accra Ghana. The partnership represents a timely intervention to meet the urgent need to support capacity building in the area of investigations and prosecution of cybercrime and money laundering in Africa.

The ceremony was attended by Dr. Tawanda Hondora, the Head of the Rule of Law, Commonwealth secretariat, Dr. Freda Mugambi Githiru, Director of Judicial Education and Curriculum Development of the Kenya

Judiciary Academy, Mr. John Edozie, AGA-Africa International Advisor, Mr. Chukukere Unamba-Oparah, AGA-Africa Programme Director and Country Coordinator for Kenya among others.

Mr. Green noted that the increased use of cyberspace and access to the internet in Africa has brought challenges to the law and justice sector. He underscored the timeliness of the partnership that supports an urgent need to build capacity to support AGA-Africa's partners in the investigation and prosecution of cyberspace criminal activity and money laundering in Africa.



Mark Ihimoyan, Regional Director, Azure Engineering, Microsoft Middle East and Africa, Dubai and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Markus Green Esq, AGA-Africa Board Member shake hands after signing of the MoU in Ghana

AGA -Africa in the Media



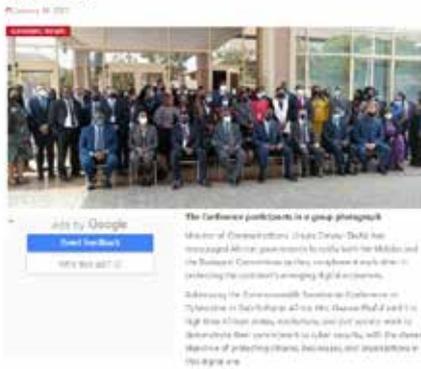
12 Countries across Sub-Saharan Africa gathers together in Ghana to address cybercrime



Today, with nearly everything in our society connected to the Internet, that cyber mission is more crucial than ever.

It is in the back-drop of this that the Commonwealth Secretariat is holding a 4-day Regional conference involving 22 Commonwealth African countries. The conference which is being held at Roperock Ambassador Hotel in Accra, spanning from Monday 17th January, 2022 to 20th January, 2022, is supposed to effectively chart a way forward in addressing cybercrime.

Leaders Urged To Deepen Cyber Security In Africa



The Conference participants in a group photograph

Microsoft, AGA Partner to Enhance Cyber Security In Africa



Representatives of the partners exchanging the agreement

AGA Africa, Microsoft sign partnership to build Cyber Security capacity in Africa



Microsoft and the Attorney General Alliance (AGA) an organisation committed to building capacity and exchanging knowledge with African governments, justice and law enforcement agencies and officials throughout Africa to support the rule of law and combat transnational criminal activity have today launched a partnership.

RELATED NEWS:

Ghana:

Minister for Communication and Digitalisation Hon. Ursula Owusu Ekufu has hinted that the Government of Ghana is keen on contributing to curbing cybercrime in Ghana and the African continent. She said the government has taken a number of steps to create awareness and build the capacity of relevant stakeholders including the criminal justice sector to respond to cybercrimes and cybersecurity incidents...[Read More](#)

Nigeria:

On January 17, African diplomats will meet their global counterparts in New York to thrash out the details of a proposed new United Nations (UN) treaty to tackle cybercrime. It will be an opportunity for the African delegates to highlight growing digital threats and determine how to define, investigate and prosecute what is in effect a borderless crime...[Read More](#)

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Management Skills Training for Middle Level Prosecutors – National Prosecution Authority



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South Africa, 15th Feb. 2022

Public Private and Public Public Partnerships Webinar – Financial Intelligence Centre



Nigeria, 17th – 18th Feb. 2022

Achieving Effectiveness in The Quest For Equal Access to Justice Webinar - Office of The Public Defender and Citizens Right Commission (PDCRC) Kogi State

Thank You

We extend a hearty thank you to the following facilitators for providing valuable content and making our January 2022 events a success.

Regional Conference on Addressing Cybercrime in Sub-Saharan Africa in Accra, Ghana

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