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A Year of Robust Engagements

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CWAG AAP is now AGA-Africa!

We are delighted to announce that our name has changed from Conference of Western Attorneys General Africa Alliance Partnership (CWAG AAP) to Attorney General Alliance- Africa (AGA-Africa).

This came about as a result of the formation of the Attorney General Alliance (AGA) from our parent organization the Conference of Western Attorneys General (CWAG), a testament to their expanded reach across the United States and internationally. The name Attorney General Alliance (AGA) represents an association of Attorneys General, federal, state and foreign officials, and public and private sector partners throughout the world. As CWAG continues to focus predominantly on core western issues, AGA will take on emerging issues in the West and beyond.

Subsequently, the Africa Alliance Partnership takes on the new prefix, 'Attorney General Alliance'.

Since our inception in 2016, the AGA-Africa has trained African legal officers and prosecutors in the investigation and prosecution of transnational crimes including Human Trafficking, Money Laundering, Counterfeit Drugs, Cyber Crime, and Wildlife Trafficking. We have also collaborated with African Ministries of Justice, Attorneys General, Solicitors General, and Public Prosecution agencies to share knowledge and experiences in fighting transnational crimes.

We are currently working with government partners in Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Nigeria, Rwanda, South Africa, Uganda and Zambia, and are set to establish more partnerships throughout Africa.

As the CWAG-AAP programme transitions to AGA-Africa, our focus on combating transnational crimes on the continent remains unwavering.

The AGA-Africa programme will be adapting its branding and online presence to align with the new name.

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Karen White
Executive Director

Change of Name

In 2019 our name changed from Conference of Western Attorneys General African Alliance Partnership, to the Attorney General Alliance-Africa to reflect our expanded reach across the United States and internationally. The name Attorney General Alliance (AGA) represents an association of Attorneys General, federal, state and foreign officials, and public and private sector partners throughout the world. As CWAG continues to focus predominantly on core western issues, AGA will take on emerging issues in the West and beyond.

Requests for partnerships and training have continued to increase. AGA-Africa we have responded to these requests as best as we can. We continue to work closely with our partners in the training of law enforcement agencies e.g. prosecution, investigation and the judiciary.

Partnerships/Memorandum of Agreements

As a testament to our expanding reach, this year we had the honour of signing Memoranda of Understanding with the Judicial Training Institute (Kenya), Freedom Now Africa, Malawi Law Society (MLS), Financial Intelligence Authority (Malawi), Financial Intelligence Centre (South Africa), Financial Intelligence Authority (Uganda), Financial Intelligence Centre (South Africa), Financial Intelligence Centre (South Africa), National Prosecution Authority (Zambia) and the National Black Prosecutors Association (NBPA).

Mentorship Programme

We are pleased to announce that in 2020 we are commencing a mentoring programme for 6 prosecutors with the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions in collaboration with the office of the Attorney General of Kenya in Washington DC. We want to thank the Attorney General Washington DC, Karl Racine for working with us to deliver a mentorship programme for prosecutors.

Gratitude

We remain indebted to our Anti-Wildlife Trafficking Partners Wildlife Training Alliance (WITA) for their generous donation of Law Enforcement Equipment to the Malawi Department of National Parks and Wildlife and for their contribution to the AGA-Africa anti-wildlife trafficking programme.

We wish to thank key heads of organizations and subject matter experts for their time and effort and contribution to the programme.


We are grateful to Judge Sean Wallace, Former Judge and Attorney

General Patricia Madrid and Judge Donald H. Graham for sharing their extensive knowledge and experience in our judicial training workshops as we welcome the participation of the National Black Prosecutors Association (NBPA) in our programmes.

Special thank you to Cyrus R. Vance, Jr., District Attorney, New York County, and his office for their major contribution to our human trafficking programme. We would like to thank Jennifer Bainer, Criminal Justice Advisor, and the entire team from the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime as well as the president of the African Prosecutors Association.

Many thanks to the AGA-Africa Secretariat, country coordinators, and facilitators whose efforts have ensured our programmes run smoothly.

2020 promises to be even more fruitful. We are encouraged by your participation and are looking forward to an energetic year.



Karen White
Executive Director
AGA-Africa



Markus Green ESQ,
AGA-Africa Board
Member

We are delighted to bring you the 2019 Annual Report. We had the great honour of organizing 31 events with 2300 law enforcement officers of various ranks benefitting from our trainings.

We take cognizance of the fact every nation on earth is in some way impacted by transnational crime. We cannot stop emphasizing that no single country can purge this menace without the collaboration of others.

Transnational crimes are often a matter of life and death, often preying on the least among us. If our efforts see even one criminal put away, then it will have been worth it, because one is one too many. We will continue to amplify this cause and give a voice to those whose circumstances are so grim they are rendered voiceless.

Regional Events

I am pleased to see that our reach has expanded beyond the 8 core countries through our participation the increasing number of regional events including the 3rd ULS Annual Conference on the 4th – 5th April, 2019 in Entebbe, Uganda, the Eastern Southern Africa Anti-Money Laundering Group (ESAAMLG) 37th Task force meeting on 11th April 2019 in Arusha, Tanzania, the 24th East Africa Law Society Annual Conference on 6th - 8th November 2019 in Kigali, Rwanda and the the 14th Annual Africa Prosecutors Association (APA) conference on 2nd – 5th December, 2019 in Kigali, Rwanda. These interactions gave us the opportunity to showcase the enormous strides we have made in fulfilling our mandate and hopefully even reach more.

Parliamentary Intelligence-Security

We had the honour of participating in the Parliamentary Intelligence-Security Forum that took place on 7th and 8th of October 2019, in Nairobi Kenya.

2020 and Onward

We are excited to see what the New Year holds as we look forward to ending this scourge that is transnational crime.

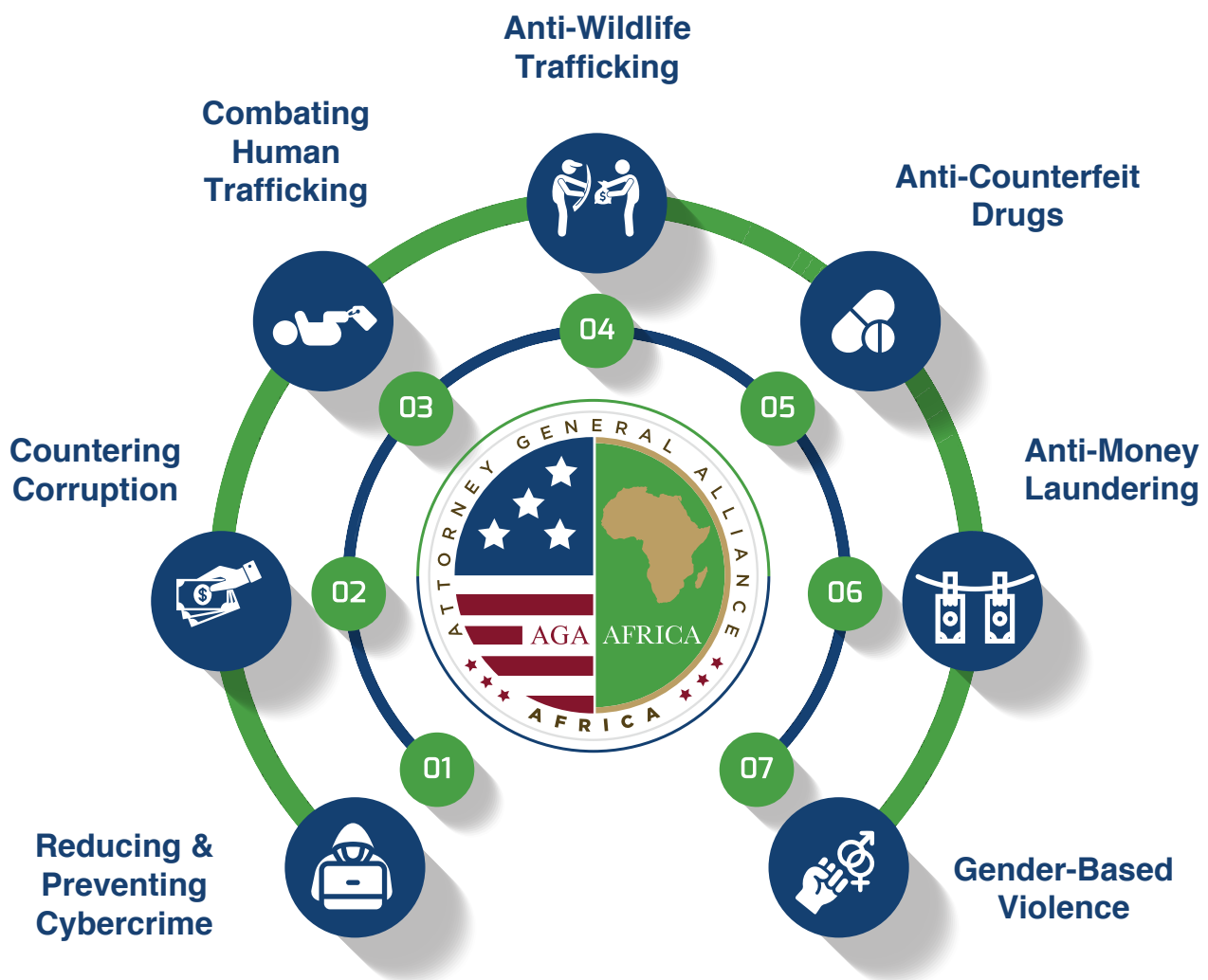
I hope you will find this report illustrative of the work we have done across our 8 partner countries. As we step into 2020 we are grateful to every partner institution for the warm reception and for their cooperation.

Markus Green ESQ
AGA-Africa Board Member

The 2019 Annual Report is a repository of the activities that have taken place in 2019.

We have also presented country narratives for our 8 partner countries, i.e. Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Nigeria, Rwanda, Uganda, South Africa and Zambia. We have detailed the accounts of what took place in each country.

During 2019, AGA-Africa addressed its core mandate areas as outlined below, each providing a synopsis of how specific areas have been addressed in different countries.



Core Mandate Areas and how they were tackled in 2019:

Anti-Human Trafficking

An increasing number of countries in Africa and indeed the world over, can be categorised either as source, transit, or destination countries for victims of human trafficking. Human Trafficking falls into a number of categories these may include: forced labour, sexual exploitation, and organ trafficking. It is generally acknowledged that in many cases it is increasing difficult to identify, investigate and prosecute human trafficking cases.

AGA-Africa training programmes and seminars on Human Trafficking are focused on how to identify, investigate, and prosecute human traffickers as well as share best practice in the protection and rehabilitation of actual or potential victims of trafficking. As a partner in justice, AGA-Africa also organises seminars and conferences as forums which enhance awareness, knowledge and the skills required to combat human trafficking.



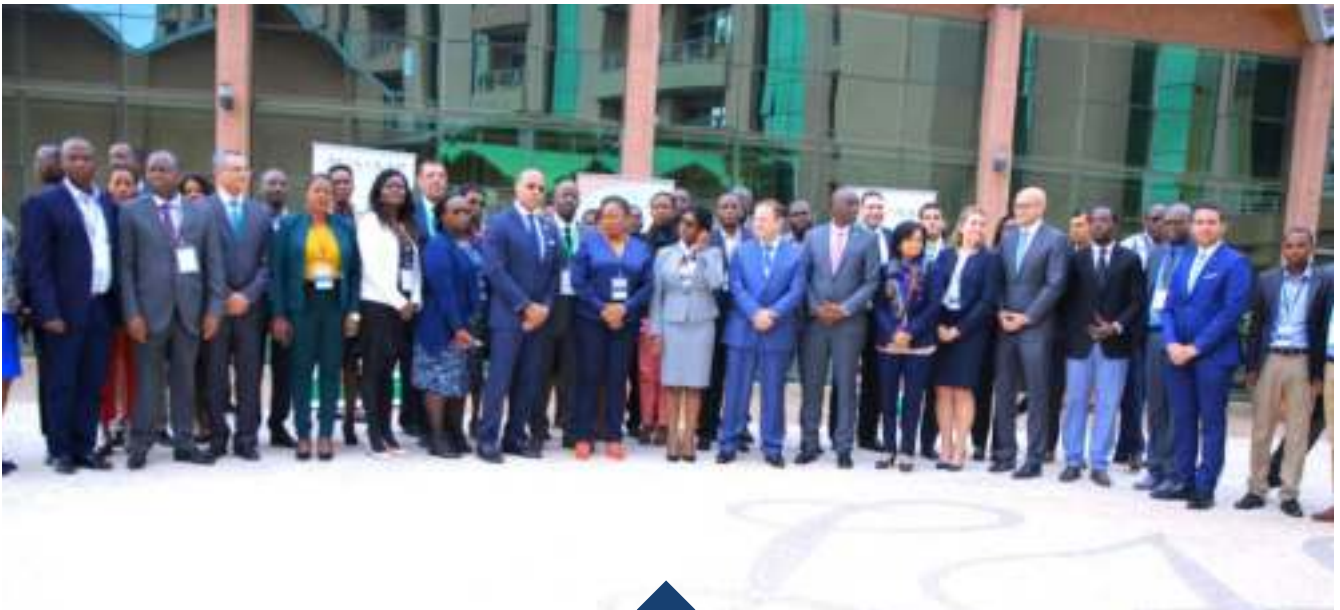
"The exploitation of human beings is a highly lucrative business for organized criminal groups. It is an illicit market which affects millions of victims worldwide every year. With traffickers making an estimated \$32 billion annually, human trafficking is one of the world's most shameful crimes and one which robs people of their dignity and basic rights." – UNODC, 2012

HOW AGA-AFRICA WORKS WITH YOU

- Provides support to forums that raise awareness of and promote collaboration and the exchanging views.
- Provides training on the investigation and prosecution of human trafficking.
- Teaches techniques for the identification and protection of victims of human trafficking.
- Training on the prosecution and investigation of Human Trafficking cases.

In 2019, AGA-Africa embarked on the following activities towards stemming human trafficking:

1. Workshop on Human Trafficking and Electronic Evidence on 11th – 13th November, 2019 in Nairobi, Kenya
2. Workshop: Human Trafficking Workshop, 3rd – 5th December 2019, Kigali, Rwanda
3. Workshop: Human Trafficking, 11th – 12th December, 2019, Delta State, Nigeria



Aimable Havugiyaremye, Prosecutor General, Rwanda with **Hon. Counsel Hamada El Sawi**, Prosecutor General of the Arab Republic of Egypt, President of the African Prosecutors Association (APA) and the AGA-Africa representative, workshop dignitaries, speakers and participants during the Human Trafficking Workshop that took place between 3rd - 5th December 2019 in Kigali, Rwanda.

Fighting Cybercrime

AGA-Africa works with stakeholders engaged in tackling cybercrime, to build and strengthen internal capacity. AGA-Africa strives to promote awareness on the dangers of cybercrime in addition to facilitating workshops focused on the investigation and prosecution of cybercrimes.



“Cybercrime is a fast-growing area of crime. More and more criminals are exploiting the speed, convenience and anonymity of the Internet to commit a diverse range of criminal activities that know no borders, either physical or virtual, cause serious harm and pose very real threats to victims worldwide.” – Interpol

HOW AGA-AFRICA WORKS WITH YOU

- Organizes operational and investigative capacity building workshops.
- Facilitates expert addresses on digital forensics.
- Supports for cybercrime awareness seminars and forums.
- Broadly shares anti-cybercrime best practices and tools.
- Promotes international collaboration



Commander **Abebe Muluneh**, Director of IGAD SSP with **Nejat A. Issa**, IGAD SSP CTCB-PO and workshop speakers and participants in Uganda during the Cybercrime/Digital Evidence for Counter Terrorism Investigations and Prosecutions that took place between 3rd -7th December, 2019 in Entebbe, Uganda..

2019 witnessed robust engagements on this emerging subject matter:

1. Workshop on Virtual Currency Investigation on 8th – 10th April, 2019 in Lusaka, Zambia
2. Workshop on Virtual Currency Investigation 11th April, 2019 in Lusaka, Zambia
3. Workshop Virtual Currency Investigation on 14th - 16th May 2019 in Lusaka, Zambia
4. Workshop on Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence on 27th and 28th May, 2019 in Accra, Ghana
5. Workshop Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence on 4th to 6th September, 2019 in Nairobi, Kenya
6. Workshop Oral Advocacy and Electronic Evidence on October 2019 Abuja, Nigeria
7. Workshop on Forensic Evidence, Electronic Evidence, Cybercrime and Data Protection on 24th – 25th October, 2019 in Kampala, Uganda
8. 24th East Africa Law Society Annual Conference on 6th - 8th November 2019 in Kigali, Rwanda
9. Workshop on Human Trafficking and Electronic Evidence on 11th – 13th November, 2019 in Nairobi, Kenya
10. Workshop on Gender-Based Violence and Cybercrime on 19th – 22nd November 2019, Johannesburg, South Africa
11. Workshop: Cybercrime/Digital Evidence for Counter Terrorism Investigations and Prosecutions, 3rd -7th December, 2019, Entebbe, Uganda

Combating Counterfeit Drugs

The sale of counterfeit drugs is a huge global challenge. According to The World Health Organisation (WHO), counterfeit drugs are “a product that is: deliberately and fraudulently mislabeled with respect to source and/or identity.”



About 800,000 deaths a year in Africa are linked to the counterfeit drug trade, according to the World Health Organization (WHO). According to a report of the World Economic Forum 2011, the size of the world's counterfeit drug market was around \$200 billion, the second biggest illegal market after marijuana, cocaine and opium.

Counterfeit products may include:

- products with the correct ingredients or
- with the wrong ingredients,
- without active ingredients,
- with incorrect quantities of active ingredients or – with fake packaging.

HOW AGA-AFRICA WORKS WITH YOU

- Supports for public awareness programmes.
- Promotes the adoption & enforcement of strong anti-counterfeiting laws.
- Collaborates with counterfeit drug actors to deter and detect counterfeit drugs globally.
- Facilitates site visits to best in class anti-counterfeit drugs facilities
- Supports public meeting / counterfeit drug detection technology forums.



(L-R) Lindsay Kipkemoi, Chukukere Unamba-Oparah, John Edozie, Pierre Souverain, Dr. Fred Sioi, Markus Green ESQ and Patrick Holt during the two day Combating Counterfeit Drugs on 6th - 8th February, 2019 in Nairobi, Kenya.

In 2019, AGA-Africa organized the following event towards curbing this menace:

1. Workshops Combating Counterfeit Drugs on 6th - 8th February, 2019 in Nairobi, Kenya

Anti-Money Laundering

Money laundering is frequently linked with other transnational crimes such as terrorism, human trafficking, wildlife trafficking and other global crimes.



By its very nature, money laundering is an illegal activity carried out by criminals which occurs outside of the normal range of economic and financial statistics. The report estimates that in 2009, criminal proceeds amounted to 3.6% of global GDP, with 2.7% (or USD 1.6 trillion) being laundered. – Financial Action Task Force (FATF).

HOW AGA-AFRICA WORKS WITH YOU

The weight of regulating, investigating and prosecuting money laundering cases rests largely with government law enforcement bodies and regulators. AGA-Africa provides training for these key anti-money laundering actors.

- Facilitates legal capacity development and training for entities engaged in anti-money laundering activities.
- Supports anti-money laundering legislation.
- Supports anti money laundering forums and platforms.



L-R: **Tobenna Nnamami**, **Hon. Joseph Abang**, **Ebelechukwu Enedah**, **Bisi Toro-Popoola** and **Attorney John Ukegbu ESQ** at the Anti-Money Laundering workshop themed Theme: Role of Secured Transactions in movable assets act in financing MSME on 28th March, 2019 Lagos, Nigeria.

In 2019, AGA-Africa responded to the need expressed for training in this subject. The following events took place:

1. Workshops on Anti-Money Laundering and Asset Recovery on 4th - 5th February, 2019 in Nairobi, Kenya
2. Workshop on Anti-Money Laundering on 18th - 19th, March, 2019 in Kasungu, Malawi
3. Workshop on the Role of Secured Transactions in movable assets act in financing MSME on 28th March, 2019 in Lagos, Nigeria
4. Workshop on Investigation and Prosecution of Money Laundering Crimes and Asset Recovery on 2nd – 3rd April, 2019 in Kampala, Uganda
5. Workshop on Trade-Based Anti-Money Laundering Trends on 13th – 16th August, 2019 in Lusaka, Zambia
6. Workshop on Trade-Based Money Laundering on 16th -17th September, 2019 in Blantyre, Malawi

Anti-Wildlife Trafficking

AGA-Africa works in concert with anti-wildlife trafficking actors, to create greater awareness about the detrimental impact of wildlife crimes and to provide training for investigation and prosecution of wildlife traffickers.



Wildlife crime is a big business. Run by dangerous international networks, wildlife and animal parts are trafficked much like illegal drugs and arms. By its very nature, it is almost impossible to obtain reliable figures for the value of illegal wildlife trade. – WWF

Wildlife trafficking is thought to be the third most valuable illicit commerce in the world, after drugs and weapons, worth an estimated \$10 billion a year. – U.S. State Department.

HOW AGA-AFRICA WORKS WITH YOU

AGA-Africa seeks to build partnerships which support the building of institutional capacity and effective approaches to combating this crime, through:

- Facilitating public and private sector partnerships.
- Training customs officers, police, and lawyers in wildlife forensics and border inspections.
- Supporting seminars and workshops for the exchange of ideas, knowledge and best practice on tactics for the arrest and prosecution of wildlife traffickers.



A cross-section of participants on day two of the field training during the workshop on Anti-Wildlife Trafficking on 28th January – 1st February 2019 in Kasungu, Malawi.

In its efforts towards protecting wildlife, AGA-Africa in collaboration with other Stakeholders organized the following events in 2019:

1. Workshop Anti-wildlife Trafficking on 28th January – 1st February 2019 in Kasungu, Malawi
2. Donation of Equipment to the Department of National Parks and Wildlife on 17th May, 2019
3. Workshop on Anti Wildlife Trafficking from 12th to 15th August 2019 in Livingstone, Zambia

Gender-Based Violence

Gender-based violence is a huge global concern and one of the major channels leading human trafficking. Although at face value, it may seem to be confined to intimate and family situations; it is one of the key catalysts towards a larger crime. Victims of domestic violence are more likely to be trafficked. It remains largely under-reported as it is often clouded in shame. Majority of the victims are women.



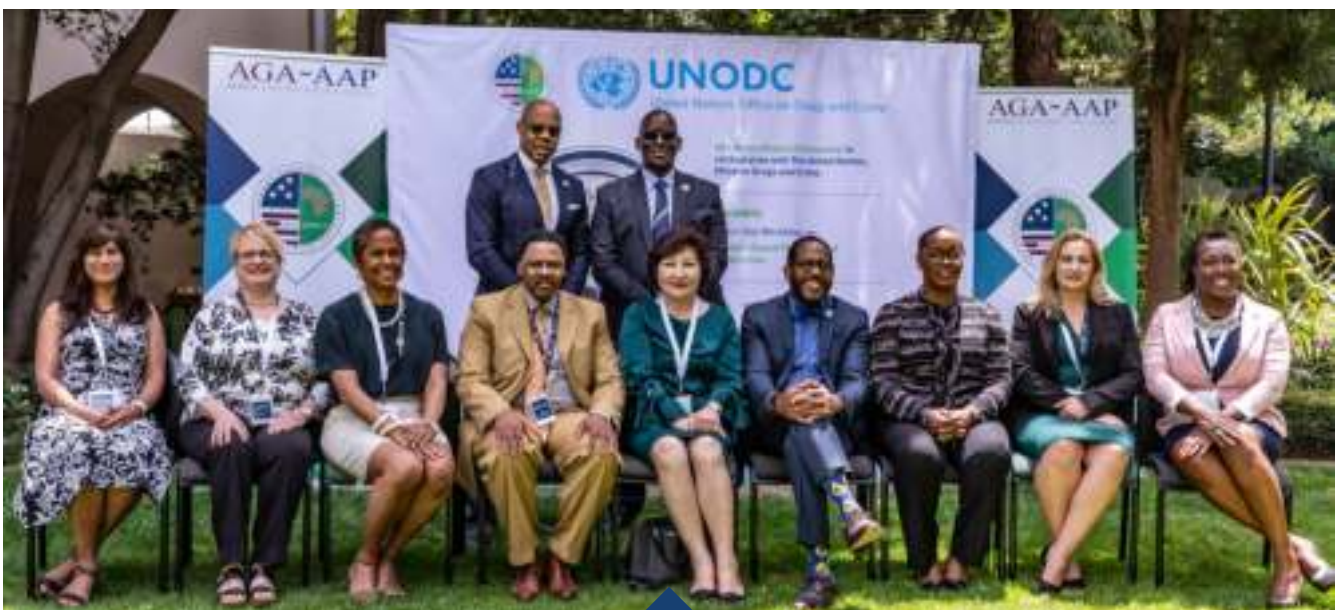
It is estimated that 35 per cent of women worldwide have experienced either physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence or sexual violence by a non-partner (not including sexual harassment) at some point in their lives. However, some national studies show that up to 70 per cent of women have experienced physical and/or sexual violence from an intimate partner in their lifetime. Evidence shows that women who have experienced physical or sexual intimate partner violence report higher rates of depression, having an abortion and acquiring HIV, compared to women who have not. – UN WOMEN

HOW AGA-AFRICA WORKS WITH YOU

- Provides support to forums that raise awareness on prevalence of domestic violence
- Creates awareness on the correlation between domestic violence and human trafficking.
- Provides training on the investigation and prosecution perpetrators of domestic violence and handling of related cases.
- Teaches techniques for the identification and protection of victims.

In addressing this emerging area, AGA-Africa organised the following event in 2019:

1. Workshop on Gender-Based Violence and Cybercrime on 19th – 22nd November 2019 in Johannesburg, South Africa



Major General Bafana Linda, the National Head of Family Violence, Child Protection & Sexual Offenses, & South African Police Service (SAPS) and **Zhuldyz Akisheva**, Regional Representative, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Southern Africa with AGA-Africa representatives and AGA-Africa facilitators.

Anti-Corruption

Corruption is a social phenomenon that has permeated nearly every fabric of our society. It is a catalyst for many other criminal activities. It robs a nation off its heritage and denies the citizenry that which is rightfully theirs. No country is yet immune to its ills yet some countries are more plagued than others. Countries in Africa have reported high levels of corruption which have brought down organizations to their knees and wasted billions of tax-payers money. AGA-Africa is alive to the fact that corruption propagates transnational crime for which it is on the forefront to combat.



“Corruption is a complex social, political and economic phenomenon that affects all countries. Corruption undermines democratic institutions, slows economic



development and contributes to governmental instability. Corruption attacks the foundation of democratic institutions by distorting electoral processes, perverting the rule of law and creating bureaucratic quagmires whose only reason for existing is the soliciting of bribes. Economic development is stunted because foreign direct investment is discouraged and small businesses within the country often find it impossible to overcome the start-up costs required because of corruption" ~UNODC

HOW AGA-AFRICA WORKS WITH YOU

- Promote universal rule of law against corruption.
- Organise workshops and seminars on the legal prosecution and international co-operation against corruption.
- Provide and support trainings to strengthen and build capacity on countering corruption.
- Participates in forums for the exchange of ideas & knowledge on countering corruption.

AGA-Africa organised the following event in 2019:

1. Training on Accountability, Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption Programme on 23rd - 24th September, 2019 in Ho, Ghana



Yvonne Atakora Obuobisa, Director of Public Prosecutions, Ghana, (centre) with dignitaries, speakers and participants at the Fighting Corruption & Related Offences as a Prosecutor Workshop in HO, Ghana.

AGA-Africa Programme Collaboration Approach

AGA-Africa is committed to the fight against transnational crime. In 2019, we engaged in several broad approaches in fighting global crimes, we look forward to intensifying them even further in 2020:

- Joint training programmes
- Multi-Agency and regional collaboration platforms
- Information exchange
- Knowledge sharing
- Supplementing access to resources
- Developing frameworks to fight international crimes
- Strengthening laws and administration of justice in cross-border criminal matters
- Signing Letters of Intent and Memorandums of Understanding
- Mentoring programme
- Offer support to organizations in other ways.

2019 HIGHLIGHTS

In 2019, AGA-Africa's activities revolved around four key areas: They included: working with the judiciary, joint workshops with development partners, participation in development partner working groups and increased participation in regional events, as outlined below:

RESPONSE TO REQUESTS BY THE JUDICIARY

Building on from 2018, during 2019, AGA-Africa has broadened its work with judiciary. In response to increasing requests, AGA-Africa worked with the judiciary in Kenya, Malawi, Nigeria and Zambia. This helped AGA-Africa to work effectively through the justice chain. AGA-Africa is also helping the judiciary tackle emerging issues e.g. cybercrime and electronic evidence through training workshops.



"All divisions of the high court represented have gained important and beneficial information on cybercrime and electronic evidence that will enhance their legal practice once they get back to their various workplaces," **Hon. Lady Justice Jessie Lesiit, Presiding Judge, Criminal Division of the High Court of Kenya.**

JOINT WORKSHOPS WITH DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS

AGA-Africa worked with a number of development partners to fulfill its mandate. They include:

British High Commission (BHC)

AGA-Africa partnered with the British High Commission which exists to maintain and develop relations between the UK and Kenya. Together with other development partners the British High Commission was instrumental for training workshops targeting judicial officers. They were: Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence workshop from 4th to 6th September, 2019 and Human Trafficking and Electronic Evidence on 11th – 13th November, 2019 in Nairobi, Kenya resulting in the successful training of judges and magistrates in Kenya in September and November of 2019 respectively.



"Cybercrime is a timely topic that needs much attention observing the rapidly changing technological world that has greatly enabled global interconnectedness," **Hon. Justice David K. Maraga, the Chief Justice of Kenya**

"Technology has reduced the world into a global village and hence there's a growing need to understand the role of the court and its regulatory role in the changing technological environment," **Hon. Justice David K. Maraga, the Chief Justice of Kenya**



"The training is taking place in accordance with the mandate given to the Judiciary by Article 172, 1D of the Constitution of Kenya (2010) to ensure continuous judicial education and training for magistrates and judges. The topic 'Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence' was identified by the judges as an area that required attention," **Hon. Justice K. M'noti, Director, Judicial Training Institute**

The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

AGA-Africa partnered with The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), established as the Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention, by sending representatives for the Human Trafficking and Electronic Evidence on 11th – 13th November, 2019 in Nairobi, Kenya and the Gender-Based Violence and Cybercrime on 19th – 22nd November 2019, Johannesburg, South Africa.

The Accountability Rule of Law and Anti Corruption Programme (ARAP)

At the request of The Accountability Rule of Law and Anti Corruption Programme (ARAP) and the DPP's office in Ghana, AGA-Africa trained 90 prosecutors including 50 recently recruited prosecutors on Human Trafficking.



"I wish to thank ARAP for their partnership for their partnership which produced a legacy document on prosecution guidelines which was a testament to their collaboration. I am hopeful that the partnership with AGA-Africa would also yield similar results as a testament to posterity," **Yvonne Attakora Oboubisa, Director of Public Prosecutors, Ghana.**

Google-Africa

Google-Africa, which helps to bridge the developer-skills gap in Africa by providing better access to high-quality, world-class skilling on mobile technologies and platforms, was instrumental in the successful training on Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence on 27th and 28th May, 2019 in Accra, Ghana.



L-R: **Dr. Herbert Yankson, Mike Hemberger, Maame Yaa Tiwaa Addo Danquah, Markus Green ESQ, David Maas and George Tweneboah** at the Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence workshop in Accra Ghana.

National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP)

AGA-Africa partner agency the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP) a law enforcement agency of the Federal Government of Nigeria which exists to combat human trafficking and other similar human rights violation, was represented at the 36th Annual National Black Prosecutors Association Conference that took place from the 14th to 19th July 2019 Atlanta, Georgia.



Left: Nozipho Mbanjwa, Anchor and producer for CNBC Africa in conversation with Susan Lustig, Administrative Director AGA-Africa; (Far right). Looking on: Kim Robinson, AGA-Africa Country Coordinator, South Africa John Edozie, AGA-Africa International Advisor; Keith Lamar, President, National Black Prosecutors Association.

Wildlife Training Alliance (WITA)

On 17th May, 2019, AGA-Africa and Anti Wildlife Trafficking Partners, Wildlife Training Alliance (WITA) donated the following Law Enforcement Equipment e.g. sweaters, belt accessories, body armor, duty belts, pants, shirts, shorts, vests, coveralls, jackets, gloves, neckties, footwear, headwear, hydration bladder to the Department of National Parks and Wildlife (DNPW). This aimed at strengthening the capacity of the DNPW rangers to deal with wildlife crime in Malawi.



(Front) Dignitaries from the Department of National Parks and Wildlife, AGA- Africa and WITA together with DNPW rangers.

PARTICIPATION IN DEVELOPMENT PARTNER WORKING GROUPS

AGA-Africa participated in joint working groups to best address the training needs of stakeholders that we have in common. The aim of this includes reducing duplication of development partner efforts in meeting stakeholder requests. This promotes effective use of resources.

Our development partners include:

British High Commission (BHC)

United States Department of Justice (US DOJ)

Lawyers Without Borders (LWOB)

European Union (EU)

GIZ

International Justice Mission (IJM)

Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)

Raoul Wallenberg Institute (RWI)

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

Equality Now

GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE (GBV)

2019 is the first year where AGA-Africa commenced trainings on Gender-Based Violence. The workshop took place from 19th to 22nd November in South Africa. This was in response to our stakeholders' requests for training workshops in this area and the evidence-based links between GBV and human trafficking.



"We should be careful about communicating and posting pictures to strangers on social media as well as letting children into cyberspace without parental control,"

Major General Bafana Linda, the National Head of Family Violence, Child Protection & Sexual Offenses, & South African Police Service (SAPS).

REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL EVENT

REGIONAL WORKSHOPS - AFRICA

In 2019, AGA-Africa continued to grow in its influence and reach beyond the 8 countries through participation in regional events. Our growing influence through participation in regional workshops, programmes and conferences has expanded our audience and reach.

Below is a summary of each:

Eastern Southern Africa Anti-Money Laundering Group 37th Task Force Meeting, Arusha, Tanzania

At the Eastern Southern Africa Anti-Money Laundering Group 37th Task force meeting on 11th April 2019, AGA-Africa had a successful series of sessions.

Takeaways

Dr. Eliawony J Kisanga, ESAAMLG Executive Secretary, made the official introduction of AGA-Africa programmes to the delegates. He welcomed the collaboration and underscored that it is very relevant to the ESAAMLG mandate. **Kim Robinson, Country Representative for South Africa** made a presentation on AGA-Africa's work in Africa. This was well received with many delegates expressing interest in partnering with AGA-Africa.

The meeting was aimed at endorsing AGA-Africa to the plenary and set the foundation for formalization of AGA-Africa and ESAAMLG relationship through the execution of the MoU signing took place in September 2019.

ESAAMLG is committed to combating money laundering by implementing the recommendations of the Financial Action Task Force in Angola, Botswana, Eswatini (formerly Swaziland), Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, Seychelles, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.



A cross-section of workshop participants.



Dr. Eliawony Kisanga, Executive Secretary ESAAMLG delivering his opening remarks.



Kim Robinson, AGA-Africa Country coordinator for South Africa during her presentation.



(L-R) Adv Xolisile J Khanyile, Dr. Eliawony J Kisanga and Kim Robinson.

The 3rd ULS Annual Conference, Entebbe, Uganda

At the Uganda Law Society (ULS) annual conference: The 3rd ULS Annual Conference took place on 4th – 5th April, 2019 at the Imperial Resort Hotel in Entebbe under the theme The Future of the Legal Profession and the Rule of Law in Uganda. AGA-Africa ran a number of sessions.

Takeaways

On behalf of AGA-Africa, **International Advisor John Edozie** lauded Uganda's efforts to combat transnational crimes and fostering the rule of law, which is at the heart of the work with African partners through AGA-Africa.

AGA-Africa subject matter expert Scott Blake was part of the 'The Unstoppable Growth of Legal Tech and Artificial Intelligence: Positioning your Legal Business in the Digital Economy' panel.



The AGA-Africa team at the ULS annual conference pose for a photo opportunity with the Deputy Speaker of the Ugandan Parliament Rt. Hon. Jacob Oulanyah (centre) who also spoke at the 3-day conference.

‘Welcome Reception’ at the Commonwealth Law Conference (CLC)

AGA-Africa hosted the ‘Welcome Reception’ at the Commonwealth Law Conference that was held from 8th to 12th April 2019 Avani Hotel, Livingstone, Zambia.



Zambian H.E President Edgar Lungu (Centre) in a group photo with other dignitaries during CLC.

Delegates were drawn from around the Commonwealth countries and the Caribbean Islands to South East Asia in attendance was **Attorney General, Likando Kalaluka and Law Association of Zambia President, Eddie Mwitwa.**

Takeaways

The CLC was officially opened by **His Excellency President Edgar Lungu of Zambia**. Also present at the opening ceremony from Zambia were **Minister of Justice Given Lubinda and Hon. Lady Chief Justice Irene Mambilima, Lady Chief Justice Sophia Akuffo of Ghana** and other Chief Justices.

In his remarks, **AGA-Africa Board Member Markus Green ESQ** thanked the Commonwealth Law Conference organizers for their participation and expressed the African Alliance Partnership's interest in collaborating with the African commonwealth partners to combat transnational organized crimes across Africa AGA-Africa also hosted an exhibition stand at this event.

4th ICC Africa Conference on International Arbitration, Lagos, Nigeria

AGA-Africa had the pleasure of participating in the 4th ICC Africa Conference on International Arbitration on 18th -19th June 2019.

On behalf of AGA-Africa, Country Coordinator for Nigeria Ebele Enedah made a presentation on AGA-Africa's activities in Nigeria and Africa and advocated for joint responses to transnational crimes in a bid to end the scourge.



“To uphold the rule of law, law enforcement agencies and other stakeholders in the public and private sector must cooperate internationally. These relationships form the basis for building knowledge and expertise through the sharing of information, experience, skills, technology and strategies to combat transnational crimes.”



Ebele Enedah,
AGA-Africa Country
Coordinator for
Nigeria.

24th East Africa Law Society Annual Conference, Kigali, Rwanda

AGA-Africa held sessions at the 24th East Africa Law Society Annual Conference themed “The role of law and lawyers in developing regional economic communities” on 6th - 8th November, 2019. The training brought together over 600 lawyers from East Africa to discuss the latest trends, insights and extent of transnational crimes in the East African region.

Takeaways

His Excellency, **Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda** in his keynote address emphasized that lawyers must at all costs fight for the East Africa rights and freedoms. He added that to deepen the economic integration agenda, which includes trade in services, qualified lawyers should be able to practice anywhere in the East African Community by removing unnecessary barriers. This should be a win for all of us in the region and also serve as an example for other regulated professions.



H.E Paul Kagame,
President of
the Republic of
Rwanda.

Other keynote speakers included **John Edozie, AGA-Africa International Advisor**, who noted that transnational crime networks not only present a serious threat to national security, stability prosperity and regional integration, but also undermine the deepening of the rule of law in Africa.



John Edozie, AGA-
Africa International
Advisor.

Subject matter expert **Dr. Bright Gameli Mawudor, Cyber Security Expert** and founder of the Cyber Security collective Africa hackon, together with other panelists, explored several aspects of cyber-security in Africa aimed at examining the role of the Legal Profession in the 4th Industrial Revolution.



**Dr. Bright Gameli
Mawudor,** Cyber
Security Expert.

8th Annual General Meeting of the East African Association of Prosecutors (EAAP) & Eastern Africa Prosecutors Symposium, Mombasa, Kenya

AGA-Africa participated in the 8th Annual General Meeting of the East African Association of Prosecutors (EAAP) & Eastern Africa Prosecutors Symposium themed International Cooperation Amongst Prosecutors: Effective use of The Justice System as a Tool To Fight Transnational Organised Crime in Mombasa, Kenya.

East African Association of Prosecutors (EAAP) is an association of National Prosecution Authorities of East Africa, whose mandate is to promote and facilitate cooperation among its member states through detection, investigation and prosecution of crimes in the region as well as to offer legal assistance to its members.

The two-day symposium, sponsored by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), brought together directors of public prosecutions and Attorneys General from the East Africa region. Participants stretching out of East Africa included Attorneys General from Somalia, Mozambique, Ethiopia, and Directors of Public Prosecutions from DRC, Zambia and Malawi.

Chukukere Unamba-Oparah, AGA-Africa's Programme Director made a presentation to the Executive Committee on AGA-Africa's work in the African continent as well as an expression of interest in collaboration with EAAP in the near future.



Chukukere Unamba-Oparah speaking at the 8th Annual General Meeting of the EAAP & Eastern Africa Prosecutors Symposium.

Takeaways

Dr. Fred Matiang'i Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Security, Kenya officially opened the East African Association of Prosecutors forum and noted that the scope of organized crime warrants progressive strengthening of regional cooperation among investigative and prosecutorial agencies.

"Now is the time to build strong interdependent relationships among ourselves. The deployment of resources is critical. It is high time the East African Community and these agencies look into various ways we can pool resources to spend across the borders in this endeavor."



Dr. Fred Matiang'i, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Security, Kenya.



Noordin Haji, Director of Public Prosecutions, Kenya.

Noordin Haji, Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) Kenya urged the members present at the forum to work towards creating a seamless process that will enhance the fight against transnational crimes in Africa.

"We must rise against above all challenges and put up a unified approach in the fight against transnational crimes through enhancing regional cooperation among African member states ranging from capacity building to legal frameworks."

Hon. Paul Kihara Kariuki, Attorney General of Kenya also hosted by the DPP of Kenya challenged the EAAP members to better their cooperation in the fight against transnational crimes in Africa.



Hon. Paul Kihara Kariuki, Attorney General of Kenya speaking at the EAAP forum in Mombasa, Kenya.

14th Annual Africa Prosecutors Association (APA)

AGA-Africa held a session on human trafficking at the 14th Annual Africa Prosecutors Association (APA) conference themed **“Africa upholding the Rule of Law in fighting Transnational Crimes and Genocide”** on 2nd – 5th December, 2019 in Kigali, Rwanda. The conference attracted over 500 participants who included prosecutors and other justice, law and order sector stakeholders from the APA member countries.

Takeaways

AGA-Africa was represented by John Edozie, International Advisor and Caroline Mbabazi, Country Coordinator for Uganda and Rwanda.

AGA-Africa facilitator **Anita Nyanjong, Programme Manager for Equality Now** led a session on **Combating Human trafficking in Africa**. She highlighted the forms of modern day slavery which include forced labour, debt bondage or bonded labour, human trafficking, descent-based slavery and child slavery noting that an estimated 24.9 million victims are trapped in modern-day slavery and that African countries need to combine efforts to fight the trafficking menace.



Johnston Busingye, (left), Minister of Justice of Rwanda with the conference delegates.



“We are trying to control these crimes although traffickers are not sleeping either. They keep changing techniques. So we need to share skills and train our investigators and prosecutors on handling human trafficking cases,” Aimable Havugiyaremye, Prosecutor General, Rwanda

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

AGA Annual Conference Santa Barbara, California

AGA-Africa participated in the 2019 AGA Annual Conference that took place from 17th to 20th June 2019 Santa Barbara, California. The conference brought together chief legal officers of member states and jurisdictions drawn from across the US, Mexico, Middle East and Africa.

On 18th June 2019 the AGA-Africa showcased its tremendous work in Africa and presented **Pfizer Executive Vice President and General Counsel Douglas M Lankler** with the 2019 Rule of Law Leadership Award for his visionary guidance in growing AGA-Africa's groundbreaking work on the African continent.



Pfizer Executive Vice President and General Counsel Douglas M. Lankler speaking at the Conference.



Sean Reyes, Utah Attorney General and AGA-Africa Co Chair, presenting the 2019 Rule of Law Leadership Award on behalf of AGA-Africa to **Douglas M. Lankler** Pfizer Executive Vice President and General Counsel.

Takeaways

In his remarks, **Douglas M. Lankler, Executive Vice President and General Counsel, Pfizer**, thanked CWAG for the terrific recognition. "At Pfizer, we recognize that we live in a global village and that humanity connects us all."

AGA-Africa speakers were:



Fulata Lillian Shawa-Siyuni,
Director National
Prosecution
Authority.

Fulata Lillian Shawa-Siyuni, National Prosecution Authority, Zambia who concluded her remarks with this: “Excluding countries like mine (Zambia) ensures that the criminals have a platform to attack countries like yours that are capable of defending themselves,” she said as she urged the African Alliance Partnership to ensure they train as many people as possible.

On behalf of **Noordin Haji, Director of Public Prosecutions, Kenya**, **Deputy Director Dorcas Agik Oduor**, spoke eloquently on the subject ‘Kenya and the Transnational Crime Landscape’. She traced the history of Kenya juxtaposing it to that of transnational crime.

She highlighted some of the factors that make the country vulnerable to threats as well as the increasing complexity of crimes.



Ms. Dorcas Agik Oduor, Deputy
Director, Public
Prosecutions.



Hon. Joseph Abang', AGA-Africa Goodwill Ambassador and former Attorney General Cross River State

In his remarks, **Hon. Joseph Abang'**, **AGA-Africa Goodwill Ambassador and former Attorney General Cross River State**, Nigeria lauded the great footprint that AGA-Africa has had on the African partner countries and on Africa as a whole. He noted with delight how collaborations are making them stronger. He further noted that AGA-Africa's work in Nigeria has resulted in 13 workshops, seminars and conferences for lawyers, prosecutors and other law enforcement officers.

36th Annual National Black Prosecutors Association Conference

AGA-Africa was represented at the 36th Annual National Black Prosecutors Association Conference themed 'Encourage, Empower, Engage Black Prosecutors Serving as the Agents of Social Justice' that took place from the 14th to 19th July 2019 Atlanta, Georgia. The conference brought together chief and line prosecutors, law students, former prosecutors and law enforcement personnel across the US. AGA-Africa had the opportunity to present a one day event themed 'New Approaches to Understanding Transnational Crime in Africa at the 2019' at National Black Prosecutors Association annual conference, on 16th July 2019. The objective was to get participation in partner programmes.

The one day event drew participants from the NBPA, AGA stakeholders, and the AGA-Africa team. It aimed to explore new approaches to understanding Transnational Crimes like Human Trafficking, Money Laundering, and Cyber Crimes in Africa, and the role Black prosecutors in the US can play in sharing expertise and skills with their African counterparts in the justice, law and order sector.

Takeaways

In her remarks, **Karen White, Executive Director**, AGA-Africa announced the formation of the Attorney General Alliance. She noted that the Attorney General Alliance will take on emerging domestic issues like cannabis regulation, sports betting and cybercrime, as well as the growing international relationships. “Grounded in the West, CWAG has always been a home for western state Attorneys General to collaborate on traditionally western issues like public lands, water rights and tribal issues with associate members joining from all over the country, and transnational legal issues emerging around the world, we have consistently ventured beyond the boundaries of the West.”



Karen White, AGA-Africa Executive Director, speaking in Atlanta, Georgia.



Keith Lamar, former President of the National Black Prosecutors Association (NBPA).

NBPA's President Keith Lamar Jr. thanked AGA-Africa for their collaboration over the course of the last year which had been cemented by a Memorandum of Understanding signed on 16th July 2019.

Other speakers included **Karl A. Racine, Attorney General District of Colombia**, **Letitia James, Attorney General, New York** and **Dame Julie Okah Donli, Director General, National Agency for Prohibition of Traffic in Persons (NAPTIP)** who discussed Human Trafficking in Africa.



Letitia James, Attorney General, New York with **Karl Racine**, Attorney General, Washington DC during a panel discussion



Dame Julie Okah Donli, Director General, NAPTIP.

Charles Onyango-Obbo, Founder and Publisher of Pan African Digital Media Platform spoke on 'Africa Our Social, Economic, and Political Landscape: A Focus on Human Security and Transnational Crimes', **Soriosis Samura African Film and Television Journalist** discussed 'The Face of Transnational Crime The Seven Things I Learned Covering Human Trafficking in Africa' and **Ebele Enedah AGA-Africa Country Coordinator**, Nigeria tackled the subject 'Migration and Transnational Crimes in Africa'.



Charles Onyango-Obbo, Founder and Publisher of Pan African Digital Media Platform.



Thurbert Baker, Former Attorney General of Georgia.

In his closing remarks, **former Attorney General of Georgia, Thurbert Baker**, congratulated Karen White for the tremendous efforts in seeing the Attorney General Alliance expand both geographically, from its initial Western states to now cover the rest of the United States, Mexico and Africa.

Special Events Calendar 2020

Projects	Date	Country
Prosecutors Mentorship Programme with ODPP-Kenya	13th January to 21st February	Washington DC, US
AGA-Africa Annual Conference and the Black Caucus of Attorneys General	2nd -9th March	Accra, Ghana
Illicit Financial Flows & Anti Money Laundering SADC – LA	6th-7th August	Luanda, Angola
37th NBPA Annual Conference	16th – 22nd August	Chicago, US

NEW PARTNERS AND MEMORANDA of UNDERSTANDING

The aim of fostering partnerships includes:

- to join efforts for increasing the efficiency of efforts to fight transnational criminal organizations, terrorism and corruption;
- to share legal and technical knowledge through workshops, symposiums, seminars and study tours, facilitate the exchange of personnel;
- to promote continuous education;
- to exchange information, strategies and training for preventing, regulating, investigating and prosecuting crimes and generally on criminal reforms and
- to collaborate, and assist the respective governments in implementation of activities in combating transnational crimes.

AGA-Africa signed a number of new partnerships which will contribute to increase collaboration in the fight against transnational crime. They are as follows:

Judicial Training Institute – Kenya

AGA-Africa signed an MoU with Judicial Training Institute in April 2019 Kenya to expand their partnership in training of judges and magistrates. This was after successful advocacy meetings on 4th and 5th February, 2019.

Freedom Now Africa --Tulsa

AGA-Africa signed an MoU with Freedom Now Africa on 13th November 2019. This was aimed at strengthening their collaboration and cementing the partnership. It was also aimed at fostering international understanding and cooperation of a network of global support to combat transnational crimes across Africa.

Malawi Law Society (MLS)

A Memorandum of Understanding between the Malawi Law Society (MLS) and AGA-Africa was signed at the MLS offices on the 15th April 2019. The MoU is aimed at fostering collaborations aimed at stemming transnational crime in the region.

Financial Intelligence Authority - Malawi

AGA-Africa and the Financial Intelligence Authority signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 16th September 2019. This will foster international understanding as well as creating a platform for continued collaboration in the future.

Financial Intelligence Centre - South Africa

AGA-Africa was pleased to start a new partnership across Africa with the Financial Intelligence Centre (South Africa), in July 2019 to work jointly in capacity building, with a view to combating transnational crimes in South Africa. The partnership will be marked by training workshops and seminars towards knowledge exchange. The collaboration commenced in high gear with the first workshop on Transnational Crimes taking place from 24th to 26th of July 2019.

Financial Intelligence Authority (FIA) - Uganda

On 3rd April 2019, at the close of the two-day Investigation and Prosecution of Money Laundering Crimes and Asset Recovery, AGA-Africa signed an MoU with the Financial Intelligence Authority (FIA). This would go a long way in cementing cooperation between the two in a bid to end the scourge that is transnational crime.

National Prosecution Authority (NPA) - Zambia

On 14th May 2019 AGA-Africa signed an MoU with the National Prosecution Authority represented.

Through their Director, Fulata Lillian Shawa-Siyuni, NPA expressed their commitment to curbing transnational crime in all its form but noted that it cannot do it alone in the global environment. She expressed appreciation terming the partnership 'a great step' to build capacity in law enforcement and prosecution.

Financial Intelligence Centre (FIC) - Zambia

A memorandum of understanding was signed between AGA-Africa and the Financial Intelligence Centre (FIC) on 12th August 2019 as part of efforts to bolster international understanding and cooperation of a network of global support to combat transnational crimes across Africa.

National Black Prosecutors Association (NBPA)

AGA-Africa signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the National Black Prosecutors Association (NBPA) on 16th July 2019 towards fostering international understanding and cooperation of a network of global support to combat transnational crimes across Africa. This will also increase the number of facilitators available to the programme.

Media coverage and audience engagement of AGA-Africa increased significantly during 2019. AGA-Africa is reaching out to more people and there is engagement of a wider audience through AGA-Africa being featured in mainstream and social media.

Our social media following has increased across the platforms (Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube).



Maraga says digitisation of Judiciary to ensure integrity

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 4, 2019



From left: Justice Karubirima M'itoni, the Director of the Judiciary Training Institute of Kenya, CJ David Maraga and AGA-AAP board member Markus Green during the official opening of a three-day cybersecurity and electronic evidence workshop at Radisson Blu Hotel in Nairobi on September 4, 2019. PHOTO | COLLINS OMULO | NATION MEDIA GROUP



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 As part of the #16DayOfActivism @UNODC_ROSAF in collaboration with @ohchr_sa provided Human - Centered training to members of @SAPoliceService on #Cybercrime & #GBV in Johannesburg. #AGAAfricaInSA #GenderBasedViolence @Aga_App @UNODC_ROSAF @ZhuldyzAkisheva #GBV



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COUNTRY NARRATIVES

AGA-Africa worked actively with stakeholders in the following countries to establish relationships with key offices including ministries of justice, chief justices, attorneys general, solicitors general, public prosecutors, state and non-state actors.



GHANA



KENYA



MALAWI



NIGERIA



RWANDA



SOUTH AFRICA



UGANDA



ZAMBIA



GHANA

Overview

With a population of over 28 million, Ghana is a West African country that sits on an area of 238,535 km². Ghana is home to Lake Volta, the largest man-made lake in the world. It boasts stretches of beaches, as well as a host of historical and cultural attractions. Ghana is renowned for its production of cocoa. The capital city is Accra.

AGA-Africa in Ghana

Ghana, whose collaboration with AGA-Africa commenced in May of 2018, continued to be a formidable partner in the fight against transnational crime this year. In 2019, Ghana played host to a number of events i.e. Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence workshop and the annual training workshop for prosecutors on Fighting Corruption and Related Offences.

Stakeholders had requested assistance in tackling the subjects of Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence and AGA-Africa provided the requested training. Cybercrime for example has been a growing menace in the country. The Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP), Yvonne Atakora Obuobisa, of Ghana thanked AGA-Africa for their collaboration and training and requested for more trainings in 2020.

In partnership with The Food and Drugs Authority-Ghana and the Ghana Police Service, AGA-Africa's Annual Conference and the Black Caucus of Attorneys General is set to take place in Ghana during the 'Beyond the Return' celebration marking 400 years since the arrival of the first enslaved Africans in Jamestown. The Attorneys Generals' visit will take place from 2nd to 9th March, 2020.

Six members of the Black Caucus of Attorneys General from the United States of America (USA) including New York, Washington DC, Indiana, Minnesota, Nevada and Illinois will be visiting Ghana to take part in AGA-Africa's conference that will be held under the theme, 'Tackling the Reality of Transnational Crime in Africa - Cross Border Solutions and International Cooperation'.

AGA-Africa 2019 partners

Criminal Investigations Department, Ghana
Food and Drugs Authority (FDA)
Ghana Bar Association
Ministry of Justice and Attorney General's Department
Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions

Activities

Workshop

Theme: Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence workshop

Date: 27th and 28th May, 2019

Venue: Accra, Ghana

AGA-Africa in collaboration with the Criminal Investigation Department, Ghana – a section of the Ghana Police Service that focuses various aspects of crime detection and investigation – supported by Google Africa which helps to bridge the developer-skills gap in Africa by providing better access to high-quality, world-class skilling on mobile technologies and platforms, organized a two day 'Cybercrime and Electronic Workshop' that brought together participants from the Office of the Attorney General Ministry of Justice, Judicial Services, Financial Intelligence Center, Ghana Police, Ghana, Criminal investigation Department, Office of the Directorate of Public Prosecution and Food and Drugs Authority aimed at building capacity of administration of justice in Ghana to Conduct Effective Investigation on Cybercrime as well as Electronic Evidence.



Workshop dignitaries, facilitators and participants.

Highlights

The opening ceremony was presided over by Commissioner of Police, **Maame Yaa Tiwaa Addo Danquah** Director General, Criminal Investigation Department. She reiterated her support for such collaborations to facilitate law enforcement agencies with knowledge on effective ways to detect, investigate and prosecute transnational crimes.



Maame Yaa Tiwaa Addo Danquah,
Commissioner of Police, Director-General,
Criminal Investigation Department
delivering her opening remarks.



Thony Forson, President of the Ghana
Bar Association (GBA).

Thony Forson, President of the Ghana Bar Association, assured the Ghana Police his solidarity and support adding that he and his personnel were solidly behind the police's efforts at curbing transnational crime.

AGA-Africa Board Member Markus Green ESQ commended the Ghanaian Government for their spirited fight against transnational criminal activities in the country. He noted that cybercrime is increasingly becoming a global challenge for law enforcement agencies worldwide underscoring the importance of collaboration as in fighting transnational crime. He lauded the Commissioner of Police (CoP) and the Deputy Director for embracing training opportunities that ensures training, information and intelligence exchange among law enforcement agencies.

George Tweneboah, Deputy Director General Criminal Investigation Department(CID) acknowledged that cybercrime is a growing transnational problem. He thanked the agencies that participated and urged the participants to put in practice the knowledge they have learnt.



George Tweneboah, Deputy Director General Criminal Ligation Department.

The workshop was moderated by DSP **Julianna Obeng** Director, **Public Affairs Unit/** CID of Police.

Criminal Investigation Department's **Dr. Herbert Yankson, Chief Superintendent of Police**, facilitated a session on Cybercrime in Ghana: Legislation and Challenges. He noted that the effort to fight this crime in Ghana has seen cyber fraud, intrusion and stealing, sextortion, cyber stealing and false news cases reported at the cybercrime unit in 2018.



David Maas, Assistant Attorney General, Wisconsin State during his presentation.



Mike Hemberger, Intelligence Analyst, Wisconsin Department of Justice presenting on Cybercrime Investigations.

AGA-Africa Facilitator **David Maas, Assistant Attorney General, Wisconsin State, USA** took delegates through sessions on Digital Forensics and Electronic Evidence and Prosecution of Cybercrime. He discussed, among others, classified information control markings, and encryption.

AGA-Africa Facilitator **Mike Hemberger, Intelligence Analyst, Wisconsin Department of Justice** had insightful sessions on Investigation of Cybercrime and Analysis of Cybercrime and Open-source Intelligence. He emphasized on the use of gloves to preserve fingerprints and that once a search warrant is obtained and executed, the electronic devices can be seized and forensically examined.



Kimathi Kuenyehia,
Transactional Lawyer, Google,
during his session.

Transactional Lawyer and Google-Africa representative Kimathi Kuenyehia, facilitated a session on Legal Aspects of the Internet and Concerns in Ghana and Google as a tool to gather evidence. He noted that Google collaborates with law enforcement. He was supported in his presentation by June Okal, Legal Officer, Google-Africa.

Advocacy Meetings

AGA-Africa engaged in Advocacy Meetings with the Office of the Director of Public Prosecution, Judicial Training Institute, Food and Drugs Authority (FDA) and the Ghana Bar Association (GBA). They all showed immense interest in continued collaboration in combating transnational criminal activities in Ghana.

During the September 2019 meeting, the head of the FDA Mimi Daku expressed concern over the growth of counterfeit food and requested for training in investigation and prosecution of counterfeit food. Key participants from the office of the Public Prosecutions were also trained.

Training

Theme: Annual Update Training for State Attorneys

Fighting Corruption Related Offences as a Prosecutor

Date: 23rd - 27th September, 2019

Venue: Ho, Ghana

The Office of the Attorney General of the Republic of Ghana together with Accountability, Rule of Law and Anti Corruption Programme (ARAP), whose mission is to promote good governance and support national reform, organized a five day workshop dubbed 'Fighting Corruption Related Offences as a Prosecutor' at the Volta Serene Hotel in Ho, Ghana from the 23rd to 27th September 2019.

In collaboration with Accountability, Rule of Law and Anti Corruption Programme (ARAP), the workshop as part of the annual training workshop held for prosecutors working directly under the office of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

This was aimed at equipping and building capacities of the State's Attorneys in challenging areas of prosecution in the previous legal year and then building capacity as well in topical and emerging criminal trends that the Attorneys are likely to face in each new legal year.

The five-day event was as part of the annual training workshop held for prosecutors working directly under the office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) and was aimed at building capacities of the State's Attorneys in challenging areas of prosecution and equipping them with knowledge on topical issues and emerging criminal trends that they are likely to face in their line of work.



L.R Chukukere Unamba-Oparah, AGA-Africa Programme Director, **Yvonne Atakora Obuobisa**, Director of Public Prosecutions, Ghana, AGA-Africa Facilitator **Justin McNabney** and **Natalae Velez** with **Maame Hagan**, AGA-Africa Coordinator for Ghana.

The participants who were all State Attorneys and prosecutors came from all over the 16 regions of the Republic of Ghana. The first day was an orientation exercise reserved specifically for fifty 50 recently recruited prosecutors. AGA-Africa subject matter experts **Natalae Velez, Assistant District Attorney Domestic Violence Unit, Special Victims Bureau, New York County** and **Justin MacNabney, Deputy Chief Attorney, Human Trafficking Response Unit, Special Victims Bureau, New York County** presented on elements of prosecution, trial advocacy and legal submissions.

Day 2 of the programme featured a short opening ceremony with introductory remarks from the various collaborators and the Director of Public Prosecutors **Yvonne Atakora Obuobisa**, and **Simon Adatsi, Head of the Attorney General's Department** in HO, the host region for the workshop.



Tuinese Edward Amuzu, Key Expert of Rule of Law and Representative for Accountability, Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption Programme (ARAP).

Tuinese Edward Amuzu Key Expert of Rule of Law and Representative for Accountability, Rule of Law and Anti Corruption Programme also delivered a short address for and on behalf of ARAP. He was grateful to the Office of the Attorney General for the partnership.

AGA-Africa's Country Coordinator, Florence Maame Hagan, thanked the DPP for the opportunity to collaborate with the office of the Attorney General in Ghana to exchange knowledge and support the fight against criminality and transnational criminal activity in Ghana. She reiterated AGA-Africa's unflinching support for the programmes and workshops organized by the Office of the Attorney General and AGA-Africa's desire to partner the Office of the Attorney General next year after the completion of the ARAP Programme and for years to come.



Florence Maame Hagan, AGA-Africa Country coordinator for Ghana.

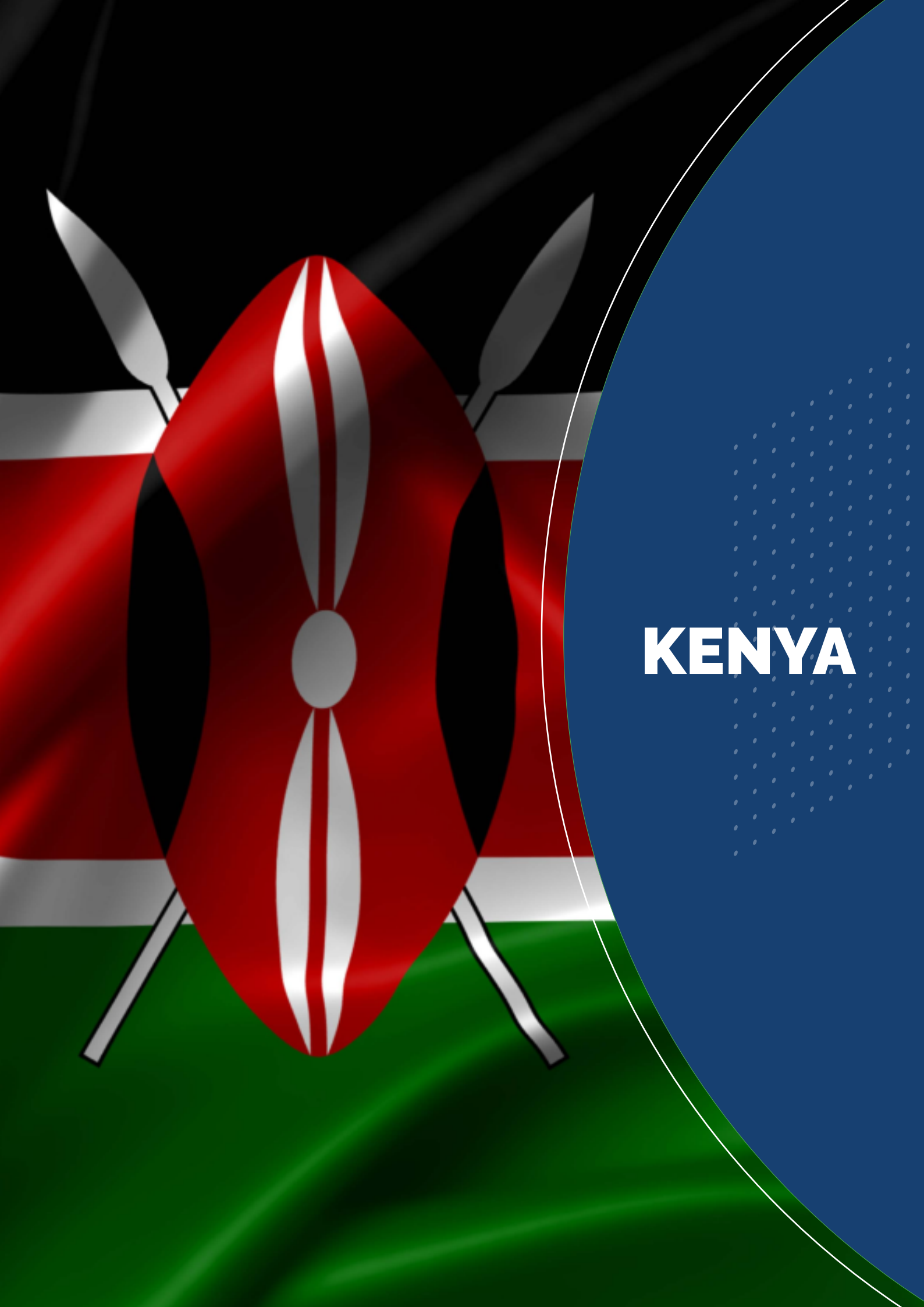


Yvonne Attakora Oboubisa, Director of Public Prosecutions, Ghana.

In her address **Yvonne Attakora Oboubisa, Director of Public Prosecutors Ghana**, thanked ARAP for their partnership which led to the production of a legacy document on prosecution guidelines – a testament to their collaboration. She was also hopeful that the partnership with AGA-Africa would also yield similar results as a testament to posterity. In her closing remarks she expressed gratitude for the efforts made at short notice to be able to participate in this workshop. She was optimistic about future partnerships.

2020 Projects

Projects	Date
Counterfeit Drugs Workshop- Food and Drug Authority(FDA)	19th – 21st February
AGA-Africa Annual Conference and the Black Caucus of Attorneys General	2nd -9th March



KENYA

Overview

Kenya is an East African country renowned for its rich wildlife and scenic landscape. Occupying an area of 580,367 km², it is home to over 48 million people. Kenya's capital, Nairobi, is a regional hub for commerce and technological innovation.

AGA-Africa Partners

Office of the Attorney General & Department of Justice
Pharmaceutical and Poisons Board
Judiciary Training Institute (JTI)
British High Commission
Strathmore University
Freedom Now Africa

AGA-Africa in Kenya

Various reports have described Kenya as a country of origin, transit and destination in human trafficking. Kenya's unique geographical location, stability and infrastructural development make her an especially sought after transition point. The government, in collaboration with other stakeholders, including AGA-Africa, has made concerted efforts towards stemming crime.

Towards fighting transnational crime, AGA-Africa hosted 4 events in 2019. The country whose partnership with AGA-Africa commenced in April 2017 hosted workshops on Anti-Money Laundering and Asset Recovery, Combating Counterfeit Drugs, Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence and Human Trafficking and Electronic Evidence. These subjects were identified by stakeholders.

Kenya also hosted the 8th Annual General Meeting of the East African Association of Prosecutors (EAAP) & Eastern Africa Prosecutors Symposium, in Mombasa.

EVENTS

Advocacy Meetings

Judicial Training Institute

Two advocacy meetings were held in Kenya one 4th and 5th February, 2019 at Kempinski in attendance from JTI were Dr. Freda Mugambi-Githiru, Deputy Director Judiciary Training, Hon. Abdul Kadir Lorot, AGA-Africa Programme International Advisor John Edozie, and Programme Director Chukukere Unamba-Oparah and Juliet Gachanja in which the possibility of a partnership in training of Judges and Magistrates on organized crime was explored. These successfully took place in September and November 2019 preceded by an MoU signing in April 2019.

Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions

AGA-Africa represented by representatives John Edozie (International Advisor) and Chukukere Unamba-Oparah (Programme Director) had the pleasure of meeting with the team from the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions on 1st August 2019.

Following this meeting, AGA-Africa is pleased to announce that in 2020, we are commencing a mentoring programme for 6 prosecutors with the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions in collaboration with the office of the Attorney General of Kenya from 13th January 2020 to 21st February 2020 in Washington DC.

Workshops

Theme: Anti-Money Laundering and Asset Recovery

Date: 4th - 5th February, 2019

Venue: Nairobi, Kenya

AGA-Africa in collaboration with the office of the Attorney General and the Department of Justice Kenya organized a two-day workshop bringing together over 40 participants from the office of the Attorney General, Office of the Director of Public Prosecution, the Judiciary, the National Police Service, Financial Reporting Centre, the Central Bank of Kenya, Kenya Revenue Authority, who make up the multi-agency taskforce. The multi-agency taskforce is mandated to enhance cooperation, coordination and collaboration among the agencies.



Workshop dignitaries, speakers and delegates.

Highlights

The workshop was officially opened by **Muthoni Kimani, Director of Asset Recovery Agency**, on behalf of **the Attorney General of Kenya, Hon. Paul Kariuki**. In her opening remarks, she thanked AGA-Africa for providing the much needed training which would contribute and expand expertise for law enforcement agencies in Kenya.



Muthoni Kimani, Director of Asset Recovery Agency delivering her opening remarks.



Liz Barrick, Deputy Director, Transaction Record Analysis Centre (TRAC) during her session on Money laundering Law and Methods and Money Laundering Phases.

AGA-Africa brought several subject matter experts, among them:

Liz Barrick Deputy Director, Transaction Record Analysis Centre (TRAC) delivered a thought-provoking discussion on Money Laundering Law, Methods and Phases. She also presented an insightful discussion on Economic and Social Consequences of Money Laundering at a macro level.

Paula Alleman-Chief Counsel, Arizona Attorney General's Office of Drugs and Racketeering Enforcement Section noted in her presentation on the Proceeds of Crime and Anti Money Laundering (POCAMLA) and Arizona Law that law enforcement is the principal objective of forfeiture and that the potential revenue must not be allowed to jeopardize the effective investigation and prosecution of criminal offense, officer safety, the integrity of ongoing investigations, or the due process rights of citizens. She shared insights from an actual Asset Recovery Case Study from Arizona.



Paula Alleman, Chief Counsel, Arizona Attorney General's Office Drugs and Racketeering Enforcement Section.



James Manyonge, Corporation Secretary and Head of Legal, Compliance and External Relations at Financial Reporting Centre (FRC).

James Manyonge Corporation Secretary and Head of Legal, Compliance and External Relations at Financial Reporting Centre facilitated an informative session on the Scale of Money Laundering in East Africa/Kenya and continued to discuss the link between Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing stating that both thrive in anonymity and anonymous transaction. In his presentation, he noted that over 50 cases in Kenya had been taken to court since inception, and the amount of money involved was about Ksh 32 Billion underscoring that corruption leads to increased criminal activity such as terrorism.

Emily Chweya, Director, Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General of Kenya delivered the closing remarks on behalf of **the Attorney General of Kenya, Hon. Paul Kariuki**.



Emily Chweya, Director-Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General of Kenya delivered the closing remarks on behalf of the Attorney General of Kenya, **Hon. Paul Kariuki**.



Markus Green ESQ, AGA-Africa Board member delivering his remarks.



Workshop participants during the Q and A session.



James Manyonge and **Emily Chweya** discussing the workshop agenda during day one of the workshop.



(Right) **Paula Alleman** and a workshop participant share a word during one of the breaks.



Hon. Joseph Abang, AGA-Africa Goodwill Ambassador and former Attorney General Cross River State delivering the keynote address.

Theme: Combating Counterfeit Drugs**Date: 6th - 8th February, 2019****Venue: Nairobi, Kenya**

In collaboration with the Pharmacy and Poisons Board, AGA-Africa organised a three-day workshop dubbed 'Combating Counterfeit Drugs' from the 6th to 8th February, 2019 Nairobi, Kenya. The workshop was aimed at sharing knowledge, experiences, with the objectives of developing and strengthening the human and institutional capacity required to combat counterfeit drugs. Delegates drawn from the Pharmacy and Poisons Board (Kenya's Drug Regulatory Authority), Anti Counterfeiting Agency, Kenya Revenue Authority, Ministry of Health, Kenya Bureau of Standards, Interpol, Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, Anti Doping Agency, Department of Immigration among others converged and benefited from the vibrant exchange of ideas and knowledge.

Highlights

In his keynote address, **Dr. Fred Sioi Chief Executive Officer, Pharmacy and Poisons Board**, Kenya, noted that there was need to explore supply chains to ensure quality products and that this cannot be done singlehandedly.

In his remarks, **AGA-Africa Board Member Markus Green** noted that these crimes preyed on the least among us.

"We live in a global village. We are all connected. Imagine if you purchase a drug you get sicker and possibly die. These crimes prey on the least among us. The poor. The same people who are being human trafficked."



Dr. Fred Sioi, Chief Executive Officer, Pharmacy and Poisons Board delivering the keynote address.



Markus Green ESQ, AGA-Africa Board member delivering his remarks.

The subject matter experts included:

Pierre Souverain, Pfizer, Director Global Security, Europe, Middle East and Africa who spoke on various issues including the Global Perspective on the Growth of Counterfeit Drugs. He noted that Counterfeiters are often former industry players who introduce the drugs in illegitimate supply chain.



Pierre Souverain, Pfizer, Director Global Security, Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA) during his session on the Growth of Counterfeit Drugs.



(L-R) **Patrick Holt, Pfizer**, Director Regional Projects, Europe, Middle East and Africa and **Pierre Souverain** during a Q & A session.

Patrick Holt, Pfizer, Director Regional Projects, Europe, Middle East and Africa, spoke on a number of issues including Challenges to Patient Safety, Internet trade in Medicine. He noted this: “2 million people a day buy drugs using ESCRO account which equates to 10 million dollars. The dark web is the eBay for bad guys and ESCRO is the midpoint between drug dealers and the market firearms, controlled drugs, bulk genuine products are also on the dark web.”

Other facilitators included **Joshua Plekwa from the Poisons Board** whose session explored Pharmaceutical Crime in Kenya. **Lindsay Kipkemai Manager in charge of Enforcement, Anti-Counterfeit Authority** spoke on the overview of ‘Counterfeiting in Kenya’ while **Winnie Lelei National Police Service**, DCI Interpol gave an overview of counterfeiting in Kenya from Interpol’s perspective.



(L-R) Lindsay Kipkemoi, Chukukere Unamba-Oparah, John Edozie, Pierre Souverain, Dr. Fred Sioi, Markus Green ESQ and Patrick Holt.



Lindsay Kipkemoi, Manager in charge of Enforcement, Anti Counterfeit Authority during his session on the Overview of Counterfeiting in Kenya.



Joshua Plekwa, Pharmacy and Poisons Board during his session on Pharmaceutical Crime in Kenyan Scenario.



Winnie Lelei, National Police Service, DCI-Interpol, National Central Bureau (NCB) during her session on the overview of Counterfeiting in Kenya, Interpol Perspective.



Dennis Otieno, Pharmacy and Poisons Board, addressing the participants during the closing ceremony.



(L- R) **Pierre Souverain**, **Dr. Fred Sioi**, **Markus Green** and **Patrick Holt** having a light moment during the photo session.



Workshop participants pose for a photo session during one of the breaks.



Workshop dignitaries, speakers and delegates.

Theme: Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence**Date: 4th – 6th September, 2019****Venue: Nairobi, Kenya**

In collaboration with the Judiciary Training Institute (JTI) the British High Commission (BHC) and AGA-Africa held a three-day workshop on Cyber Crime and Electronic Evidence. The workshop brought together high court judges from across the country and was aimed at sharing knowledge and experience on the tools and techniques used in the detection, investigation and prosecution of cybercrimes and the effects of emerging trends of cybercrimes, digital and forensic evidence collection.



A cross-section of the workshop participants.



(L-R) **Conrad Bosire**, Office of the Chief Justice, **Justice Kathurima M'inoti** (JTI), **Jennifer Bainer** (BHC), **Markus Green ESQ** (AGA-Africa), **Chief Justice David Maraga**, **Judge Sean Wallace**, **Patricia Madrid**, Former Judge and Attorney General, **Judge Donald Graham**, AGA-Africa's **John Edozie** and **Chukukere Unamba-Oparah**.



Hon. Justice David K. Maraga, Chief Justice of the Republic of Kenya (centre) with distinguished guests, facilitators and participants.

Highlights

In his opening remarks, **Hon. Justice David K. Maraga, Chief Justice of the Republic of Kenya** pointed out that cybercrime is a timely topic that needs much attention observing the rapidly changing technological world that has greatly enabled global interconnectedness.



Hon. Justice David K. Maraga, Chief Justice of the Republic of Kenya.



Hon. Justice Kathurima M'Inoti,
Director of the Judicial Training Institute.

Other keynote addresses included:

JTI's Director Hon. Justice K. M'Inoti underscored that the training was taking place in accordance with the mandate given to the Judiciary by Article 172, 1D of the Constitution of Kenya (2010) to ensure continuous judicial education and training for magistrates and judges. The topic 'Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence' was identified by the judges as an area that required attention.



Chaz Walia, Regional Head, Conflict, Stability and Security Fund (CSSF) Eastern Africa, British High Commission.



Markus Green ESQ, AGA-Africa Board Member giving his welcoming remarks at the Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence workshop.

Chaz Walia, Regional Head, Conflict, Stability and Security Fund (CSSF) Eastern Africa, British High Commission observed that an independent judiciary is important for any democracy. "Crime knows no boundaries. As technology evolves, the complexity of crime also evolves, posing a challenge to those in the pursuit of justice."

Markus Green ESQ, AGA-Africa Board Member gave a special thank you to the Chief Justice Hon. David Maraga for providing excellent leadership, also acknowledging JTI and BHC for their cooperation in setting up the workshop

“An increased focus on detecting, investigating and prosecuting cybercrimes has placed added pressure on the legal system globally to assess responsibility appropriately and mete out punishments that act as a deterrent capacity building programmes raising awareness and international cooperation is crucial in curbing this phenomenon, as no country can successfully fight it alone.”

Dorcas Agik Oduor, Deputy Director of Public Prosecution, Kenya made a presentation on ‘Prosecuting Cyber Crime Cases in Kenya’ where she highlighted some of the challenges prosecutors face while prosecuting cybercrime due to its intrusive nature noting that the capacity of investigators, judicial officers, arbitrators is also limited as some of the investigative tools like wiretap and surveillance have not been legislated.



Dorcas Agik Oduor, Deputy Director Public Prosecutions, Office of Director of Public Prosecutions during the closing ceremony.

In her remarks, **Jennifer Bainer, Criminal Justice Advisor, British High Commission** thanked the Judiciary for making time to attend the training and pointed out that the training has been a culmination of work between the British High Commission Strathmore University and AGA-Africa.

She noted that the world is changing as mobile devices now hold key information.



“Accessing and understanding how we can use mobile devices to ensure the best evidence is available for the court to decide about the guilty or innocent.”



Jennifer Bainer, Criminal Justice Advisor, British High Commission.



AGA-Africa Facilitator Judge **Sean Wallace** speaking on Sources of Digital and Electronic Evidence and Admissibility.



AGA-Africa Facilitator Judge **Donald Graham** illustrating a point during his session on Courtroom Technology.

AGA-Africa brought in subject matter experts, including: **Judge Sean Wallace, Judge of the Circuit Court for the 7th Circuit of Maryland** who facilitated an enlightening session on Sources of Digital and Electronic Evidence and Admissibility. He provided an actual case study and showcased how law enforcement agencies used phone record pings from different towers to get a suspect's location.

Judge Donald Graham, Judge of the Circuit Court for the Seventh Circuit of Maryland, led a discussion on Courtroom Technology; Effective Use of the Courtroom. He highlighted that for judges, technology can increase opportunities to control the proceedings, set time limits, and decide matters expeditiously. He also discussed levels of technology in the courtroom.



AGA-Africa Facilitator **Patricia Madrid**, Former Judge and Attorney General of New Mexico.



Dr. Isaac Ruternberg, Director, Centre for Intellectual Property and Information Technology Law (CIPIT).

Former Judge and Attorney General Patricia Madrid, lent her expertise on the subject 'Investigating prosecution of online Related Pornographic Crimes and Evidence Collection'. She took the delegates through Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) showcasing how technology has facilitated such crimes including manufacturing & distribution of child pornography and online enticement of children by sexual predators.

Other speakers included **Dr. Isaac Ruternberg, Director, the Centre for Intellectual Property and Information Technology Law (CIPIT)**, who took participants through the Cybercrimes as International Crimes; Mutual Legal Assistance and the Role of the Court.



AGA-Africa Facilitator Stephen Kiptinness, Senior Partner, Technology and Intellectual Property Practice.



Dr. Bright Gameli Mawudor, Head of Cyber Security Services, internet solutions.

Stephen Kiptinness, Senior Partner, Technology and Intellectual Property Practice took the judges through two riveting sessions. One provided an overview of the internet and how it works the next delved into some of the statutes around technology.

Dr. Bright Gameli Mawudor, Head of Cyber Security Services, internet solutions, facilitated an eye opening session on cyber security threats and the importance of digital hygiene.



Dr. Humphrey Njogu, Cyber Security Researcher/ ICT Policy Advisor.



(L-R) **John Ombagi**, Cyber Security Engineer, **Dr. Mark Matunga**, CEO Africa Center for Advanced Technology (ACAT), **Dr. Bright Gameli** Mawudor, Head of Cyber Security Services, internet solutions fielding questions from participants.

Dr. Humphrey Njogu, Cyber Security Researcher/ICT Policy Advisor took the participants through a presentation on Concept of data protection, Emerging Issues of Data Protection and Kenya's Progress in Data Protection.

Other equally captivating sessions were facilitated by **Dr. Mark Matunga, CEO, Centre for Advanced Technology and Cyber Security Engineer, John Ombagi.**



Lady Justice Jessie Lessit, Presiding Judge, Criminal Division of High Court of Kenya.



Dr. Freda Mugambi, Deputy Director, Judicial Training Institute.

Lady Justice Jessie Lessit Presiding Judge, Criminal Division of High Court of Kenya gave her vote of thanks during the closing ceremony highlighting key impactful points that all speakers presented. She thanked all partners in the training noting that it had been one of the best workshops the judiciary has ever had.

She also pointed out that all divisions of the high court represented have gained important and beneficial information on cybercrime and electronic evidence that will enhance their legal practice once they were back to their various workplaces.

Dr. Freda Mugambi, Deputy Director, Judicial Training Institute and the session coordinator facilitated the closing ceremony by presenting workshop certificates to all judges together with representatives and facilitators from AGA-Africa. She thanked AGA-Africa and the British High Commission for a successful collaboration aimed at strengthening the fight against cyber criminals in Kenya.



John Edozie, AGA-Africa's International Advisor presents a certificate to Judge Byram Ongaya during the closing ceremony.

Workshop

Theme: Human Trafficking and Electronic Evidence

Date: 11th – 13th November, 2019

Venue: Nairobi, Kenya

Building on the collaboration with the Judiciary Training Institute (JTI) and the British High Commission (BHC), AGA-Africa held a three-day workshop on Human Trafficking and Electronic Evidence. The training brought together 50 Magistrates from several parts of the country. It was aimed at sharing knowledge on the tools and techniques used in the Detection, Investigation and Prosecution of Human Trafficking in Kenya.



Hon. Justice Kathurima M'inoti (centre) with representatives from AGA-Africa, British High Commission and Judiciary Training Institute together with Human Trafficking and Electronic Evidence Workshop facilitators and participants.



Justice Kathurima M'inoti (seated third from left) with AGA-Africa, BHC, JTI representatives and AGA-Africa facilitators.



A cross-section of the workshop participants.

Highlights

Hon. Justice Kathurima M’Inoti, Director of Judiciary Training Institute, in his opening remarks, observed that the prosecution of human trafficking cases in the country is slow paced as most Judges, Magistrates and Prosecutors lack proper training in handling such cases. They are however making concerted steps to address this.

Other key note speakers included **Jennifer Bainer, Criminal Justice Advisor, British High Commission** underscored the fact that human trafficking is a crime that affects all of the African countries and all of the people within.



Hon. Justice Kathurima M’Inoti, Director of Judiciary Training Institute.



Jennifer Bainer, Criminal Justice Advisor, British High Commission.

Dr. Freda Mugambi-Githiru Deputy Director Judiciary Training Institute, made reference to JTI and AGA-Africa’s previous successful partnership in September 2019. She expressed gratitude to AGA-Africa, JTI and BHC for their effort towards equipping judicial officers in stemming transnational crime.

Subject matter expert **Hon. Lady Justice Jessie Lesiit, Presiding Judge, Criminal Division of the High Court of Kenya** took participants through an enlightening session on Bail and Bond consideration in Human Trafficking Cases.

Sean D. Wallace, Judge of the Circuit Court for the Seventh Circuit of Maryland, presented an international perspective on electronic evidence management in human trafficking cases.



Dr. Freda Mugambi-Githiru Deputy Director, JTI.



AGA-Africa Facilitator **Sean D. Wallace**, Judge of the Circuit Court for the Seventh Circuit of Maryland.

Justin McNabney, Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney New York County District Attorney delved into investigations and evidence in human trafficking cases and victim protection and assistance. He noted that 80% of people who engage in prostitution have been victims of crimes, including sex trafficking. He emphasized the need to screen all prostitution cases for signs of trafficking.

Raffaella Belizaire, New York County District Attorney Human Trafficking Response Unit shared her expertise on the subject 'Inter-Agency Cooperation and Collaboration'.



AGA-Africa Facilitator **Justin McNabney**, Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney New York County District Attorney.



AGA-Africa Facilitator **Raffaella Belizaire**, New York County District Attorney Human Trafficking Response Unit.



AGA-Africa Facilitator **Stephen Kiptinness**, Senior Partner Technology and Intellectual Property (TIP) Practice.



Dr. Isaac Rutenberg, Director of the Center for Intellectual Property and Information Technology Law (CIPIT) at Strathmore Law School

Stephen Kiptinness, Senior Partner Technology and Intellectual Property Practice presented a captivating discussion on 'Collection, Analysis, Preservation, Admissibility & Place of Digital and Electronic Evidence and The Role of the Court and Emerging Jurisprudence'.

Dr. Isaac Rutenberg, Director of the Center for Intellectual Property and Information Technology Law (CIPIT) at Strathmore Law School facilitated a session on Electronic Evidence in Human Trafficking.

Chris Gay, Co-founder and president of Freedom Now Africa led a heart-rending session on "Human Trafficking as an International Crime; Nexus between human trafficking and other transnational organized crimes, best practices internationally" as JTI's **Hon. Abdulqadir Lorot**, Judicial Officer led a lively discussion on Active Case Management in Human Trafficking Cases.



Chris Gay, Co-founder and president of Freedom Now Africa.



Hon. Abdulqadir Lorot, Judicial Officer, Judiciary Training Institute (JTI).

Other speakers included:

Sandro Donati, Crime Prevention & Criminal Justice Officer, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Regional Office for Eastern Africa (UNODC-ROEA) who provided the UN Approach on the subject: An International Framework to Fight Trafficking in Persons.

Ruth Juliet Gachanja, Advocate of the High Court of Kenya who took the participants through the topic: Introduction and overview of the concept of Trafficking in Persons.

Sophie Otiende, Programme Consultant, Awareness Against Human Trafficking (HAART) Kenya facilitated a heart-rending session on Victim protection and assistance during trial the role of the court.

Evelyn Mboya, Officer in-charge, Cyber division, at the DCI Anti-Human Trafficking and Child Protection Unit (AHTCPU) and **David Gitau, Detective Constable** at the Anti-Human Trafficking and Child Protection Unit (AHTCPU) presented on 'Investigation And Evidence In Human Trafficking Cases'.



Sandro Donati, Crime Prevention & Criminal Justice Officer, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Regional Office for Eastern Africa (UNODC-ROEA).



Evelyn Mboya, Officer in-charge, Cyber division at the Directorate of Criminal Investigations Anti-Human Trafficking and Child Protection Unit (AHTCPU)



AGA-Africa Facilitator **Ruth Juliet Gachanja**, Advocate of the High Court of Kenya



Sophie Otiende, Programme Consultant, Awareness Against Human Trafficking (HAART) Kenya.



Dr. Isaac Rutenberg speaking during a panel discussion. Looking on: **Judge Sean D. Wallace** and **Stephen Kiptinness**.

Other presenters included **Eunice Omanga** from the **Office of the Director of Public Prosecution** who spoke on Plea Bargaining among others.



Eunice Omanga from the Office of the Director of Public Prosecution.

New Partnerships

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) Judicial Training Institute – Kenya

AGA-Africa signed an MoU with Judicial Training Institute in April 2019 Kenya to expand their partnership in training of judges and magistrates. This was after successful advocacy meetings on 4th and 5th February, 2019.

Freedom Now Africa

AGA-Africa represented by Programme Director Chukukere Unamba-Oparah signed an MoU with Freedom Now Africa through Co-founder and President Chris Gay on 13th November 2019. This was aimed at strengthening their collaboration and cementing the partnership. It was also aimed at fostering international understanding and cooperation of a network of global support to combat transnational crimes across Africa.



Chris Gay, Human Rights Advocate and president of Freedom Now Africa and **Chukukere Unamba-Oparah**, AGA-Africa Programme Director, signing the MoU in Nairobi, Kenya.



(L-R) **Chris Gay**, Human Rights Advocate and president of Freedom Now Africa and **Chukukere Unamba-Oparah**, AGA-Africa Programme Director, **Kirill Gromov**, Managing Director, Freedom Now Africa and **Bazanya Fayid**, human rights and commercial transactions litigation lawyer shake hands after the MoU signing in Nairobi, Kenya.

Other events

Parliamentary Security Forum

AGA-Africa was represented in the Parliamentary Intelligence-Security Forum that took place on 7th and 8th of October 2019, in Nairobi Kenya.

AGA-Africa's Programme Director, Chukukere Unamba-Oparah, spoke on the impact that AGA-Africa is making on the continent.

The two-day forum brought together participants from over 20 countries and was aimed at promoting global collaborative approach towards counter-terrorism financing, intelligence sharing, cyber security and anti-money laundering. It provided an opportunity for the participants to share knowledge and build networks on information and intelligence sharing among allies which would assist in addressing common threats shared by all peaceful nations.

“In collaboration with African Ministries of Justice, Attorneys General, Solicitors General, and Public Prosecution agencies, AGA-Africa works across borders, providing capacity building interventions and awareness programmes in the investigation and prosecution of transnational crimes to Law Enforcement Agencies. These crimes include Human Trafficking, Money Laundering, Counterfeit Drugs, Cyber Crime, and Wildlife Trafficking,” he said.



Chukukere Unamba-Oparah, AGA-Africa's Programme Director speaking at the Parliamentary Intelligence-Security Forum.



US Congressman **Robert Pittenger** with AGA-Africa Programme Director, **Chukukere Unamba-Oparah** during the Parliamentary Intelligence-Security Forum in Nairobi, Kenya.



Delegates at the Parliamentary Intelligence-Security Forum.



AGA-Africa's Programme Director, **Chukukere Unamba-Oparah** with other panelists during a plenary session at the Parliamentary Intelligence-Security Forum in Nairobi, Kenya.

8th Annual General Meeting of the East African Association of Prosecutors (EAAP) & Eastern Africa Prosecutors Symposium, Mombasa, Kenya

From 31st October to 1st November 2019, AGA-Africa participated in the 8th Annual General Meeting of the East African Association of Prosecutors (EAAP) & Eastern Africa Prosecutors Symposium themed International Cooperation Amongst Prosecutors: Effective use of The Justice System as a Tool to Fight Transnational Organised Crime in Mombasa, Kenya.

The East African Association of Prosecutors (EAAP) is an association of National Prosecution Authorities of East Africa, whose mandate is to promote and facilitate cooperation among its member states through detection, investigation and prosecution of crimes in the region as well as to offer legal assistance to its members.

The two-day symposium, sponsored by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), brought together Directors of Public Prosecutions and Attorneys General from the East Africa region. Participants stretching out of East Africa included Attorneys General from Somalia, Mozambique, Ethiopia, and Directors of Public Prosecutions from DRC, Zambia and Malawi. Chukukere Unamba-Oparah, AGA-Africa Programme Director made a presentation to the Executive Committee on AGA-Africa's work in the African continent as well as an expression of interest in collaboration with EAAP in the near future.



(Centre) **Dr. Fred Matiang'i**, Cabinet Secretary for the Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government in Kenya with Noordin Haji (seated left), Director of Public Prosecutions, Kenya, and other East African DPPs and delegates during the 8th Annual General Meeting of the EAAP & Eastern Africa Prosecutors Symposium in Mombasa, Kenya.



(L-R) **Dr. Fred Matiang'i**, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Security, Kenya, **Dorcas Agik Oduor**, Deputy Director Public Prosecutions and **Noordin Haji**, Director of Public Prosecutions, Kenya.



The Eastern Africa DPPs in session during the EAAP & Eastern Africa Prosecutors Symposium in Mombasa, Kenya.

Highlights

Dr. Fred Matiang'i Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Security, Kenya officially opened the East African Association of Prosecutors forum and noted that the scope of organized crime warrants progressive strengthening of regional cooperation among investigative and prosecutorial agencies.



"Now is the time to build strong interdependent relationships among ourselves. The deployment of resources is critical. It is high time the East African Community and these agencies look into various ways we can pool resources to spend across the borders in this endeavor."



Dr. Fred Matiang'i, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Security, Kenya.



Noordin Haji, Director of Public Prosecutions, Kenya.

Noordin Haji, Director of Public Prosecutions Kenya urged the members present to work towards creating a seamless process that will enhance the fight against transnational crimes in Africa.



"We must rise against above all challenges and put up a unified approach in the fight against transnational crimes through enhancing regional cooperation among African member states ranging from capacity building to legal frameworks."

Hon Paul Kihara Kariuki, Attorney General of Kenya also hosted by the DPP of Kenya challenged the EAAP members to better their cooperation in the fight against transnational crimes in Africa.



Hon. Paul Kihara Kariuki, Attorney General of Kenya.

2020 Projects

Projects	Date
Prosecutors Mentorship Programme – ODPP	13th January – 21st February
Trial Advocacy – ODPP	March
Magistrates Colloquium – Judiciary Training Institute	April
Anti-Money Laundering – ODPP	June
Cybercrime Workshop the Court of Appeal Judges – JTI	October



MALAWI

Overview

A landlocked country located in the south east of Africa, Malawi sits on an area of 118, 484 km². The country, whose capital is Lilongwe, hosts a population of over 18 million people. A predominantly agricultural nation, Malawi is said to have the friendliest people in Africa.

AGA-Africa in Malawi

Wildlife trafficking is the most predominant transnational crime that plagues Malawi as other crimes such as human trafficking, counterfeit drugs, cybercrime and money laundering continue to increase. It is from this background and the stakeholders' requests that AGA-Africa organized training workshops to tackle this menace.

AGA-Africa was delighted to host 5 events in Malawi. The subjects ranged from Anti-Money Laundering to Anti-Wildlife matters. There was the signing on an MoU between Malawi Law Society and AGA-Africa. Malawi's 2 year partnership with AGA-Africa has resulted in a number of events all geared towards combating transnational crime.

AGA-Africa Partners

Financial Intelligence Authority of Malawi
Malawi Law Society (MLS)
Department of National Parks and Wildlife (DNPW)
Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB)
Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs (MoJCA)
Ministry of Home Affairs and Internal Security
Malawi Network Against Trafficking in Persons (MNAT)
Ministry of Home Affairs and Internal Security

Event**Workshop****Theme: Anti-Wildlife Trafficking****Date: 28th January – 1st February 2019****Venue: Kasungu, Malawi**

AGA-Africa and Wildlife Investigators Training Alliance – a non-profit organization that works with international partners and governments to prevent trafficking of endangered and protected wildlife species – in collaboration with the Department of National Parks & Wildlife (DNPW), the department responsible for the management and conservation of wildlife resources in Malawi, and the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) hosted a 5-day Anti-wildlife Trafficking training workshop, Kasungu, Malawi. This training workshop was the first of many collaborations between AGA-Africa and the Wildlife Investigators Training Alliance (WITA) on the Investigation and Prosecution of Wildlife Trafficking cases.

The workshop consisted of both class room training held at Chikho Hotel and field based training held at Kasungu National Park. In attendance were delegates from the police unit, customs unit, prosecutors, magistrates, key international, regional and national stakeholders, with an aim to capacity build and achieve significant and impactful exchanges that can strengthen both human and institutional capacity to prevent, detect, investigate, and prosecute Wildlife Trafficking cases.



Participants during field training on the second day of the 5-day Anti-Wildlife Trafficking Workshop, Kasungu, Malawi.



Demonstration on the Use of Surveillance Technology in the field.



Demonstration on the Use of Surveillance Technology in a classroom session.

Highlights

The workshop was officially opened by **Brighton Kumchedwa, the Director of the Department of National Parks & Wildlife**. In his opening remarks, he expressed optimism that the workshop would help enhance skills among rangers and police officers as they carry out their duties in investigation, and prosecution of wildlife traffickers in Malawi.

In his keynote address, **Malawi's Deputy Minister, Hon. Welani Chilenga** observed that the wildlife sub sector in Malawi contributes to about 2.7% of the overall growth of the sector and it is therefore among the priorities of Malawi's government to put an end to wildlife crime.



Hon. Welani Chilenga, delivering his keynote address during the opening ceremony of the Anti-Wildlife trafficking training workshop, Kasungu, Malawi.



Demi Herman, Felony Prosecutor, during her session on Investigation and Prosecution of Wildlife Crimes

AGA-Africa brought in subject matter experts including: **Demi Herman, Felony Prosecutor, Chief Deputy, Saunders County Attorney's Office**, Nebraska. He gave an in-depth discussion on Investigation and Prosecution of Wildlife Crimes. She noted that collaboration is key. When organizing an investigation; Law Enforcement Officers and the Prosecutors have to work together.



Shawn Karns, Director, Wildlife Training Investigators Alliance during a presentation on cell phone search and seizure.

Shawn Karns, Director, Wildlife Training Investigators Alliance. facilitated a session on 'Cell phone search and seizure' noting that cell phones have provided valuable evidence in a variety of investigations, including those involving wildlife crimes.



Chris Clementson from the Department of Fish Criminal Investigator during his session titled 'Time of Death'.

Chris Clementson from the Department of Fish Criminal Investigator, Senior Detective, Washington and Wildlife and **Rick Peebles with the Arizona Game & Fish Department Law Enforcement Division** spoke on the 'Time of death'. Their presentation included useful indicators e.g. Livormortis, Rigor mortis, Insect colonization, Pupil size and shape, Tissue desiccation, Body temperature as some of the clues to the time and location of death of a carcass.

Wildlife Biologist Stephanie Durno spoke on 'Firearm identification'. In their presentation, they noted that it is imperative that all firearm examiners measure the widths of the land and groove impressions in the same manner so that data can be used with minimal errors.



Wildlife biologist **Stephanie Durno** during her presentation on fire arm identification.

Miles Vested Zidana, Senior Assistant, Department of National Parks and Wildlife facilitated a session on 'Scale and Nature of Wildlife Crimes in Malawi.' To effectively combat wildlife criminal activities, national and regional cooperation, timely information and intelligence sharing must happen.

Alex Chunga, DNPW Law Enforcement National Desk Officer, delivered an in depth presentation on the amended National Parks and Wildlife Act. The aim of the amended act is to improve the strength of the penalties to perpetrators. He further explained that the degree of protection in law as laid out in the act, differs with different animals depending on how endangered they are.



Alex Chunga receiving training equipment from AGA-Africa and WITA for use by the field rangers.

Workshop**Theme: Anti-Money Laundering****Date: 18th - 19th, March, 2019****Venue: Malawi**

AGA-Africa in collaboration with the Financial Intelligence Authority of Malawi (FIA) – the principal national agency responsible for preventing and combating financial crimes – hosted a two-day workshop on Anti-Money Laundering. The workshop brought together thirty magistrates and was aimed at building their capacity in handling money laundering crimes, enhance their knowledge and skill levels in anti money laundering/combating financing of terrorism, facilitate exchange of knowledge and experiences and identify challenges and solutions regarding identification, investigation and prosecution of money laundering and terrorism financing.



(Third from left) **Atuweni Juwayeyi-Agbermodji**, Director General of the Financial Investigation Authority and **Justice Dr. Chifundo Kachale**, Chairman, Malawi Judiciary Training Committee (centre) together with other workshop dignitaries.

Highlights

The workshop was officially opened by the Director General of FIA, **Atuweni Juwayeyi Agbermodji** who urged participants to take advantage of the interactive sessions and maximize the opportunity to learn about the detection, investigation and prosecution of money laundering/terrorism financing cases.



Atuweni Juwayeyi-Agbermodji delivering her welcoming remarks.



Justice Dr. Chifundo Kachale making his keynote address.

Keynote addresses included: **Justice Dr. Chifundo Kachale, Chairman, Malawi Judiciary Training Committee**. He thanked all the individuals and institutions who played a critical role in coordinating the event and ensuring its success. He lauded AGA-Africa noting that the training was critical in ensuring that the jurisdiction has the capacity to eradicate financial crimes from a multi-sector approach.

AGA-Africa brought in subject matter experts including:

Thomas Caldwell, Assistant Attorney General, Massachusetts Attorney General's Office. He delivered enlightening presentations on the "Basics of terrorist financing US Statute Overview/Compared to Malawi's Financial Crimes Act, Fact Patterns of Money Laundering Offenses and Terrorist financing Investigations, Prosecutions and Convictions". He took participants through a thought-provoking session on the link between terrorism and money laundering; highlighting the financing process/flow of this criminal syndicate.

Eugene Griffin, Senior Financial Investigator, Massachusetts Attorney General's Office, presented on the "Basics of Money Laundering Actual Results Investigation Prosecution and Domestic Cooperation and Information". He noted, among other things, that partnerships between law enforcement agencies, major financial institutions and public agencies is an important process in curbing money laundering and terrorism financing.



Thomas Caldwell, Assistant Attorney General, Massachusetts Attorney General's Office during his presentation.



Eugene Griffin, Senior Financial Investigator, Massachusetts Attorney General's Office, during his session.

Edwin Matonga, Director for Legal Corporate Service, Financial Intelligence Authority, provided an overview of the new Financial Crimes Act Confiscation Freezing, Seizing and Recovering Assets and International Cooperation Mutual Legal assistance. He highlighted the major changes in the Act, including the change in FIA functions and powers, reporting entities and changes in the law enforcement procedure.



Edwin Matonga making his presentation.



Magistrate Viva Nyimba delivering the closing remarks on behalf of Justice Dr. Chifundo Kachale, Chairman, Malawi Judiciary Training Committee.



Atuweni Juwayeyi-Agbermodji,
Director
General of the
Financial
Investigation
Authority
speaking to
the press.



Justice Dr. Chifundo Kachale,
Chairman,
Malawi
Judiciary
Training
Committee
addressing
the press.



(L) **Gift Chikwakwa**,
AGA-Africa Malawi
Country coordinator
and **Anita Mankhambo**,
Director
for Compliance &
Prevention, Financial
Intelligence Agency
(R) with a participant
during the closing
ceremony.

Workshop**Theme: Trade-Based Money Laundering****Date: 16th -17th September****Venue: Blantyre, Malawi**

AGA-Africa in collaboration with the Financial Intelligence Authority held a two-day workshop on Trade-Based Money Laundering. The workshop brought together participants from Malawi Revenue Authority, Fiscal and Fraud Unit of the Malawi Police Service, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Financial Intelligence Authority, Director of Public Prosecutions and Reserve Bank of Malawi.

The two-day event was aimed at building the capacities of law enforcement agencies to identify, investigate and prosecute trade based illicit activities, and enhance knowledge and awareness on, the risks trade-based money laundering pose in the country.



Workshop dignitaries, speakers and participants in Blantyre, Malawi.



A section of the TBML workshop participants at the workshop in Blantyre, Malawi.

Highlights

Speaking on behalf of **Thom Malata, Commissioner General, Malawi Revenue Authority (MRA)**, **Steve Kajombo, Director of Tax Investigations** noted that the Malawi Revenue Authority has been very vigilant in its undertakings relating to investigation of cases on trade-based money laundering.

Other speakers included: **Atuweni Juwayeyi-Agbermodji, Director General, Financial Intelligence Authority (FIA)**, noted, “With the money laundering report now released, we can see the weak areas in our trade and financial systems, to better combat this crime.”

AGA-Africa’s Programme Director Chukukere Unamba-Oparah, underscored that AGA-Africa will continue to work with like-minded partners in Malawi to combat transnational criminal activities as no country can fight these crimes on their own.

AGA-Africa brought in subject matter experts including:

Dr. Álvaro Días Huizar who led a discussion on ‘Trade-Based Money Laundering Red Flags’. He highlighted that TBML has been ignored historically creating a weak link in its enforcement. He also discussed what to look for while prosecuting criminals, general principles of investigations and the red flags to take note of during the investigation process.



AGA-Africa Facilitator **Dr. Álvaro Días Huizar**, National Legal Coordinator, CNIPN.



AGA-Africa Facilitator **Mercy Buku**, AML/CFT Legal and Risk Management Consultant.

Mercy Buku, AML/CFT Legal and Risk Management Consultant facilitated an enlightening session on 'Trade-Based Money Laundering Typologies, Risks, Trends and Methods'. She noted that since TBML is a cross border crime, Law Enforcement Officers should understand the legal and procedural aspects of other jurisdictions.

Merium Sodala Chithila, Operations Analysis Manager in the Monitoring and Analysis Department at the Malawi Financial Intelligence Authority, delivered an eye-opening presentation on Coordination and Exchange of Information on Suspicious Activities.



Merium Sodala Chithila, Operations Analysis Manager in the Monitoring and Analysis Department at FIA.



John A.B. Minofu, Financial Analyst at FIA.

John A.B. Minofu, Financial Analyst at FIA, took the participants through an informative session on 'Introduction to Money Laundering & Global and Local Trends'. He went through several case studies that further served to maximize the interpretation and understanding of the level of TBML.



(L-R) **Merium Chithila**, Operations Analysis Manager at FIA, **John A.B. Minofu**, an Analyst at FIA and **Gift Chikwakwa**, AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for Malawi during the certificate presentation ceremony at the TBML workshop.



(L-R) **John A.B. Minofu**, **Gift Chikwakwa**, **Dr. Álvaro Días Huizar**, **Chukukere Unamba-Oparah**, **Merium Chithila**, and **Mercy Buku** during the closing ceremony.

Donation of Equipment to the Department of National Parks and Wildlife

On 17th May, 2019, AGA-Africa and Anti Wildlife Trafficking Partners, Wildlife Training Alliance (WITA) donated the following Law Enforcement Equipment e.g. sweaters, belt accessories, body armor, duty belts, pants, shirts, shorts, vests, coveralls, jackets, gloves, neckties, footwear, headwear, hydration bladder to the Department of National Parks and Wildlife (DNPW). This aimed at strengthening the capacity of the DNPW rangers to deal with wildlife crime in Malawi. This was following a successful workshop in January 2019.



Rangers mounted a Guard of Honour after handing over donated equipment by WITA, Malawi.



(L-R) William Hastings Kabambe, Gift Chikwakwa, Shawn Karns, Brighton Kumchdewa, Alex Chunga and Lillian Mwaniki.



(Front) Dignitaries from the Department of National Parks and Wildlife, AGA-Africa and WITA together with DNPW rangers.

Highlights

During the hand-over ceremony **DNPW's Director General Brighton Kumchedwa** stated that the Department will establish a Wildlife Crime Investigation and Anti-trafficking Units all in an effort to improve the effectiveness of Anti-Wildlife efforts by Law Enforcement Agencies in Malawi.

In his remarks, **Shawn Karns Director, WITA** thanked AGA-Africa for their passion and belief in wildlife protection and for making it possible for the rangers to receive the donated equipment.



Brighton Kumchedwa, Director General
Department of National Parks and Wildlife
(DNPW).



Shawn Karns, Director, Wildlife Training
Investigators Alliance.

Alex Chunga, DNPW Law Enforcement National Desk Officer, and **Gift Chikwakwa, AGA-Africa's Country Coordinator** for Malawi thanked WITA and DNPW for their collaborative efforts in bringing an end to wildlife trafficking.



Alex Chunga, DNPW Law Enforcement National Desk Officer.



Gift Chikwakwa, AGA-Africa Country Coordinator, Malawi.



Shawn Karns,
Director, WITA
handing over the
donations to Bright
Kumtchedwa,
Director, Department
of National Parks and
Wildlife.

New Partnerships

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

Malawi Law Society (MLS)

A Memorandum of Understanding between the Malawi Law Society (MLS) – an umbrella organization of all lawyers in Malawi and it is a membership organization – and AGA-Africa was signed at the MLS offices on the 15th April 2019. The MoU was signed by Burton Mhango President, Malawi Law Society and AGA-Africa Country representative for Malawi Gift Chikwakwa. The MoU is aimed at fostering collaborations aimed at stemming transnational crime in the region.



Burton Mhango, Malawi Law Society president signing of the MoU.



(L-R) AGA-Africa Country Coordinator from Malawi, **Gift Chikwakwa** and **Burton Mhango**, President, Malawi Law Society.

Financial Intelligence Authority

AGA-Africa and the Financial Intelligence Authority signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 16th September 2019. AGA-Africa was represented by Programme Director Chukukere Unamba-Oparah, while the FIA was represented by Atuwani Juwayeyi-Agbermodji, Director General of the Financial Intelligence Authority.

The signing took place at Amaryllis Hotel, Blantyre, Malawi as part of efforts to foster international understanding as well as creating a platform for continued collaboration in the future.



Chukukere Unamba-Oparah, AGA-Africa Programme Director and **Atuwani Juwayeyi-Agbermodji**, Director General of the Financial Intelligence Authority, signing the MoU in Blantyre, Malawi.



Chukukere Unamba-Oparah, AGA-Africa Programme Director and **Atuwani Juwayeyi-Agbermodji**, Director General of the Financial Intelligence Authority, shake hands after the MoU signing.

2020 Projects

Projects	Date
Malawi Annual Conference – Anti-Human Trafficking and Anti-Wildlife Trafficking	26th – 29th February
Terrorism Financing - Financial Intelligence Authority (FIA)	6th -7th May
Anti-Wildlife Trafficking Workshop - Department of National Parks and Wildlife	13th – 18th July
Asset Forfeiture and Seizure - Financial Intelligence Authority (FIA)	23rd – 24th September



NIGERIA

Overview

Situated in West Africa, Nigeria is the most populous country in Africa. With an area of 923,768 km², Nigeria is home to over 170 million inhabitants. Nigeria, whose capital city is Abuja, is home to some of the most vibrant, enterprising people in the continent. Nigeria is also a leading producer of crude oil.

AGA-Africa in Nigeria

With respect to transnational crime, Nigeria is both a destination country and originating country for proceeds or item of transnational crimes. Nigeria's security situation may also be compounded by porous borders between it and its West African neighbours.

In AGA-Africa, Nigeria the first and oldest partner with our partnership having commenced in December of 2016. In 2019, Nigeria hosted a number of events ranging from, Anti-Money Laundering workshop, the 4th ICC Africa Conference on International Arbitration, a workshop on the Role of the Public Defender and Oral Advocacy and Electronic Evidence and Human Trafficking.

AGA-Africa Partners

Cross River State Government & Lagos Business School

Lagos Business School – Pan-Atlantic University

National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP)

Cross River State

Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (NIALS)

Initiative for Socio-cultural Fairness & Equality (FISE)

Ogun State Judiciary

Interpol and National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP) & Cross River State

National Collateral Registry

Workshop**Theme: Role of Secured Transactions in movable assets act in financing MSME****Date: 28th March, 2019****Venue: Lagos, Nigeria**

AGA-Africa in collaboration with the National Collateral Registry – an initiative of the Central Bank of Nigeria (with support from IFC) to improve access to finance particularly for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) – organized a one-day workshop on the role of secured transactions in movable assets act in financing MSME. The workshop was aimed at generating a better understanding of the regulatory framework for secured transactions in movable assets and creating needed awareness of how MSME can benefit from this Act. The workshop brought together participants from financial regulators, credit finance practitioners and financial institutions or MSMEs.



Workshop dignitaries, speakers and participants in Lagos, Nigeria.



L-R: **Bisi Toro-Popoola** Asst. Registrar, National Collateral Registry, Development Finance Department, Central Bank of Nigeria, Attorney **John Ukegbu ESQ**, Senior Staff Attorney at Northeast New Jersey Legal Services and **Ebelechukwu Enedah**, Coordinator, AGA-Africa - PUNUKA Attorneys & Solicitors.



L-R: Tobenna Nnamami, Hon. Joseph Abang, Ebelechukwu Enedah, Bisi Toro-Popoola and Attorney John Ukegbu ESQ.



A section of workshop participants during a Q & A session.



Ebelechukwu Enedah, Coordinator, AGA-Africa, Punuka Attorneys & Solicitors moderating a panel discussion during the workshop.



Hon. Joseph Abang, AGA-Africa Goodwill Ambassador and former Attorney General Cross River State delivering his keynote address.



Bisi Toro-Popoola during her session on Enhancing Ease of Access to Finance.

Highlights

Hon. Joseph Abang AGA-Africa Goodwill Ambassador and former Attorney General of Cross River State in his opening remarks noted that assets and finance is a fundamental factor in the growth and development of any economy and is considered to be a driving force in private sectors development.

Subject matter experts included **Bisi Toro-Popoola Asst. Registrar** National Collateral Registry, Development Finance Department, Central Bank of Nigeria facilitated a session on Enhancing Ease of Access to Finance. She noted that a financial infrastructure for MSME lending is a notice based registry for collaterals, publicly available database of security interest in moveable assets, databank where security interests in moveable assets are registered for the purpose of being used as collateral to obtain facilities from financial institutions.

Attorney John Ukegbu ESQ, Senior Staff Attorney at Northeast New Jersey Legal Services spoke on secured transactions involving movable assets. He noted that the Uniform Commercial Code, Article 9 is the most important article as it provides the governing rules for any transaction that combines a debt with a creditor's interest in a debtor's personal property.



John Ukegbu ESQ during his session on secured transactions involving movable assets.



Chief Anthony Idigbe, SAN Senior Partner at Punuka Attorneys & Solicitors.

Chief Anthony Idigbe, SAN, presented an overview of regulatory framework for secured transaction in movable assets in Nigeria. He highlighted the challenges of implementation and mindset change require administrative structure, interfacing and funding, understanding regulatory objectives particularly for change drivers and the industry, existing jurisprudence and responsive regulation.

Hillary Nwaukor CEO i naira.com discussed the strategic importance of secondary derivative market platforms for the completeness of the national registry standardization of collateral moveable asset disposal processes under the STMA Act; while **Obinna Nwankwo, Legal Services Department, Central Bank of Nigeria, Abuja** spoke on the Secured Transactions in Movable Assets Act.



Hillary Nwaukor, CEO, i-naira.com.



Obinna Nwankwo, Legal Services Department, Central Bank of Nigeria, Abuja.



L-R: Mercy Ojukwu, Obinna Nwankwo, Bisi Toro-Popoola, Hillary Nwaukor, Ebele Enedah, John Ukegbu ESQ , Alfred Ajibola and Tobenna Nnamani.

Theme: 4th ICC Africa Conference on International Arbitration

Date: 18th -19th June 2019

Venue: Lagos, Nigeria

AGA-Africa had the pleasure of participating in the 4th ICC Africa Conference on International Arbitration.

Highlights

Ebele Enedah , Nigeria Country Coordinator delivered a presentation on AGA-Africa's activities in Nigeria and Africa and advocated for joint responses to transnational crimes in a bid to end the transnational crime scourge.



Ebele Enedah,
AGA-Africa Country
Coordinator for
Nigeria.

Workshop**Theme: Role of the Public Defender****Date: 8th - 9th July 2019.****Venue: Abuja, Nigeria**

AGA-Africa in collaboration with the Office of the Public Defender Kogi State which provides to provide legal representation for suspects who could not afford the services of lawyers, held a two-day workshop on Providing Legal Representation and Legal Advisory Services to the Indigent and the Vulnerable Roles, Responsibilities and Functions. The workshop brought together investigators and prosecutors from Kogi State and aimed at building their capacity to enable the State set up a viable forum which will ensure that the disadvantaged residents are guaranteed the protection of their fundamental human rights and socio economic rights.



Speaking: **Jesus L. Romero**, Member of NITA Latin America Programs and other panelists during a panel discussion on Corporate Administration.



(L-R) **Ebele Enedah**, **Jesus L. Romero**, **Adeymi Olayinka**, **Henry C. Cooker** and **Ricardo. C. Garces**.

Highlights

Hon. Alhaji Ibrahim Sanni Muhammed, Attorney General Commissioner for Justice delivered the opening remarks on behalf of **His Excellency Alhaji Yahaya Bello**, Executive Governor, Kogi State, Nigeria. He thanked AGA-Africa for organizing the two day workshop and noted that it would be very useful to the prosecutors and investigators across Kogi state and Nigeria in general.

AGA-Africa's subject matter experts **Jesus L. Romero, Member of NITA Latin America Programs** facilitated a session on The Profile of the Attorney for the Office of Public Defender. He gave a case study presentation in which he noted that although the right to counsel is guaranteed by the constitution or statute here is no consensus as to how a public defender office should operate.



Hon. Alhaji Ibrahim Sanni Muhammed,
Attorney General & Commissioner for Justice,
Kogi State, Nigeria.



Jesus L. Romero, Member of NITA Latin
America Programs.

Ricardo C. Garces Public Defender Investigator facilitated a session on Investigations for the Defense. He noted that criminal defense investigators are as essential in representation of a client as a good lawyer and the two must implement systematic and impartial methods to reach their goals.



Ricardo C. Garces,
Public Defender
Investigator.

Henry C Cooker, Public Defender San Diego County, led a discussion on Corporate Administration of the office of the Public Defender. He observed that the strategic triangle that is Public Value, Legitimacy and Support and Operational Capacity, all of which are essential in effectively implementing strategic management.

Other facilitators included **Yinka Adeyemi Director Office of the Public Defender**, Lagos State, Nigeria who spoke on Access to Justice for the Indigent Necessity for a Public Defender.



Henry C. Cooker, Public Defender San Diego County.



Adeyemi Olayinka, Director, Office of the Public Defender, Lagos State, Nigeria.

Workshop

Theme: Oral Advocacy and Electronic Evidence

Date: 2nd - 4th of October 2019

Venue: Abuja, Nigeria

AGA-Africa in collaboration with the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (NAILS), Nigeria's apex institution for research and advanced studies in law, held a three-day workshop on Oral Advocacy and Electronic Evidence.

The workshop had over a hundred and twenty (120) participants in attendance ranging from senior and junior members of the bar, judicial officers, to counsels from the Federal and State Ministry of Justices and was aimed at addressing topical issues in Nigeria's legal system.



Oral Advocacy and Electronic Evidence workshop facilitators and participants.



Prof. Muhammed Tawfiq Ladan, Prof. Muhammed Tawfiq Ladan, Director General, Nigeria Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (NAIL) with AGA-Africa representatives and facilitators.

Prof. Muhammed Tawfiq Ladan, Director General, Nigeria Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (NAILS) kicked off the opening ceremony by thanking the AGA-Africa team for a timely discussion, pointing out that Oral Advocacy is a weapon that every legal practitioner should have as it involves several aspects of public speaking and critical thinking. Other keynote speakers included **Hon. Joseph Abang, AGA-Africa's Goodwill Ambassador**, and former Attorney General Cross River State and **Markus Green, AGA-Africa Board Member**.



Markus Green ESQ, AGA-Africa Board Member giving his welcoming remarks at the Oral Advocacy and Electronic Evidence workshop.



Hon. Joseph Abang, AGA-Africa Goodwill Ambassador and former Attorney General Cross River State



Prof. Muhammed Tawfiq Ladan, Director General, Nigeria Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (NAILS).

Subject matter experts included **Chief Anthony Idigbe**, Senior Partner at Punuka Attorneys & Solicitors led an intriguing session on The Presentation of Evidence. He examined the different ways of commencing an action with emphasis on the writ of summons which calls for oral evidence. He also emphasized on the need to formulate a case theory before commencing an action.

Sierra Wallace, Assistant State's Attorney for Cook County (Chicago IL) facilitated a session on Fundamentals of Oral Advocacy examining the two types of trial in the United States: the jury trial and the bench trial, which are similar to the Nigerian system while **Muriel Malone Nolen**, Assistant District Attorney General lended her expertise on the subject Presenting Evidence at Trial and Cross Examination: Impeachment of Prior Inconsistent Statement.



AGA-Africa Facilitator **Chief Anthony Idigbe**, Senior Partner at Punuka Attorneys & Solicitors.



AGA-Africa Facilitator **Muriel Malone Nolen**, Assistant District Attorney General.

In an interactive session led by **Sierra Wallace, Muriel Malone** and **Andrea Williams, Assistant State's Attorney for Cook County (Chicago IL)** the participants showcased their Final Written Submissions in groups before a panel of other lecturers and judges on the People v. Castro case study.



AGA-Africa Facilitator **Sierra Wallace**, Assistant State's Attorney for Cook County (Chicago IL).



AGA-Africa Facilitator **Andrea Williams**, Assistant State's Attorney for Cook County (Chicago IL).

Theme: Human Trafficking

Date: 11th – 12th December, 2019

Venue: Delta State, Nigeria

AGA-Africa in collaboration with the Delta State Task Force on Human Trafficking and Illegal Migration of the Ministry of Justice and National Agency for Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP) held a workshop and symposium on **Winning in the Fight Against Human Trafficking**.

The workshop brought together judges, lawyers, regulatory agencies, legislators, human rights activists, Government officials, and the general public. The training was tailored towards raising lively and thought-provoking discourse on various issues surrounding human trafficking in Nigeria whilst also learning about global practices that have been effective in combating human trafficking.



Dame Julie Okah-Donli, Director General, NAPTIP and other workshop facilitators leading a panel discussion.



Markus Green,
AGA-Africa Board
member during a
media brief in Delta
state, Nigeria.



A cross-section of the workshop participants.

Peter Mrakpor, Honourable Attorney General & Commissioner for Justice, Delta State and Chairman, Delta State Taskforce on Human Trafficking & Irregular Migration in his opening remarks noted that the perpetrators of this crime have become more daring in their approaches, which means that stakeholders must not relent in their fight against this menace.



"There is a need to strengthen our enforcement mechanism both preventive and punitive, internationally and domestically."



Peter Mrakpor,
Honorable
Attorney General
& Commissioner
for Justice,
Delta State and
Chairman, Delta
State Taskforce on
Human Trafficking &
Irregular Migration.

Dame Julie Okah-Donli, Director General, NAPTIP, remarked that Human Trafficking is a complex crime that goes beyond national borders and requires the cooperation of the International community to effectively stem the tide of the crime. She however noted that corruption and security agencies are frustrating the justice system.



“There are protocols that NAPTIP follows to rehabilitate, shelter, counsel and empower the victims of Human Trafficking.”



Dame Julie Okah-Donli, Director
General, NAPTIP



Markus Green, AGA-Africa Board Member.

Markus Green, AGA-Africa Board Member noted that Human Trafficking is estimated to be a \$150 billion industry that affects 27 million people globally.

He also pointed out that so many victims are treated like the defendants, a concept that the workshop experts were to examine in depth.



“...countries need to work together. It takes individuals in the justice system to stand up for victims and work towards a more perfect justice system.”



Miiko Anderson, Senior Deputy District Attorney for Fresno County District Attorney's.

Miiko Anderson, Senior Deputy District Attorney for Fresno County District Attorney's Office took participants through sessions on Human Trafficking.

She examined the California Statutory Law and the Investigation of Human Trafficking cases pointing out that Human Trafficking is often reported and investigated initially as a completely different crime a concept that prosecutors ought to factor in during the prosecution process.

Anita Nyanjong, Program Manager, Equality Now facilitated a session on Sexual Exploitation and Gender Inequality pointing out that sexual exploitation of women and girls is influenced by historical and structural power imbalances between women and men which exist in varying degrees across all communities.



"It is not just trafficking and prostitution laws that need to change; those that discriminate against women and girls and contribute their vulnerability and entrench male entitlement also need to change."



Anita Nyanjong,
Programme
Manager, Equality
Now.

Godwin E. Morka, Director, Research & Programme Development, NAPTIP facilitated a session on the Global Overview of Human Trafficking. He explored the common patterns of human trafficking in Africa & the human trafficking trends between Africa and Europe.



"9.2 million Africans are victims of modern day slavery as of 2016 and 23% of the total global modern day slavery population in Africa are engaged in forced labor, forced marriages and sexual exploitation."



Godwin E. Morka,
Director, Research
& Programme
Development,
NAPTIP

Tolu Odugbesan, Assistant Director, Research & Programme Development, NAPTIP examined the topic on Gender Issues In Trafficking In Persons noting that Human trafficking is thought to be one of the fastest-growing activities of trans-national criminal organizations.

She highlighted that a victim's gender affects the purpose she or he is being trafficked since women are more likely than men to be trafficked into prostitution while men are more likely than women to be trafficked for exploitative labor and organ harvesting.



Tolu Odugbesan,
Assistant Director,
Research &
Programme
Development,
NAPTIP

2020 Projects

Projects	Date
IBA African Regional Conference on Anti- Corruption	11th - 13th February
Administration of Criminal Justice and Rape – Kaduna State Ministry of Justice	27th – 28th February

Advocacy Meetings

AGA-Africa Nigeria's Country Coordinator Ebelechukwu Enedah met with Hon. Aisha Dikko, Attorney General and Commissioner of Justice, Kaduna State and Chris Umar, Solicitor General, on 18th December 2019. The meeting was aimed at exploring possible partnerships. They expressed enthusiasm about the AGA-Africa programme and the possibility of future engagements.



RWANDA

Overview

Occupying an area of 26,338 km², Rwanda is arguably the most pro-woman country in the world, boasting a significant number of women occupying influential positions. Despite being a landlocked nation, Rwanda is one of the most progressive countries in Africa. With Kigali as its capital, Rwanda is home to over 12 million people.

AGA-Africa in Rwanda

AGA-Africa stamped its presence in Rwanda in December 2017. Since then a host of activities have taken place. In 2019 AGA-Africa participated in the 24th East Africa Law Society Annual Conference hosted in Rwanda.

Rwanda is predominantly plagued by human trafficking as wildlife trafficking, smuggling of arms, drugs and other illegal animal and plant products also rise. It is with these realities and expression of stakeholder interest that AGA-Africa organized the Anti-Human Trafficking Workshop in December of 2019. It was in collaboration with Africa Prosecutors Association (APA).

AGA-Africa Partners

Ministry of Justice/Office of the Attorney General (MINIJUST)
East Africa Law Society Institute
Rwanda Bar Association

Special Events**Theme: 24th East Africa Law Society Annual Conference****Date: 6th - 8th November 2019****Venue: Kigali, Rwanda**

AGA-Africa participated in the 24th East Africa Law Society Annual Conference themed “The role of law and lawyers in developing regional economic communities”. The training brought together over 600 lawyers from East Africa to discuss the latest trends, insights and extent of transnational crimes in the East African region.

Highlights

H.E Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda in his keynote address emphasized that lawyers must at all costs fight for the East Africa rights and freedoms. He added that to deepen the economic integration agenda, which includes trade in services, qualified lawyers should be able to practice anywhere in the East African Community, removing unnecessary barriers. This should be a win for all of us in the region and also serve as an example for other regulated professions.



H.E Paul Kagame,
President of
the Republic of
Rwanda.



Panel discussion during the East Africa Law Society (EALS) Annual Conference.

Other keynote speakers included **John Edozie, AGA-Africa International Advisor**, who noted that transnational crime networks not only present a serious threat to national security, stability prosperity and regional integration, but also undermine the deepening of the rule of law in Africa.



John Edozie, AGA-Africa International Advisor.



Dr. Bright Gameli Mawudor, Cyber Security Expert.

Subject matter expert **Dr. Bright Gameli Mawudor, Cyber Security Expert**, and founder of the Cyber Security collective Africa hackon, together with other panelists, explored several aspects of cyber-security in Africa aimed at examining the role of the Legal Profession in the 4th Industrial Revolution.

14th Annual Africa Prosecutors Association (APA)

AGA-Africa held a session on human trafficking at the 14th Annual Africa Prosecutors Association (APA) conference themed “**Africa upholding the Rule of Law in fighting Transnational Crimes and Genocide**” on 2nd – 5th December, 2019 in Kigali, Rwanda. The conference attracted over 500 participants who included prosecutors and other justice, law and order sector stakeholders from the APA member countries.



(L-R) **Johnston Busingye**, Minister of Justice of Rwanda, **Hon. Counsel Hamada El Sawi**, Prosecutor General of the Arab Republic of Egypt and the President of the African Prosecutors Association (APA) and **Aimable Havugiyaremye**, Prosecutor General, Rwanda.



Johnston Busingye, Minister of Justice of Rwanda with the conference delegates.



A cross-section of the conference delegates.

Highlights

AGA-Africa was represented by John Edozie, International Advisor and Caroline Mbabazi, Country Coordinator for Uganda and Rwanda.

AGA-Africa facilitator **Anita Nyanjong, Program Manager for Equality Now** led a session on **Combating Human trafficking in Africa**. She highlighted the forms of modern day slavery which include forced labor, debt bondage or bonded labor, human trafficking, descent-based slavery and child slavery noting that an estimated 24.9 million victims are trapped in modern-day slavery and that African countries need to combine efforts to fight the trafficking menace.



Anita Nyanjong,
Programme
Manager, Equality
Now.

Theme: Human Trafficking Workshop**Date: 3rd - 5th December 2019****Venue: Kigali, Rwanda**

AGA-Africa hosted the first Human Trafficking Workshop in collaboration with Africa Prosecutors Association (APA) during the 14th Annual Africa Prosecutors Association (APA) conference on 3rd - 5th December 2019 in Kigali, Rwanda.

The workshop was aimed at building capacity of prosecutors and investigators on investigation and prosecution of human trafficking cases as well as offering training on the handling of victims and survivors of trafficking during the investigation prosecution process. The workshop brought together 50 participants from 9 member countries.



Aimable Havugiyaremye, Prosecutor General, Rwanda with **Hon. Counsel Hamada El Sawi**, Prosecutor General of the Arab Republic of Egypt, President of the African Prosecutors Association (APA) and the AGA-Africa representative, workshop dignitaries, speakers and participants.



A section of the Human Trafficking workshop participants in Kigali, Rwanda.



Participants during interactive group discussion session.

Highlights

Hon. Counsel Hamada El Sawi, Prosecutor General of the Arab Republic of Egypt and the President of the Africa Prosecutors Association (APA) in his opening remarks expressed appreciation to Rwanda for accepting to host this year's APA Annual Conference and wished the participants wonderful deliberations over the course of the three-day workshop.

Hon. El Sawi implored the participants to actively participate in the workshop so as to benefit from the wealth of experience brought by the facilitators.



Hon. Counsel Hamada El Sawi, Prosecutor General of the Arab Republic of Egypt and the President of the African Prosecutors Association (APA) with AGA-Africa's International Advisor, **John Edozie** (Left).

Aimable Havugiyaremye, Prosecutor General, Rwanda in his opening remarks noted that Rwanda is at the forefront of fighting cross-border crimes like human trafficking, money laundering, among others, and that the country welcomes collaboration from other African stakeholders to strengthen this effort.



Aimable Havugiyaremye,
Prosecutor
General, Rwanda



“We are trying to control these crimes although traffickers are not sleeping either. They keep changing techniques. So we need to share skills and train our investigators and prosecutors on handling human trafficking cases.”

John Edozie, AGA-Africa International Advisor thanked the participants in attendance and hoped that the experiences, lessons and techniques learned throughout the workshop would enable them to appreciate the true extent of human trafficking in Rwanda and across the world. “Just like that case, human trafficking vice needs international collaboration, sharing information to gather as many information as possible for perpetrators to be brought to book.”



John Edozie,
AGA-Africa
International
Advisor.

Pierre Griffith, Assistant District Attorney of the Human Trafficking Response Unit, New York County District Attorney' Office facilitated a session on **Labor Trafficking: International Trends and Investigations** pointing out that 75% of trafficking worldwide is estimated to be labor trafficking and it can take various forms from sweatshop factories, hotel/resort house-keeping, mining and dangerous and low paid labor.

Leah Branch, Supervising Attorney of the Human Trafficking Response Unit, New York County District Attorney' Office examined **Child Trafficking: International Trends and Investigations** quoting the Sex Trafficking of a Child-Penal Law 230.34-a that states that a person is guilty of child sex trafficking when he or she, being twenty-one years old or more, intentionally advances or profits from prostitution of another person and such person is a child less than eighteen years old.



"Some of the challenges to Child Trafficking Prosecutions include failure to report and lack of age-appropriate service."



Pierre Griffith, Violent Criminal Enterprises Unit and the Human Trafficking Response Unit, New York County District Attorney' Office.



Leah Branch, Supervising Attorney of the Human Trafficking Response Unit, New York County District Attorney' Office.



Anita Nyanjong,
Programme
Manager,
Equality Now.

Anita Nyanjong, Programme Manager, Equality Now took the participants through an interesting session on Human Trafficking, sex Trafficking and the sexual exploitation: A gendered Equality Perspective. She examined the common patterns of sex Trafficking highlighting that whilst there are a few who enter prostitution by their free choice, the majority are compelled by factors such as poverty, lack of viable income, and demand.



“Varying and complex paths lead women and girls to sex trafficking and prostitution - poverty, inequality, violence, discrimination, and manipulation by others.”

The image features a stylized graphic design. On the left, a portion of the South African flag is visible, showing its characteristic colors: red, white, green, yellow, and black. The flag's design is partially obscured by a large, dark blue circular shape on the right. This circle contains a pattern of small, light blue dots. The text "SOUTH AFRICA" is written in a bold, white, sans-serif font, positioned within the blue circle. The overall composition is modern and abstract, with a focus on the colors and shapes of the South African flag.

**SOUTH
AFRICA**

Overview

Home of the world's most iconic of freedom fighters, Nobel laureate Nelson Mandela, South Africa is known for its picturesque landscape, rich art and poignant history. South Africa occupies an area of 1, 221, 037 km² and is home to nearly 60 million people.

AGA-Africa in South Africa

AGA-Africa's first event in South Africa kicked off in February of 2017. In 2019, in collaboration with its partners, AGA-Africa hosted two events in South Africa. AGA-Africa also signed in a new partner Financial Intelligence Centre.

There has been growing concern, including from the president of South Africa Cyril Ramaphosa, about the increase in Gender-Based Violence. South African Police and other stakeholders requested assistance to support in the investigation and prosecution on this grave subject. In response, AGA-Africa organized a training workshop on Gender-Based Violence and Cyber Crime in November 2019.

AGA-Africa Partners

Financial Intelligence Centre (South Africa),
United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

New Partnerships

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

AGA-Africa was pleased to start a new partnership across Africa with the Financial Intelligence Centre (South Africa), in July 2019. On behalf of AGA-Africa, Board member Markus Green ESQ, and FIC represented by Adv Xolisile Khanyile, Director, FIC signed a Memorandum of Understanding on 25th July 2019 to work jointly in capacity building, with a view to combating transnational crimes in South Africa. The partnership will be marked by training workshops and seminars towards knowledge exchange. The collaboration commenced in high gear with the first workshop on Transnational Crimes taking place from 24th to 26th of July 2019.



Markus Green ESQ,
AGA-Africa Board
member and **Adv**
Xolisile Khanyile,
Director, FIC after
the MoU signing.

Workshop

Theme: Transnational Crime

Date: 24th to 26th of July 2019

Venue: Pretoria, South Africa

AGA-Africa partnered with South Africa's Financial Intelligence Centre, South Africa's national centre for the receipt of financial data, analysis and dissemination of financial intelligence to the competent authorities, in a workshop themed 'Transnational Crimes'. Participants were drawn from Angola, Botswana, the Kingdom of Eswatini, Ethiopia, Kenya, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, Seychelles, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Democratic Republic of Congo.

Highlights

AGA-Africa brought in subject matter experts including: **Scott Blake Assistant Attorney General Office** of the Arizona **Attorney General, Evan Malady Fraud and Special Prosecution Agent** Arizona Attorney General's Office, **Jim Hennelly Special Agent** Arizona Attorney General's Office, Phoenix, Arizona and South Africa's, **Hein van der Merwe Deputy Director** of Public Prosecutions Organised Crime Unit, Directorate of Public Prosecutions Pretoria all who delivered thought provoking sessions on the scope of transnational crimes across the United States and Africa.



Adv Xolisile Khanyile, Director, Financial Intelligence Centre.



Scott Blake, Assistant Attorney General Office of the Arizona Attorney General.



Evan Malady, Fraud and Special Prosecution Agent Arizona Attorney General's Office.



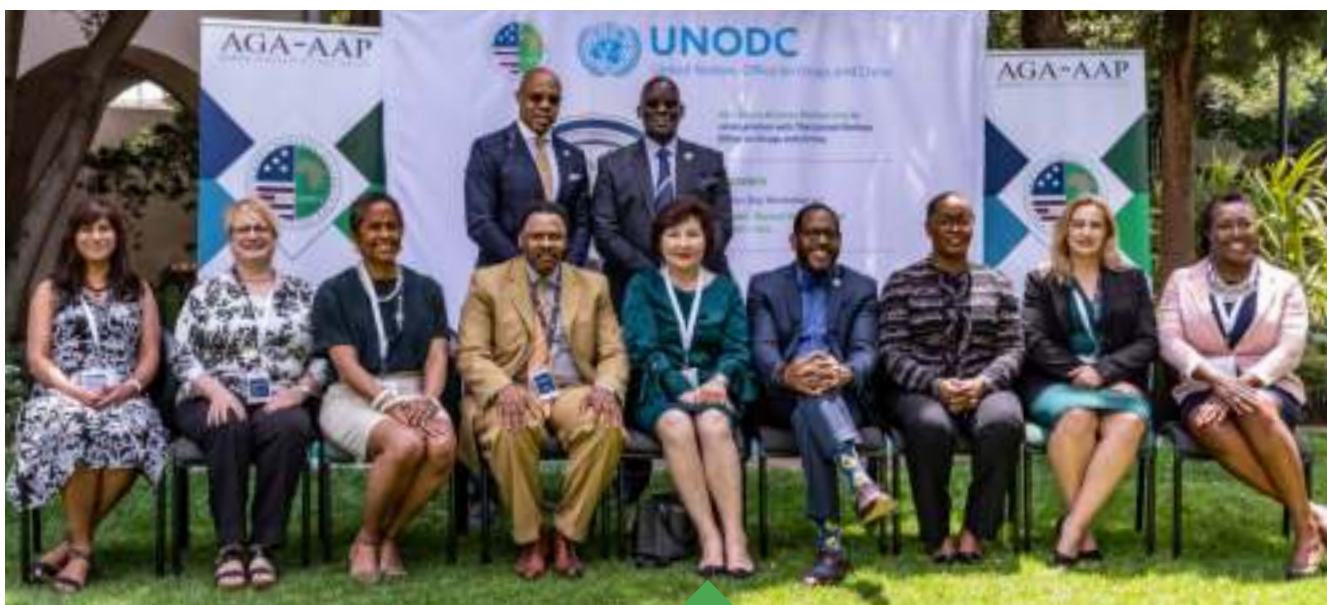
Jim Hennelly, Special Agent Arizona Attorney General's Office, Phoenix, Arizona.

Workshop**Theme: Gender-Based Violence and Cybercrime****Date: 19th – 22nd November 2019****Venue: Johannesburg, South Africa**

AGA-Africa in collaboration with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and **South African Police Service**, held a four-day workshop on Gender-Based Violence & Cybercrime themed “Developing Effective Police Responses to Violence Against Women & Children in Southern Africa”. The four-day Workshop attracted over 42 participants from stakeholder agencies in the fight against Gender-Based Violence and Cybercrime. The workshop was aimed at strengthening the ability of SAPS and NPA to investigate and prosecute gender-based violence that stems from the misuse and abuse of technology.



Workshop participants during the Q & A session.



Major General Bafana Linda, the National Head of Family Violence, Child Protection & Sexual Offences, & South African Police Service (SAPS) and **Zhuldyz Akisheva**, Regional Representative, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Southern Africa with AGA-Africa representatives and AGA-Africa facilitators.



(L-R) **Major General Bafana Linda** and **Zhuldyz Akisheva**, Regional Representative, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Southern Africa shaking hands with **Markus Green**, AGA-Africa Board Member in South Africa.



Major General Bafana Linda, the National Head of Family Violence, Child Protection & Sexual Offenses & South African Police Service (SAPS) with UNODC and AGA- Africa representatives and workshop participants.

Highlights

Major General Bafana Linda, the National Head of Family Violence, Child Protection & Sexual Offenses, & South African Police Service (SAPS) officially opened the workshop. He noted that cybercrime is a crime without borders. He cautioned on the dangers of communicating and posting pictures to strangers on social media as well as letting children into cyberspace without parental control.



Major General Bafana Linda, the National Head of Family Violence, Child Protection & Sexual Offenses & South African Police Service (SAPS).



Zhuldyz Akisheva, Regional Representative, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Southern Africa.



AGA-Africa Facilitator Audace Garnett, Technology Safety Specialist with Safety Net at the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV).

Other keynote speakers included:

Zhuldyz Akisheva, representative for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

(UNODC), Regional Office for Southern Africa. She expressed appreciation to AGA-Africa for their efforts towards stemming transnational crime. She made mention of the fact that UNODC recently published a report on homicide which reveals that more and more women are dying in the hands of their intimate partners.

AGA-Africa brought in subject matter experts including:

Audace Garnett, Technology Safety Specialist with Safety Net at the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV). She led a presentation on the Definition of Gender-Based Violence, the abuse of technology and cybercrimes related to GBV. She identified how common technology looks, its major operations and stated several reasons why people use it, noting that it has its own merits and demerits: the main one being the misuse.



AGA-Africa Facilitator Melba Pearson, the Deputy Director for the American Civil Liberties Union (ALCU) of Florida.



Adrian Van Nice, Chief Trial Deputy, Boulder County District Attorney's Office.

Melba Pearson, Deputy Director for the American Civil Liberties Union (ALCU) of Florida engaged participants in a discussion on Legislation and the role it plays in enabling gender based violence procedures and making sure that standardized procedures as to how cases can be handled are followed.

Adrian Van Nice, Chief Trial Deputy, Boulder County District Attorney's office facilitated a session on 'Internet Architecture'. She took participants through the different websites where criminals take advantage of weak technological capacity by authorities to trade in drugs, for sex trafficking, child pornography as well as carrying out other illegal online activities.

2020 Projects

Projects	Date
Gender-Based Violence – South Africa Police Service	12th – 15th May
Gender-Based Violence – South Africa Police Service	7th – 10th July
International Law Conference at U of Pretoria - Secured transactions	23rd – 25th September
Tackling Organised Crime through Financial Investigation and Prosecution Workshop – ESAAMLG & FIC South Africa	5th – 9th October
Gender Based Violence – South Africa Police Service	10th – 13th November



UGANDA

Overview

Famously the pearl of Africa, Uganda is a landlocked country in East Africa and is home to about 45 million people. Uganda's capital city is Kampala. The country sits on an area of 241, 038 km².

AGA-Africa in Uganda

AGA-Africa's partnership in Uganda began in March of 2018 and has since gone on to host a number of other successful events.

In 2019, AGA-Africa signed an MoU with Financial Intelligence Authority (FIA). AGA-Africa also organized the Forensic Evidence, Electronic Evidence, Cybercrime and Data Protection workshops in response to stakeholder requests to tackle these emerging crimes. Uganda hosted the 3rd ULS Annual Conference.

AGA-Africa Partners

Financial Intelligence Authority (FIA)
Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs
Uganda Law Society

Workshop**Theme: Investigation and Prosecution of Money Laundering Crimes and Asset Recovery****Date: 2nd – 3rd April, 2019****Venue: Kampala, Uganda**

AGA-Africa in collaboration with the Financial Intelligence Authority of the Republic of Uganda, a semi-autonomous body established to Combat Money Laundering and Financing of Terrorism activities, hosted a two day workshop on Investigation and Prosecution of Money Laundering Crimes and Asset Recovery. The two-day workshop attracted 120 participants who included FIA staff, investigators and personnel from the Uganda Revenue Authority, Uganda Police Force Economic Crimes Unit, Chieftaincy of Military Intelligence, Internal Security Organisation External Security Organisation Uganda Wildlife Authority, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Directorate of Public Prosecution, Uganda Registration Services Bureau, Insurance Regulatory Authority and the office of the Inspector General Inspectorate of Government. Also represented was the Uganda Law Society.



(L-R) Kenneth Muhangi, Melissa Pulver, Scott Blake, John Edozie, Sydney Asubo, Simon Peter Chino and Peter Mugisha



Dignitaries, facilitators with participants from the two-day workshop on Combating Money Laundering and Asset Recovery.



Executive Director of the Financial Intelligence Authority in Uganda Sydney Asubo addressing the press.



A representative from the Uganda Police at the registration desk.



A participant asks a question during one of the Q & A sessions.



Kenneth Muhangi speaks to local media during the two-day workshop.

Highlights

The workshop was officially opened by **FIA's Executive Director, Sydney Asubo**. He noted that the training would be useful to the participants as the understanding of Money Laundering and related matters in Uganda was still very low and hoped that participants would be enriched both in terms of the local legislation and other tools required to fight Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing and the international standards required to tackle money laundering cases.



Sydney Asubo, Executive Director, Financial Intelligence Authority delivering his welcome remarks during the opening ceremony.

Other keynote speakers included **Simon Peter Chinobe President, Uganda Law Society**, thanked AGA-Africa for the training opportunity and noted that it was very important to the participants as it would enable them understand and appreciate the money laundering act and the money laundering perspective.

On behalf of AGA-Africa, **John Edozie AGA-Africa International Advisor** thanked the government of Uganda, particularly the Hon Minister of Justice, **Major General Kahinda Otafiire** and the Attorney General, **Hon. William Byaruhanga** for their support and collaborations.



John Edozie, AGA-Africa International Advisor making his opening remarks.



Simon Peter Chinobe, President, Uganda Law Society addressing the participants.

AGA-Africa subject matter experts included **Scott Blake, Assistant Attorney General** with the Office of the Arizona Attorney General who made enlightening presentations on Vulnerabilities and Methods of Money Laundering and Terror financing. He highlighted the link between Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing, presenting a general discussion of money laundering before giving specific examples of cases they have investigated and prosecuted in the United States.



Scott Blake, AGA-Africa Assistant Attorney General Office of the Arizona Attorney General during his session.



Melisaa Pulver, AGA-Africa Detective, MSJ Phoenix Police Department Drug Enforcement Bureau.

Melisaa Pulver Detective MSJ Phoenix Police Department Drug Enforcement Bureau took participants through the POCAMLA and Arizona Law and a presentation on Asset Recovery with an actual Asset Recovery Case Study, the legal instruments in place to combat money laundering in the United States and an interactive session with participants on instruments as the Bank Secrecy and Patriot Acts in the United States.

Kenneth Muhangi partner at KTA Advocates took participants through a session on investigation tools, terror financing and prosecution of AML cases in Uganda focusing on the role of new currencies like Bitcoin that are used as conduits for money laundering.



Kenneth Muhangi, partner at KTA Advocates explores the role of cryptocurrencies in facilitating money laundering in Uganda.

Peter Mugisha State Attorney, Office of the Directorate of Public Prosecutions presented on the Scale of Money Laundering in East Africa and Uganda, and gave an overview on the importance of Asset Recovery.



Peter Mugisha, State Attorney, Office of the Directorate of Public Prosecutions during his session on the Scale of Money Laundering in Uganda.

Conference

Theme: The 3rd ULS Annual Conference

Date: 4th – 5th April, 2019

Venue: Entebbe, Uganda

At the Uganda Law Society (ULS) annual conference: The 3rd ULS Annual Conference took place at the Imperial Resort Hotel in Entebbe under the theme The Future of the Legal Profession and the Rule of Law in Uganda. AGA-Africa ran a number of sessions.

The Uganda Law Society (ULS) is an association of lawyers charged with ensuring high levels of professionalism among lawyers in Uganda.



(L-R) AGA-Africa International Advisor **John Edozie**, ULS President **Peter Kinobe**, Deputy Speaker of the Ugandan Parliament **Rt. Hon. Jacob Oulanyah** and AGA-Africa Subject Matter Expert **Scott Blake** at the opening of the ULS annual conference.



The AGA-Africa team at the ULS annual conference pose for a photo opportunity with the Deputy Speaker of the Ugandan Parliament **Rt. Hon. Jacob Oulanyah** (centre) who also spoke at the 3-day conference.

On behalf of AGA-Africa, **International Advisor John Edozie** lauded Uganda's efforts to combat transnational crimes and fostering the rule of law, which is at the heart of the work with African partners through AGA-Africa.



AGA-Africa International Advisor **John Edozie** addressing participants at the 3rd Annual ULS conference in Entebbe, Uganda.

AGA-Africa subject matter expert Scott Blake was part of the 'The Unstoppable Growth of Legal Tech and Artificial Intelligence Positioning your Legal Business in the Digital Economy' panel.



Scott Blake and **Stanley Asubo** during a panel discussion at the ULS conference.

Workshop

Theme: Forensic Evidence, Electronic Evidence, Cybercrime and Data Protection

Date: 24th – 25th October, 2019

Venue: Kampala, Uganda

AGA-Africa in collaboration with the KTA Advocates (an International Financial Law Review (IFLR) Law Firm held a two-day workshop on Forensic Evidence, Electronic Evidence, Cybercrime and Data Protection during the KTA Advocates Annual Symposium.

The workshop brought together both lawyers and non-lawyers involved in the administration of justice and was aimed at building capacity of members of the legal profession, law enforcement and judicial officers in Uganda to handle emerging issues in the investigation and prosecution of cybercrimes.

The training provided a unique opportunity for researchers, policymakers and development practitioners from Uganda and other parts of Africa, to explore Uganda's existing knowledge generation approaches and frameworks, the efficacy of its knowledge and innovation institutions in developing needed skills, technology and innovation capacities.



A section of participants during the workshop.



Principal Judge Justice **Yorokamu Bamwine** with AGA-Africa representatives facilitators and workshop participants.

Highlights

Justice Percy Tuhaise, Justice of the Uganda Court of Appeal welcomed the AGA-Africa team to Uganda and applauded them for their commitment towards combating transnational crimes. Justice Tuhaise also noted that legislation alone is not enough to combat cybercrimes and that it is important for all justice, law and order sector (JLOS) stakeholders to deal with sophisticated crimes that are the result of advancement in technology. She emphasized that such training workshops will allow the Justice Law & Order (JLOS) actors to become more efficient in handling forensic evidence from cybercrimes in Uganda.



Justice Percy Tuhaise, Justice of the Uganda Court of Appeal.



Markus Green, AGA-Africa Board Member.

AGA-Africa Board Member Markus Green thanked the KTA Advocates leadership for their continued support of AGA-Africa objectives to fight transnational criminal activities through providing capacity building programmes in Uganda. He emphasized that AGA-AAP will continue to build capacity and explore ways of creating awareness in order to impact more law enforcement agencies and engender the necessary law reforms in Uganda.



John Edozie, AGA-Africa International Advisor.

John Edozie, AGA-Africa International Advisor, delivered brief remarks during the closing ceremony on behalf of AGA-Africa and thanked the participants for committing time to attend the two-day training on Forensic Evidence, Electronic Evidence, Cybercrime and Data Protection.

AGA-Africa subject matter experts including **Jessica Schutzman, Bureau Chief, Financial Crimes Unit**, New York State and **Alona Katz, Assistant District Attorney, New York County** District Attorney's Office took the participants through a sessions on Digital Forensics, Cyber Crime and Electronic Evidence, Data Protection and Regulation; Emerging Issues and Sources of digital and electronic evidence: Computer drives, telephones, digital cameras, etc.



AGA-Africa Facilitators **Jessica Schutzman**, Bureau Chief, Financial Crimes Unit, New York State and **Alona Katz**, Assistant District Attorney, New York County District Attorney's Office.

George Njoroge, Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer of East African Data Handlers led participants in an engaging discussion on Digital Forensics and Investigations. **Lawrence Dinga, Information Security and Digital Forensics Consultant** facilitated a session on Cyber-crime and digital forensics. **Jimmy Haguma, Cybercrime Officer, Uganda Communication Commission** took participants through a session on Cyber Legal Framework in Uganda.



AGA-Africa Facilitator **George Njoroge**, Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer of East African Data Handlers.



Lawrence Dinga, Information Security and Digital Forensics Consultant.



Jimmy Haguma, Cybercrime Officer, Uganda Communication Commission.

Workshop**Theme: Cybercrime/Digital Evidence for Counter Terrorism Investigations and Prosecutions****Date: 3rd -7th December, 2019****Venue: Entebbe, Uganda**

AGA-Africa in collaboration with the Intergovernmental Authority on Development Security Sector Program (IGAD SSP) held a Cybercrime & Electronic Evidence for Counter-Terrorism Investigations & Prosecutions Workshop on 3rd – 7th December, 2019 in Entebbe, Uganda.

Funded by the European Union Trust Fund (EUTF) and administered by the Austrian Development Agency (ADA) under the IGAD Promoting Peace and Stability in the Horn of Africa Region (IPPSHAR) programme, the workshop was aimed at equipping trainees with an advanced knowledge and practical skills on handling and managing digital evidence/forensics through the investigation processes and prosecution of terrorism cases, as well as strengthening the cooperation and coordination among the relevant agencies at various levels.



Commander Abebe Muluneh, Director of IGAD SSP (fourth from left seated) with Nejat A. Issa, IGAD SSP and workshop speakers and participants in Uganda.



A cross-section of the workshop participants.



Jessica Schutzman and John Bridge with two workshop participants.

Highlights

Commander Abebe Muluneh, Director of IGAD SSP, in his opening remarks emphasized the importance of having the capability in dealing with digital evidence and the overall cybercrime dynamism.

He noted that due to the increasing complexity of terrorism cases, successful prosecution in terrorism cases requires intense coordination during the investigation phase related to the gathering of evidence and on the use of general or specific investigative tools available.



“...considering the transnational and trans regional threat of terrorism, strengthening law enforcement and judicial cooperation between States is crucial.”



Commander Abebe Muluneh, Director of IGAD SSP.

Nejat A. Issa, Programme Officer, IGAD SSP, in her remarks welcomed the participants to the workshop urging IGAD Member States to engage in enabling the use of procedural protective measures, adopting a tailored, flexible, and comprehensive approach to questioning, assisting and protecting witnesses, assisting persons processing sensitive or classified information to testify, establishing witness protection programs, and strengthening the use of expert witness in court.



Nejat A. Issa, IGAD SSP.

John Bridge, Director of Financial Crimes Technology, Trust Stamp and **Jessica Schutzman**, Bureau Chief, Financial Crimes Unit, New York State led several sessions including **Cyber/digital evidence/forensics: non-technical perspective: Identification, preservation, collection and analysis, How to build a case with digital evidence and Information Security and Current Hacking Trends.**



Jessica Schutzman

Bureau Chief,
Financial Crimes
Unit, New York State
with **John Bridge**,
Director of Financial
Crimes Technology,
Trust Stamp.

Their sessions focused on understanding how the different IGAD member states present identify, preserve, collect and analyze digital evidence for use in prosecution. The two facilitators shared their experience on how to identify digital evidence, providing examples of some types of cyber-enabled-crimes like romance scams, initial coin offering scams, money laundering, check cashing scam, insurance fraud and various types of trafficking.

New Partnerships

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

Financial Intelligence Authority (FIA)

On 3rd April 2019, at the close of the two-day Investigation and Prosecution of Money Laundering Crimes and Asset Recovery, AGA-Africa represented by John Edozie signed an MoU with the Financial Intelligence Authority (FIA) represented by Samuel Wandera, the Director, International Relations and Training. This would go a long way in cementing cooperation between the two in a bid to end the scourge that is transnational crime.



(Left) FIA Director for International Relations and Training, **Samuel Wandera** shakes hands with AGA-Africa International Advisor, **John Edozie** at the MoU signing ceremony.



John Edozie delivering his remarks after the MOU signing.



ZAMBIA

Overview

Zambia is a landlocked country in Southern Africa that occupies an area of 752, 618 km². Known for the majestic Victoria Falls and renowned for its copper exports, Zambia is home to over 17 million people. Lusaka is Zambia's capital city.

AGA-Africa in Zambia

Zambia's central position on the continent and within short proximity of bigger economies like South Africa in the south and the natural resources rich but economically unstable Congo DR on its northern border, places Zambia in a vulnerable position of being a transit point for most of the transnational crimes on the continent.

With respect to equipping law enforcement officers to fight transnational crime in Zambia, AGA-Africa held its first event in 2017. Zambia has gone on to host numerous events over the over two year period. In 2019, Zambia hosted five workshops, ranging from Virtual Currency Investigation, Anti-Wildlife Trafficking and to Trade-Based Anti-Money Laundering Trends. AGA-Africa also signed an MoU with the National Prosecution Authority.

AGA-Africa Partners

National Prosecution Authority (NPA)
Judiciary of Zambia
Attorney General's Office
Bank of Zambia (BoZ)
Financial Intelligence Centre (FIC)
Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC)
Drug Enforcement Commission (DEC)

Workshop**Theme: Virtual Currency Investigation****Date: 8th – 10th April, 2019****Venue: Lusaka, Zambia**

AGA-Africa in collaboration with the Bank of Zambia (BoZ) organized a three day Virtual Currency Investigation workshop. The workshop brought together participants from the Bank of Zambia, Drug Enforcement Commission, National Prosecution Authority, Anti-Corruption Commission, Financial Intelligence Centre and Zambia Police.



Bank of Zambia Deputy Governor of Operations **Dr. Bwalya Ng'andu**, heads of the institutions, facilitators and AGA-Africa representatives.



(L-R) **Moses Mwanza**, AGA-Africa representative, **Andrea Surratt**, Assistant US Attorney, District of Colorado, **Judith Smith** Judge, Denver Court, **Freda Brazle**, AGA-Africa Country coordinator for Zambia and **David Tonini**, Assistant US Attorney, District of Colorado.

Highlights

The workshop was officially opened by **Dr. Bwalya Ng'andu Bank of Zambia's Deputy Governor** for Operations. He lauded AGA-Africa for partnering with the BoZ to help deepen the central banks' understanding of what cryptocurrencies are and what they are not.



Bank of Zambia Deputy Governor for Operations **Dr. Bwalya Ng'andu** delivering his opening remarks at the opening ceremony of the workshop.

In his opening remarks, **Markus Green ESQ, AGA-Africa Board Member** gave a brief history of AGA-Africa and its partnership with the Republic of Zambia through the office of Attorney General in building capacity in law enforcement agencies to curb transnational crimes which include fraud in cryptocurrency. He appealed to the participants to use the expertise of the facilitators in building their knowledge of Virtual Currency crimes that are present on the Zambian financial market.



AGA-Africa Board Member **Markus Green** addressing the participants at the opening of the workshop.



David Tonini, Assistant US Attorney during his presentation.



Andrea Surratt, US Attorney's Office, District of Colorado, during her session.

AGA-Africa brought subject matter experts including:

David Tonini, Assistant US Attorney, District of Colorado facilitated a session the General Aspects of Virtual Currency. He noted, among other things, that Bitcoin is a digital currency, and also a cryptocurrency because it uses cryptography to control the creation and transfer of value.

Andrea Surratt, US Attorney's office, District of Colorado led a discussion on Money Aspect of Virtual Currency. She noted Bitcoin operates as a medium of exchange like cash but does not issue from or enjoy the protection of any sovereign.



Judge Judith A. Smith, Judge Denver County Court making her presentation.

Judith A. Smith, Judge Denver County Court took participants through a session on Investigative Techniques of Digital Currency. She noted that packages used exchanging bitcoin for currency, spending bitcoin in other ways were the main areas where crimes are.



Alita Mbahwe,
Commissioner
DEC with **Patrick
Mutimushi** Director
of Technology and
Engineering at the
Zambia Information
and Communications
Technology Authority
(ZICTA).



Participants display their certificate at the closing ceremony.



A section of
workshop
participants during
the Q & A session.



Musonda Simwayi, Head of Security, Bank of Zambia during one of his sessions.



Moola Nayoto, Manager Security Operations, Security Division of Bank of Zambia listens intently.

Workshop

Theme: Virtual Currency Investigation

Date: 11th April, 2019

Venue: Lusaka, Zambia

AGA-Africa in collaboration with the Judiciary of Zambia organized a one day workshop on the Foundations of Virtual Currency Investigation. The aim of the workshop was to train the judiciary on current techniques to combat the rise of the use of Virtual Currency. The workshop brought together 30 judges and magistrates.



Andrea Surratt, US Attorney's office, District of Colorado during her session on the Basics of Cryptography.



Freda Brazle, Country Coordinator for Zambia.



Group photo of AGA-Africa Facilitator and Workshop Dignitaries.



Workshop dignitaries, speakers and participants.

Highlights

The workshop was officially opened by Hon. Supreme Court Judge Evans Hamaundu on behalf of Her Ladyship Hon. Justice Irene C Mambillima the Chief Justice of The Republic of Zambia. In her remarks, he noted that their Judiciary's Advisory Committee on training and continuing professional development recognized the need to equip its officers with expertise and knowledge to handle highly complex issues in an effective and efficient manner.



Evans Hamaundu,
Honorable
Supreme Court
Judge delivering
the opening
remarks on
behalf of Her
Ladyship
**Hon. Irene. C.
Mambillima.**

AGA-Africa's subject matter experts included:

David Tonini Assistant US Attorney. He presented a discussion on Virtual and Digital Currency. He pointed out that Bitcoin is the first decentralized digital currency. He also explored the value, benefits and shortcomings of bitcoin.



David Tonini,
Assistant US
Attorney during
his session on
Virtual and Digital
Currency.

Andrea Surratt, US Attorney's Office, District of Colorado gave an insightful presentation on the Basics of Cryptography a system that relies on two keys to send and receive transactions. She discussed the Bitcoin Wallet and trained participants on how to identify public keys, private keys and wallet addresses.

Judith Smith, Judge Denver County Court spoke on the Blockchain Technology. She discussed the blockchain path and how bitcoin transactions get verified before they are added to the blockchain.



Andrea Surratt, US Attorney's office, District of Colorado during her session.



Judith Smith, Judge Denver County Court, during her session.

In her closing speech read on her behalf by the **Lady Justice Mugeni Siwale Mulenga, Chief Justice of the Republic of Zambia**, Her Ladyship **Hon. Irene C Mambilima** stressed that the support and collaboration which the Zambian Judiciary will benefit from AGA-Africa was invaluable and will go a long way in assisting the judiciary in the realization of its goals on training and continuing professional development of the adjudicators and other staff.



Lady Justice Mugeni Siwale Mulenga delivering the closing remarks.

Workshop**Theme: Virtual Currency Investigation****Date: 14th - 16th May 2019****Venue: Lusaka, Zambia**

AGA-Africa in collaboration with the National Prosecution Authority (NPA) hosted a three day Cybercrime workshop. The workshop brought together investigators and prosecutors drawn from all the 10 provinces of Zambia, participants from the National Prosecution Authority, Zambia Police, Zambia Information Communications Technology Authority and the Financial Intelligence Centre. The workshop aimed to equip law enforcement agencies with the skills and knowledge to respond to the growing challenges that have emerged with the use of cybercrime.



Workshop dignitaries, speakers and participants.



(L-R) **John Edozie**, AGA-Africa International Advisor, **Todd Tumbleson** AGA-Africa facilitator, **Mabel Nawa**, Acting Chief Administrator, NPA, **Fulata Lillian Shawa-Siyuni**, DPP Zambia, **IG Kakoma Kanganja** and **Markus Green ESQ**, AGA-Africa Board member.

Highlights

The workshop was officially opened by **Fulata Lillian Shawa-Siyuni** DPP, Zambia who noted that governments around the world need to arm themselves to tackle cybercrime adding that in Zambia, several Acts have been created to deal with this as well the newly formed Cyber Crack squad working with Zambia Information and Communications Technology Authority.



Fulata Lillian Shawa-Siyuni, DPP, Zambia delivering her keynote address.

AGA-Africa's subject matter experts included:

Jason Willis, **Special Agent** with the State Department's Bureau of Diplomatic Security (US Embassy, Lusaka, Zambia) lent his expertise on the subject. He focused on terrorism, civil unrest and Cybercrime in Zambia.



Jason Willis, Special Agent with the State Department's Bureau of Diplomatic Security.

Todd Tumbleson Criminal Investigator II, Nevada Attorney General's Office took participants through sessions on Cybercrime Investigations, Mobile technology, Cryptocurrency, Cyberbullying, Obtaining Records, Mobile Laundering and Money Transfer.

Bob Mwema, Senior State Advocate at the National Prosecution Authority, delivered informative presentations on Digital Forensics and Cybercrime Trends in Zambia.



Todd Tumbleson, Criminal Investigator II, Nevada Attorney General's Office during one of his presentations.



Bob Mwema, Senior State Advocate at the National Prosecution Authority during his presentation.

At the closing ceremony **Freda Brazle Mwamba, AGA-Africa Country Coordinator, Zambia** reminded participants to continue collaborating across their departments. She thanked the DPP for her support of capacity planning and belief in investing in human capital.



Freda Brazle Mwamba, Country Coordinator, Zambia delivering the closing remarks



Participants during a Q & A session.



Fulata Lillian Shawa-Siyuni presents a certificate to a participant during the closing ceremony.



Participants displaying their certificates.

Theme: Anti-Wildlife Trafficking

Date: from 12th to 15th August 2019

Venue: Livingstone, Zambia

AGA-Africa in collaboration with the Wildlife Investigators Training Alliance and the National Prosecutions Authority held a four-day workshop on Anti Wildlife Trafficking, Livingstone, Zambia from 12th to 15th August 2019. The workshop brought together investigators and prosecutors from the NPA and Department of National Parks and Wildlife (DNPW) Zambia. It was tailored to raise awareness on various issues surrounding Wildlife Trafficking.



AGA-Africa representatives in a group photo with the Anti-Wildlife Trafficking Workshop participants, and facilitators in Livingstone, Zambia.

The training was divided in two parts. There were field and classroom activities. The field activities involved going into the park and experiencing the practical elements of learning. It also included classroom type learning. It was in-depth and specially tailored for prosecutors on wildlife trafficking.

Highlights

Fulata Lillian Shawa-Situnyi, Director of Public Prosecution (Zambia) officially opened the Anti-Wildlife workshop organized by AGA-Africa. She noted that it would enhance the competencies of investigators and prosecutors as they undertake cases relating to wildlife trafficking. She emphasized that there was urgent need for training.



Fulata Lillian Shawa-Situnyi,
Director of Public
Prosecution
(Zambia).

Other keynote speakers included **Marise Haefner, AGA-Africa Country Advisor for Zambia**, who applauded the National Prosecution Authority for their continued support and collaboration in organizing the workshop. She noted that wildlife trafficking results in serious threats to the economy as well as destroying the ecosystem of the affected areas.



Marise Haefner,
AGA-Africa
Zambian Advisor
speaking at the
Anti- Wildlife
Trafficking
workshop.

Subject matter experts included:

Shawn Karns Director, WITA who gave in depth presentations on Crime Scene Investigation Sketching, Casting Impressions, Photography, Rifling Characteristics and Investigation and Prosecution of Wildlife Crimes.



Shawn Karns, Director, Wildlife Training Alliance (WITA).



Stephanie Karns, Assistant Director, Wildlife Training Alliance (WITA).

Stephanie Karns, Assistant Director, facilitated a session titled 'Developing and Managing Informants'. She noted among other things, that the use of new technology to create a web based reporting structure that would safeguard the confidentiality of informants.

Chris Clementson (WITA) Cellular Device Seizure and Technology took participants through a session on Cellular Device Seizure and Technology. He highlighted that cell phones have provided valuable evidence in a variety of investigations, including those involving wildlife crimes.



Chris Clementson,
Department of Fish
Criminal Investigator
during his session titled
'Time of Death'.

Alice Ntambo Sitali, Deputy Chief State Advocate, Eastern Province lent her expertise on the subject 'Prosecuting Wildlife Crime in Zambia'. She pointed out that the decision to prosecute affects the rights of suspects, victims, witnesses as well as the public at large.



Alice Ntambo Sitali, Deputy Chief State Advocate, Eastern Province making her remarks.



A section of workshop participants during a classroom session.



Workshop participants examining a carcass during a field work session.



Some of the participants in a field work session during the workshop aided by one of the facilitators.



An ongoing classroom session during the workshop.

Workshop

Theme: Trade-Based Anti-Money Laundering Trends

Date: 13th – 16th August, 2019

Venue: Lusaka, Zambia

AGA-Africa in collaboration with the Zambia Financial Intelligence Centre (FIC) held a four day workshop from on to discuss Trade-Based Anti-Money Laundering Trends. The workshop was aimed at raising thought provoking discourse on money laundering, improve the effectiveness of the investigation process and prosecution of money laundering criminal offenses.

The four-day event drew participants from the Financial Intelligence Centre (FIC), Bank of Zambia (BoZ), National Prosecutions Authority (NPA), Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) and the Judiciary Commission.

The workshop presented a great opportunity for the participants to learn and share best practices, perspectives and money laundering lessons across Africa.



Workshop dignitaries, facilitators and participants in a group photo.

Highlights

In his opening remarks, **Hon. Likando Kalaluka**, Attorney General of Zambia, noted that Trade-Based Anti-Money Laundering was on the rise in Zambia and the crime remains problematic. He called upon Zambian authorities to come up with necessary strategies that would ensure that criminals committing the financial crimes were dealt with.

Other keynote speakers included **Mary Chirwa, Director General, FIC**. She observed that money laundering cuts across several institutions across Africa. She also pointed out that money laundering is a global problem that undermines and compromises the economic development of a nation and perpetrators should be dealt with accordingly.



Hon. Likando Kalaluka, Attorney General, Zambia delivering his opening remarks.



Mary Chirwa, FIC Director General, Zambia speaking during the opening ceremony.

AGA-Africa subject matter experts included:

Frank Collins, Attorney at Law. He facilitated enlightening sessions on Trade-Based Money Laundering Red Flags, TBML Prosecution Skills Techniques and Alternative Money Systems. He observed that financial institutions have not been well suited to identify and monitor TBML resulting to a weak link in the enforcement of Trade-Based Anti-Money Laundering (TBAML) laws.



Frank Collins, Attorney at Law during his session.



Xavier A. Cunningham, Assistant United States Attorney at U.S. Department of Justice during his session.

Xavier A Cunningham, Assistant United States Attorney at U S Department of Justice led the sessions on Global and Local Money Laundering Trends Law Enforcement Investigations (Building a Criminal Case) and Money Laundering Statutes Overview. In one of his presentations, he noted that over 1 trillion dollars has flowed illegally out of Africa over the past 50 years.

A panel discussion led by **Martin Chileshe Senior Tax Inspector (International Taxation Unit)** and **Kalale Mambwe Acting Senior Inspector (International Taxation Unit)** yielded lively deliberations on money laundering crimes and other closely related forms of organized transnational crimes.

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L- R: **Martin Chileshe** and **Kalale Mambwe** with other panelists during the panel discussion



Workshop panelists during the Q and A session.



Mary Chirwa,
Director General
of the Financial
Intelligence
Centre presenting
certificates to
participants.



Workshop
participant during
the Q and A session.

New Partnerships

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

National Prosecution Authority

On 14th May 2019 Markus Green ESQ on behalf of AGA-Africa signed an MoU with the National Prosecution Authority represented by Fulata Lillian Shawa-Siyuni the Director of Public Prosecutions in Zambia.

DPP Siyuni expressed NPA's commitment to curbing transnational crime in all its form but noted that it cannot do it alone in the global environment. She expressed appreciation terming the partnership 'a great step' to build capacity in law enforcement and prosecution.



Fulata Lillian Shawa-Siyuni, Director of Public Prosecution, Zambia during the signing of the MoU with AGA-Africa Board Member **Markus Green ESQ.** Looking on, **Freda Brazle Mwamba**, Country Coordinator, Zambia.



Inspector General of the Zambia Police, Kakoma Kanganja congratulating **Fulata Lillian Shawa-Siyuni** and **Markus Green** on the MoU signing.



Markus Green ESQ and **John Edozie** with **Inspector General Kakoma Kanganja** and **Freda Brazle Mwamba** after they received a gift from the NPA.

Financial Intelligence Centre (FIC)

A memorandum of understanding MoU was signed between AGA-Africa, represented by Board Member Markus Green ESQ, and the Financial Intelligence Centre (FIC) represented by Mary Chirwa Director General of the on 12th August 2019.

The signing took place at Taj Pamodzi Hotel in Lusaka, Zambia as part of efforts to bolster international understanding and cooperation of a network of global support to combat transnational crimes across Africa.



Markus Green ESQ, AGA-Africa Board Member and **Mary Chirwa**, Director General of the Financial Intelligence Centre, signing the MoU in Lusaka, Zambia.

Other events

‘Welcome Reception’ at the Commonwealth Law Conference

AGA-Africa hosted the ‘Welcome Reception’ at the Commonwealth Law Conference that was held from 8th to 12th April 2019 Avani Hotel, Livingstone, Zambia.

Delegates were drawn from around the Commonwealth countries and the Caribbean Islands to South East Asia. In attendance was **Attorney General, Likando Kalaluka** and Law Association of **Zambia President, Eddie Mwitwa**.

The CLC was officially opened by **His Excellency President Edgar Lungu of Zambia**. Also present at the opening ceremony from Zambia were **Minister of Justice Given Lubinda** and **Hon. Lady Chief Justice Irene Mambilima**, **Lady Chief Justice Sophia Akuffo** of Ghana and other Chief Justices.



Zambian President Edgar Lungu in a group photo with other dignitaries during CLC.

In his remarks, **AGA-Africa Board Member Markus Green**, thanked the Commonwealth Law Conference organizers and expressed AGA-Africa's interest in collaborating with the African commonwealth partners to combat transnational organized crimes across Africa AGA-Africa also hosted an exhibition stand at this event.



Markus Green opening remarks at the Commonwealth Lawyers' Conference Welcome Reception.



Hon. Lady Chief Justice Sophia Akuffo of Ghana.



Markus Green, LAZ President
Eddie Mwitwa
and **Mark Woods**, Council Member of Commonwealth Lawyers' Association.



Hon. Likando Kalaluka, Chukukere Unamba-Oparah and Markus Green ESQ.



Gertrude Musyani LAZ Governing Board Member, Markus Green and Brian Speer.



Mark Woods, R. Santhanakrishnan, former CLA President Eddie Mwitwa, Markus Green, Chukukere Unamba-Oparah, AGA-Africa's Programme Director with a delegate from West Africa.



Raffle draw was conducted by LAZ Governing Board Member **Gertrude Musyani**.



Lillian Mwaniki, AGA-Africa Programme Officer, with a member of University of Cape Town Faculty of Law.



Monica Mwansa, a young prosecutor with Zambia's National Prosecution Authority, was the winner of the raffle prize, an Iphone XS.



Sumbukeni Steveni,
Chief Investigations
Officer, Anti-
Money Laundering
Investigations
Unit of the Drug
Enforcement
Commission (DEC),
delivering his
remarks.

Courtesy Calls

AGA-Africa representatives, John Edozie and Freda Brazle paid a courtesy call visit to the 1st president of Zambia Dr Kenneth Kaunda at his State Lodge residence, Lusaka Zambia, 17th May, 2019.

2020 Projects

Projects	Date
WITA handover ceremony - Ministry of Tourism	28th January
Electronic Evidence and its Impact on the Legal Profession - Law Association of Zambia	1st – 3rd April
Casinos – Financial Intelligence Centre	13th – 17th July
Training on Best Practices in handling Human Trafficking / Smuggling cases – National Prosecution Authority(NPA)	5th – 9th October

Conclusion

No doubt 2019 was a year of robust engagements and an excellent opportunity to implement the areas for growth that were pointed out in 2018.

Overall, we oversaw 31 events in our 8 partner counties with 2300 officers trained. We also participated in regional and other events as documented in this report.

This report is a testament to our growth and commitment. It is a clear indicator that our conviction has not waned and that we are fired up to tackle the next year.

As with every year, we discover new areas for growth. With every event we are learning how to better package our programmes to suit our stakeholders. Our end goal is to see transnational crime quashed from our borders; a goal we are determined to pursue.

We are eager to hear from you, to collaborate with more of you and to learn from one another for it is in learning together and in sharing our unique and common experience that we grow together in knowledge.

We are confident that 2020 will yield even more fruit as we inch ever-so close towards our ultimate goal.

Next Steps

- Engaging in further capacity building and facilitating capacity-exchange to stimulate cross border dialogue between stakeholders.
- Continued sustainable partnerships, consultation, engagement and involvement with various stakeholders at all levels.
- Expanding the use of local and regional AGA-Africa trainers in our programs to provide additional local context and insight to the training programmes.
- Extending AGA-Africa workshop programmes to include more specific workshops aimed at the Judiciary.
- Expanding our training with respect to Gender-Based Violence.
- Increasing awareness of what AGA-Africa Activities through its online social media platforms
- Showcasing the AGA-Africa programme at the 2022 Annual AGA-Africa Conference
- Exploring partnerships in more countries that have expressed an interest in working with AGA-Africa on the continent
- Working closely with regional organisations such as the African Prosecutors Association and similar organisations that have requested joint workshops for their members in a variety of locations.
- Increasing avenues for donor engagement/sponsors to support the AGA-Africa programme.
- Publishing relevant conference papers conference papers and summaries of discussions, providing additional means through which a broader audience can access new information and knowledge.
- Continued sustainable partnerships, consultation, engagement and involvement with various stakeholders at all levels.



“Training on the role of courts especially in the regulatory aspect of the rapid growth in technology in order to safeguard the rule of law is very timely. There is no doubt that comparative experiences from different jurisdictions presented by our fellow judges will provide new and unique perspectives that will enrich and benefit our work. We thank AGA-Africa and other partners for the facilitation of our capacity building programmes.”

Hon. David Maraga, Chief Justice of the Republic of Kenya



“The Financial Intelligence Authority is partnering with AGA-Africa to jointly fight Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing in Uganda. This initiative by AGA-Africa to bring law enforcement officers together to share and exchange knowledge on the investigation and prosecution of Transnational Crimes is making an impact.”

Sydney Asubo, Executive Director, Financial Intelligence Authority, Uganda



“AGA-Africa has made it possible for wildlife rangers in the African continent to access wildlife surveillance equipment through our partnership. AGA-Africa believes in a cause, supports and makes it all happen.”

Shawn Karns, Director, Wildlife Investigators Training Alliance (WITA)



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