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# Foreword

## 2<sup>nd</sup> AGA-Africa Annual Conference

2020 began on a high note as we spent the first months of the year preparing for the Second AGA-Africa Annual Conference, which took place between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020 in Ghana. The choice of Ghana to host this global conversation on transnational crime was partly informed by a historical moment as Ghana celebrated the Year of Return, a major landmark spiritual and birth-right journey inviting the Global African family, home and abroad, to mark 400 years of the arrival of the first enslaved Africans in Jamestown, Virginia. The Year of Return celebrated the cumulative resilience of all the victims of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade, who were scattered and displaced through the world in North America, South America, the Caribbean, Europe, and Asia.

The conference also provided a platform for the six United States (US) Attorneys General to meet stakeholders from Ghana and the rest of Africa and immerse themselves in Ghana's culture as well as take part in several

activities to mark the Year of Return while supporting AGA-Africa's work in the continent. I had the great pleasure of visiting Ghana alongside the six Attorneys General in what was in many ways a pilgrimage.

## Covid-19

Little did we know at the time that the world was about to turn upside down. Although we knew that the novel Coronavirus disease – that had been spreading rapidly from Wuhan in China – was a health concern, it was not until March 2020, when it was declared a pandemic that we began to appreciate the full implications. It had by then been officially named Covid-19 by the World Health Organisation.

The containment measures meant that we could no longer travel or hold in-person trainings as we did in previous years. We were also acutely aware that even though movement around the world had reduced significantly, transnational crime continued and in some cases, it increased.

## Transition to virtual trainings

We knew that our trainings were too important to shelve and found a way to still deliver the trainings, albeit on a virtual platform. That began our long and fulfilling journey that saw us organize a whopping **37** virtual workshops and **15** webinars with our stakeholders throughout Africa. We managed to train over **2,500** officers across our member countries.

It was a steep learning curve, but we did not let Covid-19 hold us at ransom. We thought out of the box, leveraged technology and together with our wonderful partners across Africa we made 2020 a huge success.

We extend our sincerest gratitude to all our partners, stakeholders, brilliant facilitators, country coordinators and all those who work behind the scenes to make our programmes run. Our work would not be possible without the commitment and dedication of our Administrative Director, Susan Lustig, our International Advisor, John Edozie, and our

Strategic Advisor and Programme Director, Chuks Unamba-Oparah.

## Congratulations!

On a different note, we wish to congratulate our formidable partner **Dorcas Oduor Agik**, Secretary and the Principal Deputy to Director Office of the Director of Public Prosecution (ODPP) in Kenya on her achievement of Senior Counsel status, as conferred by His Excellency, Uhuru Kenyatta, President of the Republic of Kenya, on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020. She has been a great inspiration and contributor to AGA-Africa programmes.

We would also like to congratulate **Judge Anthony Campagna** on his appointment as Judge in the San Diego County Superior Court. We look forward to working closely with him to further strengthen our partnership at all levels, especially as AGA-Africa embarks on more Management Skills Trainings in 2021.

We also extend our sincerest gratitude to outgoing Chief Justice **Hon. David Maraga**, Chief Justice and President of the Supreme Court of Kenya. We are thankful for his visionary leadership, his commitment to continuous professional training of judicial officers and his steadfast support for AGA-Africa's programmes. As his term comes to an end on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 we wish him a restful and invigorating retirement.

We also take this opportunity to extend hearty congratulations to the President-elect of the United States of America **Joe Biden** who is set to be sworn in as the 46<sup>th</sup> President of the United States in January 2020, together with the Vice President-elect **Kamala Harris**.

It is worthy of note that the Vice President-elect, **Kamala Harris**, **Bill Clinton**, Former US President and one-time Attorney General of Arkansas and **Jeff Sessions**, Former Attorney General of Alabama have been great supporters of AGA programmes

in the United States. To them we say a big thank you!

As you read through our unique 2020 story, we invite you to join hands with us as we continue to promote the rule of law in fighting transnational crime. If we have learnt anything from our 5 years in operation, it is that we are stronger together.



**Karen White**  
AGA-Africa, Executive Director

# Preamble

## Black Lives Matter

2020 was a year that was fraught with uncertainty. It was the year when the world would join in solidarity against systemic oppression of black people triggered by the murders of Breonna Taylor and George Floyd – both unarmed and black – in the hands of the US police, sparking the global #blacklivesmatter outcry.

## Covid-19

In 2020, a disease like no other in recent history threatened our lives and livelihoods. Our hearts go out to those who have lost loved ones to this pandemic. As we mourn the departed a glimmer of hope is on the horizon. Besides being the AGA-Africa Board Member, I also serve as Assistant General Counsel for Pfizer Pharmaceuticals and we have been working tirelessly to bring a vaccine to the world. I bring the message of hope – help is on the way.

## About AGA-Africa

In the 5 years that AGA-Africa has been in existence, we have had impactful and life-

changing collaborations. To give a brief background, AGA-Africa is a bipartisan/non-partisan group which collaborates with Government and non-governmental organisations, the private sector and civil society to provide legal training and strengthen the international rule of law specific to each country's needs.

We bring subject matter experts from the US, overseas and African countries to train investigators, prosecutors, judges, magistrates and other law enforcement officer on the investigation and prosecution of Transnational Crimes such as Human Trafficking, Money Laundering, Cyber-Crime, Counterfeit Drugs, Wildlife Trafficking, Gender-based violence and other cross-border criminal activities. We are currently in 8 African countries: Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Nigeria, Rwanda, Uganda, South Africa and Zambia. We have a directory of over **5,000** subject matter experts on various areas of transnational crime.

## New Partners

We were thrilled in 2020 to sign

on new partners in our endeavour to expand our reach across Africa. The partners were: Ministry of Tourism and Arts Zambia; Kaduna State Ministry of Justice, Nigeria; Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) – Kenya; Centre for Applied Legal Studies, South Africa; Institute of Legal Practice and Development (ILPD), Rwanda; Uganda Law Society (ULS); University of Malawi and Women Lawyers Association (WLA).

It is gratifying to note that our trainings have had a huge impact in stemming transnational crimes. The feedback we have received from our member countries has been immense and we are raring to go in 2021.

As we look forward to the containment of Covid-19, we will continue to adapt and adjust our programmes to best provide legal training and strengthen the international rule of law specific to each country's needs.

## New Areas

In 2020, we explored subject matter areas outside our core

mandate and they were a roaring success. The areas were: *Effective Administration of Justice, Advocacy Skills and Techniques for Virtual Court Hearing* especially in the wake of Covid-19, *Consumer Protection* and *Management Skills Training*, all of which have been documented in this Report.

Although the year looked bleak at the start, we finished strong. We learned a lot from our transition to virtual workshops and we are confident that 2021 will be bigger, brighter and better.



**Markus Green Esq.**  
AGA-Africa, Board Member

# Overview

The 2020 Annual Report is a chronicle of the activities that have taken place in this unique year. It is a detailed account of the 2020 highlights, core mandates and the events undertaken in our 8 member countries: Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Nigeria, Rwanda, Uganda, South Africa and Zambia.

## 2020 Highlights

2020 featured some very high highs and low lows. The lowest undoubtedly was the global lock down as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. Notwithstanding Covid-19, AGA-Africa had a series of remarkable and memorable events as enumerated below.

### 1. Prosecutors mentorship programme in partnership with ODPP–Kenya in Washington DC, USA

AGA-Africa in collaboration with the **Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) Kenya** and the **Office of the Attorney General (OAG) for the District of Columbia** held the first Prosecutors mentorship programme from 13<sup>th</sup> January – 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020 in Washington DC, USA. The mentorship programme was aimed at training the mentees on topics such as Case Management and Administration, Human Resources, Homicide Cases, Financial Crimes, Money Laundering, Corruption, Countering Terrorism and Work Ethics.

A total of **six** mentees from Kenya were trained as they moved from different departments and offices of the Federal and State Attorney General's Office including Criminal, General Litigation, Child

Protection, Juvenile Justice, Data analysis/IT and Operations/Finance in order to gain much needed expertise. The mentees had intensive skills training on the history of the District of Columbia and the Office of the Attorney General, the use of information technology at OAG, government ethics, trial skills, legal writing, and an overview of critical federal rules of evidence.



*L-R Chad Copeland, Deputy Attorney General at Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia; Karl A. Racine, the Attorney General for the District of Columbia; James Riungu Mentee; Darcas Oduor, Secretary Public Prosecutions Kenya and Noordin Haji, Director of Public Prosecutions Kenya during the closing ceremony*

The officers are now expected to serve as change champions at the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions as well as the criminal justice sector in Kenya.



*John Edozie, AGA-Africa International Advisor (LEFT) with Karl A. Racine, the Attorney General for the District of Columbia*

## Testimonials from Past Interns

The Interns who participated in the pilot programme at the office of the Attorney General, Washington D.C. had this to say about their experience with the programme:



*Markus Green, AGA-Africa Board Member with the mentees on the last day of the programme*

## Victor Owiti

*"I left the Office of the Attorney General more than equipped with necessary knowledge and skills to enable me to be the change agent who would then spur change within the ODPP and help fast-track the transformation process of the ODPP by focusing on organizational effectiveness, improvement, and development in both its prosecution processes as well as day to day operations. I learnt some of the best practices in the various departments – both legal and support services – which lessons and knowledge, which I've already put to use for the benefit of the ODPP."*

## Joseph Riungu

*"The mentorship programme was an enlightening opportunity of a lifetime. The lessons drawn as well as the shared experiences with my colleagues will last a long time. I have since been able to implement what I learned to deliver efficient and timely services in the administration of justice."*



Emmet G. Sullivan, Judge of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia (CENTRE) with the mentees at the district court

## Siyadha Mohamed Abdi

*"The internship at OAG has given me new insights and motivation about the use of technology and how it can increase the efficiency of prosecution processes. Since completing the programme, I've led the implementation of a case management system in my office utilizing the skills I picked up during the internship programme."*

## Stephen Ndung'u

*"Being attached to the Immediate office and Operations section, I learnt a lot about what it takes to have an organization that is purposeful and set to achieve its goals by embracing technology, diversity and highly valued work ethics. From the programme, I'm challenged to become a change champion and improve the same and help create a conducive work environment for my colleagues at the ODPP."*



A cross-section of the mentees during the briefing meeting

## 2. AGA-Africa's Second Annual Conference on Transnational Crimes, Accra Ghana

AGA-Africa in collaboration with the **Food and Drugs Authority of Ghana (FDA)** and the **Ghana Police Service** held a 2-day conference themed "Tackling the Reality of Transnational Crimes in Africa – Cross Border Solutions and International Cooperation" on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020 in Accra, Ghana.

The conference brought together **six** US Attorneys General: **Keith Ellison**, Attorney General of Minnesota, **Aaron Ford**, Attorney General of Nevada, **Denise George**, Attorney General of Virgin Islands, **Letitia James**, Attorney General of New York, **Karl Racine**, Attorney General for the District of Columbia, **Kwame Raoul**, Attorney General of Illinois, and African Attorneys General, AGA-Africa stakeholders in Africa and the United States, subject matter experts, and representatives from the African justice, law and order sector, diplomatic corps and NGOs.

The objective of the **Transnational Crimes Conference** was to leverage collaborations between Attorneys General in the United States and their African counterparts to find new approaches to combat transnational crimes in Africa with a focus on regional and international collaboration. The conference was moderated by **Nozipho Mbanjwa**.

The conference also provided a platform for the **six** US Attorneys General to meet stakeholders from Ghana and the rest of Africa and immerse themselves in Ghana's culture as well as taking part in several activities to mark the Year of the Return while supporting AGA-Africa's work across the continent.



L-R) Karl A. Racine the Attorney General of the District of Columbia; Stephanie S. Sullivan, U.S. Ambassador to Ghana; Denise N. George, Attorney General of Virgin Islands; Letitia James the Attorney General of New York; Akwasi Awua Ababio, CEO of Ghana Tourism Authority; Aaron D. Ford, Attorney General of Nevada; Keith Ellison, Attorney General of Minnesota; Kwame Raoul the Attorney General of Illinois and Karen White, AGA-Africa Executive Director during the city tour

## 3. Covid-19 and Transitioning to Virtual Programmes

In the second quarter of 2020, the world was reeling from the effects of Covid-19, a highly infectious respiratory flu that had broken out in Wuhan, China, in late 2019 and was quickly spreading across the globe. By March 2020, many countries had issued various directives on restriction of movement to curb the spread of the virus. Except for essential services, citizens of many nations were encouraged to work from home and stay at home as much as possible, with international travel grounding to a halt. The containment measures meant that AGA-Africa could no longer hold in-class training as we did traditionally. AGA-Africa swiftly adapted to this new normal with the realization that even though movement had ceased, transnational crime continued unabated.

AGA-Africa leveraged technology, which meant that stakeholders could continue to benefit from AGA-Africa's wealth of resources in subject matter experts in the areas of transnational crime only this time, the training workshops would be conducted online. We conducted a total of **37** virtual workshops and **15** webinars with our stakeholders throughout Africa between 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020 and the end of 2020. This was double the number of events that took place in a typical calendar year.

#### 4. AGA-Africa acknowledged by the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) – Kenya for its role in the development of Legal Instruments

AGA-Africa received notable mention for its role in the development of the legal instruments at the launch of the 'Decision to Charge' and the 'Case Management System' by the **Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP)** that took place on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at the Prosecution Training Institute.

The colourful event themed *Independence, Transparency and Fairness in Prosecution Service* was presided over by **Noordin M. Haji**, Director of Public Prosecutions with, and the Chief Justice and President of the Supreme Court of Kenya, **Hon. Justice David Maraga**. Other dignitaries included **Hon. Dr. Fred Matiangi**, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Security, **Hillary Mutyambai**, Inspector General of the National Police Service, **Nelson Havi**, President, Law Society of Kenya, Ambassador **Simon Mordue**, European Union, and **Twalib Mbarak**, Chief Executive Office of the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission.



(L-R) [Partly hidden] Hillary Mutyambai, Inspector General, National Police Service; Noordin M. Haji, Director of Public Prosecutions; Justice David Maraga, Chief Justice and President of the Supreme Court of Kenya; Dr. Fred Matiangi, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government



(L-R) Justice David Maraga, Chief Justice and President of the Supreme Court of Kenya; Hillary Mutyambai, Inspector General, National Police Service; Dr. Fred Matiangi, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government and Dorcas Oduar, Secretary and Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions



(L-R) Hillary Mutyambai, Inspector General, National Police Service; Hussein Dado, Chief Administrative Secretary, Interior Ministry; Noordin M. Haji, Director of Public Prosecutions; Justice David Maraga, Chief Justice and President of the Supreme Court of Kenya; Dr. Fred Matiangi, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government and Amb. Simon Mordue, European Union

#### 5. AGA-Africa featured in Zambia's Financial Intelligence Centre (FIC) Trends Report



Front cover of FIC's Trends Report

The Financial Intelligence Centre (FIC) *Trends Report* for the year 2019 featured AGA-Africa. It stated: "The first ever Trade-Based Money Laundering training organized in conjunction with the Attorney General Alliance, Africa Alliance Partnership (AGA AAP) [now AGA-Africa]." The Report also indicated that the workshop attracted participants from both the private and public sectors and was officially opened by the Attorney General of the Republic of Zambia. As a result of this training, the FIC has commenced a typology study on trade-based money laundering.

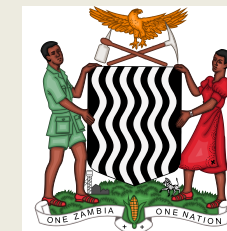
#### 6. Responses to Requests by Judiciaries

Building on from 2018, in 2019 and 2020, AGA-Africa broadened its work with judiciaries in response to increasing requests. AGA-Africa worked with

judiciaries in Kenya, Uganda, Nigeria, and Zambia. This helped AGA-Africa to work effectively through the justice chain. In a one-of-a-kind collaboration, AGA-Africa in conjunction with the Judiciary Training Institute (JTI) organised a 2-day Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence Virtual Workshop on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> October that brought together one Supreme Court judge, **Justice Njoki Ndung'u**, 14 High Court judges from Kenya and 3 High Court judges from Zambia. This was followed by a similar Virtual Workshop on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020 for a second group of High Court judges in Kenya. In attendance was one Supreme Court Judge, **Justice Isaac Lenaola**.

#### 7. New Partners and Memoranda of Agreement

In 2020, AGA-Africa signed a number of new partnerships, all of who will contribute to increased collaboration in the fight against transnational crime. They are as follows:



Ministry of Tourism and Arts Zambia



Kaduna State Ministry of Justice, Nigeria



Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP), Kenya



Centre for Applied Legal Studies, South Africa



Institute of Legal Practice and Development (ILPD), Rwanda



Uganda Law Society (ULS)



University of Malawi



Women Lawyers Association (WLA), Malawi

## 8. Exploration of New Areas

### Emerging Areas Explored in 2020

AGA-Africa periodically supports stakeholders in other areas as it explores the possibility of adopting them into its core mandate. In 2020, AGA-Africa organized a number of events outside its core mandate as follows:

#### **Effective Administration of Justice**

Effective Administration of Justice is necessary to uphold the rule of law and to ensure justice is served across the board. To equip law enforcement officers on effective administration of justice, AGA-

Africa in conjunction with Kaduna State organized a workshop on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> April 2020.

#### **Advocacy Skills and Techniques for Virtual Court Hearing**

With the restrictions brought about to stem the spread of Covid-19 and as courts are moving to virtual spaces, legal practitioners are having to adapt their skills to virtual platforms. To ensure effective use of these platforms AGA-Africa in collaboration with the Nigeria Bar Association (NBA) and the Lagos Business School organized a one-day training on Advocacy Skills and Techniques for Virtual Court Hearing 6<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

#### **Consumer Protection**

In a world where products and services traded in the markets globally are increasingly sophisticated and complex, the protection of the consumer takes centre stage. It therefore remains critical to continue exchanging knowledge and ideas to shape policies that protect consumers, particularly the most vulnerable.

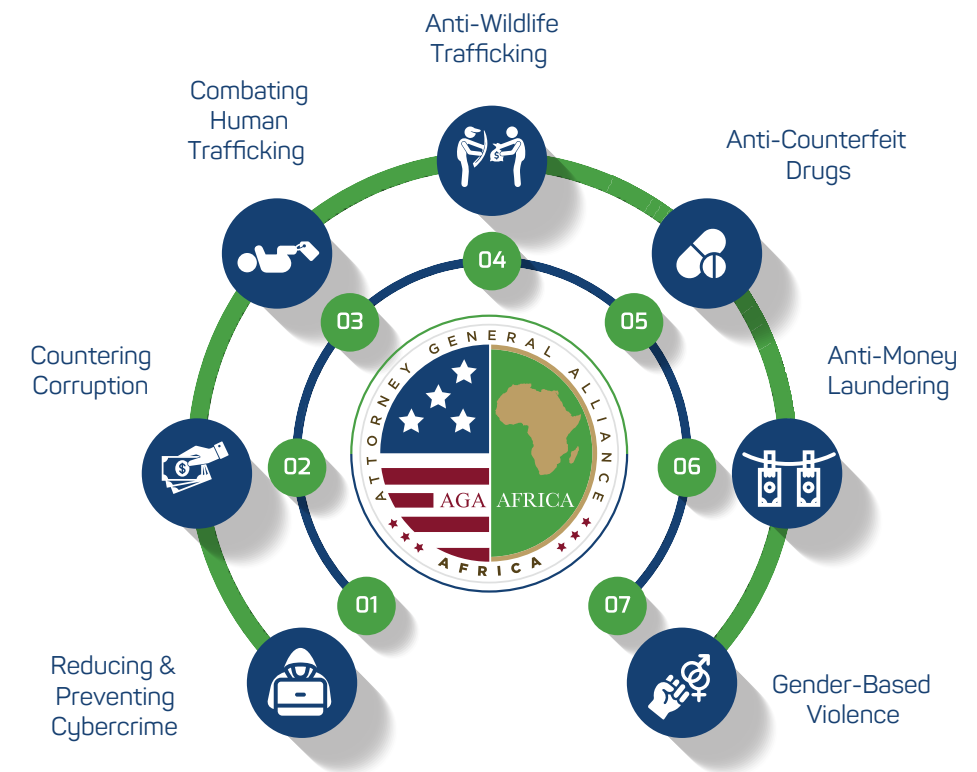
In keeping with this, AGA-Africa in conjunction with the University of Pretoria organized a Consumer Protection Law Webinar from 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2020 and another on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

#### **Management Skills Training**

A talented legal practitioner does not necessarily translate into a good manager, yet management skills are critical in the effective delivery of service. In a bid to fill the management skill gap identified in the legal profession, AGA-Africa in collaboration with the National Prosecution Authority organized a Management Skills virtual workshop from 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> September 2020 targeting prosecutors from all provinces of Zambia.

## Core Mandate Areas

In 2020, AGA-Africa addressed its core mandate areas as outlined below, each providing a synopsis of how specific areas have been addressed in different countries.



## Anti-Human Trafficking

An increasing number of countries in Africa and indeed the world over can be classified either as source, transit, or destination countries for victims of human trafficking. Human Trafficking falls into a number of categories and these may include: forced labour, sexual exploitation, and organ trafficking. It is generally acknowledged that in many cases, it is increasingly 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 organizes seminars and conferences as forums which enhance awareness, knowledge and the skills required to combat human trafficking.

In 2020, AGA-Africa undertook the following activities towards stemming human trafficking:

1. Webinar on Human Trafficking on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2020 in collaboration with NAPTIP, Nigeria
2. Virtual Workshop on Human Trafficking and Electronic Evidence on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020 in collaboration with the Judiciary Training Institute (JTI), Kenya
3. Virtual Workshop on Human Trafficking and Electronic Evidence on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> October 2020 in collaboration with the Judiciary Training Institute (JTI), Kenya
4. Virtual Workshop on Human Trafficking on 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020 in collaboration with National Prosecution Authority (NPA), Zambia



“Zambia like many other countries has been tremendously affected by human trafficking; it remains a source, transit and destination country for trafficked and smuggled persons. Zambia’s border towns are used as entry and exit points while Lusaka, Central and Copperbelt Provinces are mostly used as transit points.”

~ Fulata Lillian Showa-Siyunyi, Director of National Prosecution Authority (NPA) during the Anti-Human Trafficking Virtual Workshop on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020

## 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 cybercrime. In 2020, AGA-Africa organized vibrant engagements on this emerging subject matter. They were as follows:

1. Virtual Workshop on Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> May 2020, in collaboration with the Judiciary Training Institute (JTI), Kenya
2. Webinar on Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence on 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020, in partnership with Malawi Law Society (MLS), Malawi
3. Webinar on Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> June 2020, in collaboration with Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (NIALS), Nigeria
4. Virtual Workshop on Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020, in collaboration with the Judiciary Training Institute (JTI), Kenya
5. Virtual Workshop on Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020, in collaboration with the Judiciary Training Institute (JTI), Kenya
6. A hybrid virtual and in-class workshop on Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence on 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020 in partnership with the Institute of Legal Practice and Development in Kigali, Rwanda
7. A hybrid virtual and in-class workshop on Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020 with the Judicial Training Institute-Uganda (JTI) and KTA Advocates from, in Kampala Uganda
8. Virtual Workshop on Digital Forensic from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020 in collaboration with the Ghana Police Services, Ghana
9. Virtual Workshop on Digital Forensic from 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020 in collaboration with the Ghana Police Services, Ghana



“Covid-19 exposed our gaps in leveraging technology. Our ICT directorate has taken up the challenge and we’ll begin to see major changes in how we operate. This is a chance to do what we have wanted to do for a long time.”

~ Hon. Justice David Maraga, Chief Justice of the Republic of Kenya, during AGA-Africa's first virtual workshop for Court of Appeal Judges on Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

## Combating Counterfeit Drugs

The sale of counterfeit drugs is a huge global challenge with devastating effects. According to the World Health Organization (WHO) about 800,000 deaths a year in Africa are linked to the counterfeit drug trade. 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.

In 2020, AGA-Africa organized the following event towards curbing this menace:

1. Workshops on Prosecution of Regulatory Crimes Workshop on 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020 in collaboration with the Food and Drugs Authority (FDA), Accra, Ghana
2. Webinar on 'Post Covid-19 Challenges and Opportunities in the Pharma Industry' on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020 in conjunction with the National Institute for Pharmaceutical Research & Development (NIPRD/The Institute) – Nigeria

“During the pandemic, people started to pile up drugs to self medicate, triggering an influx of counterfeit drugs as supply of legitimate medicines dwindled and got more expensive.”

– Florence Ojewunmi, Acting Head of the Firm's Company Secretarial Practice Group during the 'Post Covid-19 Challenges and Opportunities in the Pharma Industry' Webinar on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020

## Anti-Money Laundering and Financial Crimes

Money laundering is frequently linked with other transnational crimes such as terrorism, human trafficking, wildlife trafficking and other global crimes. According to the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), 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. In 2020, AGA-Africa responded to the need expressed for training on this subject. The following events took place:

1. Virtual Workshop on Financial Crimes from 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> June 2020 in collaboration with the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) and the Prosecutor's Training Institute (PTI), Kenya.
2. Virtual Workshop on Financial Crimes from 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> June 2020 in collaboration with the Office

of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) and the Prosecutors Training Institute (PTI), Kenya

3. Virtual Workshop on Financial Crimes from 17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> June 2020 in collaboration with the Office of the Director of Public Prosecution (ODPP) and the Prosecutors Training Institute (PTI), Kenya
4. Virtual Workshop on Cryptocurrency on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> July 2020 in collaboration with Attorney General's Office, Ghana
5. Virtual Workshop on Cryptocurrency on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> July 2020 in collaboration with Ghana Police Service, Ghana
6. Virtual Workshop on The Life Cycle of Casino on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> July 2020 in collaboration with the Financial Intelligence Centre, Zambia.
7. Virtual Workshop on Cryptocurrency on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> August 2020 in collaboration with the Financial Intelligence Authority (FIA), Malawi.
8. Virtual Workshop on Financial Crimes from 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020 in collaboration with Financial Intelligence Centre (FIC), South Africa
9. Virtual Workshop on New Perspectives on Regulating Corruption & Money Laundering Enforcement Mechanism & the Law - Commercial Law Clinic on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020 in collaboration with the University of Malawi, Malawi
10. Virtual Workshop on Anti-Money Laundering on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020 in collaboration with Women Lawyers Association, Malawi



“Prosecution of money laundering cases has been challenging across African nations specifically third party and trade-based money laundering. The time for excuses is over. We cannot continue blaming constrained resources, lack of expertise, shortage of skills and just about everything else under the sun as this has not changed the narrative.”

– Xolisile Khanyile, Director of the Financial Intelligence Centre of South Africa (FIC) during the virtual workshop on 'Tackling Organized Crime through Financial Investigation and Prosecution' that took place on 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020

## Anti-Wildlife Trafficking

According to the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), wildlife crime is 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.

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. In its efforts towards protecting wildlife, AGA-Africa in collaboration with stakeholders organized the following events in 2020:

1. Surveillance Equipment Hand Over Ceremony from Wildlife Investigators Training Alliance (WITA) to the Ministry Of Tourism & Arts/ Department Of Parks & National Wildlife on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2020 in Lusaka, Zambia
2. Hybrid virtual and face-to-face Anti-Wildlife Trafficking workshop on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020 in collaboration with the Department of National Parks and Wildlife, Lilongwe, Malawi
3. Hybrid virtual and face-to-face Anti-Wildlife Trafficking workshop on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2020 in collaboration with the Department of National Parks and Wildlife, Lilongwe, Malawi



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“There are many things that have come with AGA-Africa for example capacity building in combating illegal wildlife trade, poaching, there has been in-kind contribution, for example in uniform, equipment, that also in itself is a morale booster for the staff of our department apart from acquiring skills. None of these things would have been possible without AGA-Africa.”

~ Brighton Kalembe Kumchedwa, Director of the Department of National Parks and Wildlife during his interview for the AGA-Africa 2020 Annual Report



## Gender-Based Violence

Gender-based violence is a huge global concern and one of the major channels leading to 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.

To address this heinous and widespread crime, AGA-Africa organized the following events in 2020.

1. Virtual Workshop on Gender-Based Violence on 13<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020 in collaboration with National Prosecution Authority (NPA), Zambia
2. Virtual Workshop on Gender-Based Violence on 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020 in collaboration with Ghana Police Service, Ghana
3. Virtual Workshop on Gender-Based Violence on 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020 in collaboration with Ghana Police Service, Ghana
4. Virtual Workshop on Gender-Based Violence on 16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020 in collaboration with Ghana Police Service, Ghana
5. Webinar on Effective Investigation and Prosecution of the Offence of Rape and other Gender-Based Violence Offences on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020 in collaboration with Cross River State Government, Nigeria
6. Webinar on Gender-Based Violence on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020 in collaboration with the Office of the Director Public Prosecutions of Kenya



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“There is no better time for stakeholders to come and address the challenges of rape and gender-based violence than at this moment when we are continuously faced with the heinous crimes.”

~ Hon. Aisha Dikko, the Attorney General and Commissioner of Justice Kaduna State Government during the Gender-Based Violence Offences Webinar on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020.



## Anti-Corruption

Corruption is a scourge that has permeated nearly every fabric of our society. It is a catalyst for many other criminal activities. It robs a nation of 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 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.

With respect to anti-corruption, AGA-Africa organized the following event in 2020:

1. Virtual Workshop on New Perspectives on Regulating Corruption and Money Laundering Enforcement Mechanism & the Law - Commercial Law Clinic on 12<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020 in collaboration with the University of Malawi, Malawi

## Emerging Areas Explored in 2020

As mentioned in the Highlights, AGA-Africa periodically ventures into emerging areas of transnational crime as it explores the possibility of adopting them into its core mandate. In 2020, AGA-Africa organized a number of events outside its core mandate as follows: *Effective Administration of Justice, Advocacy Skills and Techniques for Virtual Court Hearing, Consumer Protection and Management Skills Training.*



“Financial crimes have the potential of crippling nations, particularly developing nations, where funds are not being properly accounted for or where prices of things have been inflated, which created an unfair competition in the market. Being able to detect, investigate and prosecute these offences is really imperative.”

– Xavier Cunningham, Assistant US Attorney in the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Georgia at the Virtual Workshop on New Perspectives on Regulating Corruption & Money Laundering Enforcement Mechanism & the Law - Commercial Law Clinic on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020

## REGIONAL EVENTS

AGA-Africa engages in regional events to foster cross-jurisdictional collaborations and facilitate skill transfer and sharing of knowledge between African countries in a bid to uphold the rule of law in executing its mandate – to stem transnational crime.

There was one regional event in 2020. This was the East Africa Law Society (EALS) Virtual Training Webinar Series, which took place between July and August 2020. Below is a summary of the highlights.

### EALS Webinar Series at a glance

#### Series I: Advocacy Techniques in Virtual Courts

Date: 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020

#### Series II: Data Protection: Laws, Regulations and Emerging Issues

Date: 8<sup>th</sup> July 2020

#### Series III: Digital Forensics for Lawyers

Date: 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020

#### Series IV: The Changing Face of Transnational Crimes in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

Date: 5<sup>th</sup> August 2020

In July 2020, AGA-Africa and the East Africa Law Society designed a dynamic capacity building series targeting lawyers in the East African Community with focus on lawyering techniques in

the era of virtual courtrooms, data protection, digital forensics, cybercrime and transnational crimes. The sessions were facilitated by experts drawn from the USA, Europe, East Africa and other parts of Africa.

## Series I: Advocacy Techniques in Virtual Courts

Date: 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020



The first Webinar in the Series took place on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020 and was aimed at addressing the gaps in training for courtroom lawyers and arbitrators on virtual courtrooms. The session drew 65 participants from EALS lawyers in the East African Community and was also graced by AGA-Africa's Board Member **Markus Green ESQ**, EALS's Secretary General **Asmahaney Saad**, and CEO **Hannington Amol**.

In his remarks, **Markus Green** acknowledged EALS and its leadership, President Willy Rubeya and CEO Hannington Amol, for their partnership in organizing this Webinar Series. He pointed out that the idea of virtual courtrooms is extremely important as it is tied to cybercrime.

On behalf of EALS President **Willy Rubeya**, EALS, Secretary General **Asmahaney Saad** expressed gratitude to AGA-Africa for their long partnership with EALS, and for AGA-Africa's leadership for providing strategic alliance and for commitment and passion, underscoring EALS's growth.

Attendees had the privilege of listening to **Hon. Sean Wallace**, Judge of the Circuit Court for the 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit of Maryland and **Olubunmi A. Salami**, Assistant Polk County Attorney from the US, Kenya's **Stephen Kiptinness**, Senior Partner, Technology and Intellectual Property Practice and **Faith Macharia-Okaalo**, Partner, ALN| Anjarwalla & Khanna as they shared their knowledge in the area of Advocacy Techniques in Virtual Courts.



Hon. Sean Wallace, Judge Sean Wallace, Judge of the Circuit Court for the 7th Circuit of Maryland



Stephen Kiptinness, Senior Partner, Technology and Intellectual Property Practice



Faith Macharia-Okaalo, Partner, ALN| Anjarwalla & Khanna



Hannington Amol, East Africa Law Society (EALS) CEO

## Series II: Data Protection: Laws, Regulations and Emerging Issues

Date: 8<sup>th</sup> July 2020



The second session took place on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2020 and drew 88 participants drawn from EALS lawyers in the East African Community. The session examined the import of the EU General Data Protection Regulations, its cross-border application beyond the EU, data protection and privacy in East Africa and some emerging concerns.

In his opening remarks, East Africa Law Society President **Willy Rubeya** pointed out that EALS's efforts are complimented by the goodwill of partners globally and among them, AGA-Africa stands tall.



Willy Rubeya, President, East Africa Law Society

On the panel of subject matter experts were **Willy Rubeya**, President, East Africa Law Society, **Aisha Ally Sinda**, Senior Associate Bowmans| Webinar

Moderator from Tanzania, **Dr. Isaac Rutenberg**, Director, CIPIT and **Linda Bonyo**, Founder, Lawyers Hub from Kenya and **Kenneth Muhangi**, Partner, KTA Advocates, from Uganda.



Aisha Sinda, Senior Associate Bowmans Tanzania- Moderator



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



Kenneth Muhangi, Partner KTA Advocates



Linda Bonyo - Founder of the Lawyers Hub



Hannington Amol, East Africa Law Society (EALS) CEO

### Series III: Digital Forensics for Lawyers

Date: 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020

The third session in the series took place on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020 and drew over 120 participants. The course was designed to impart the skills in the emerging area of Digital forensics to lawyers. The session was graced by EALS Treasurer **Maggie Baingana**.

Treasurer **Maggie Baingana** urged participants to unlearn and relearn something for bettering their careers. She then thanked AGA-Africa for trusting them and providing a vehicle through which the legal profession in Africa gets these skills.

To share their skills and vast experience in Digital Forensics were: **Hon. Sean Wallace**, Judge of the Circuit Court for the 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit of Maryland from the US, **Robert Mackay**, Partner at R Mackay Advocates from Uganda and **Lawrence Dinga**, Cybersecurity and digital forensics specialist, Managecom Systems Limited from Kenya. The session was ably moderated by **June Okal**, a lawyer from Kenya.



Lawrence Dinga, Cybersecurity and Digital Forensics Specialist, Managecom Systems Limited



June Okal, a lawyer from Kenya

### Series IV: The Changing Face of Transnational Crimes in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

Date: 5<sup>th</sup> August 2020

The fourth and final session of the EALS Training series took place on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2020 and its aim was to examine transnational crimes with 21<sup>st</sup> century lenses and discuss emerging challenges and solutions, with the aim of assisting lawyers, law enforcers, judicial officers and researchers to appreciate the dynamics and create their own solutions. The Webinar meeting was also graced by, among others, AGA-Africa Board Member **Markus Green** and EALS CEO **Hannington Amol**.

In his opening remarks, **Markus Green** acknowledged that the partnership with the East Africa Law Society is coveted by AGA-Africa and further noted the extreme importance of the subject in light of Covid-19 and the importance of staying connected and working on these important issues.



Hon. Sean Wallace, Judge Sean Wallace, Judge of the Circuit Court for the 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit of Maryland



Robert Mackay, Partner at R Mackay Advocates



Hannington Amol, East Africa Law Society (EALS) CEO

On the panel were seasoned legal practitioners **Stephen Kiptinness**, Senior Partner, Technology and Intellectual Property Practice and **John Bridge**, Director of Financial Crimes Technology at Trust Stamp.



Stephen Kiptinness, Senior Partner, Technology and Intellectual Property Practice

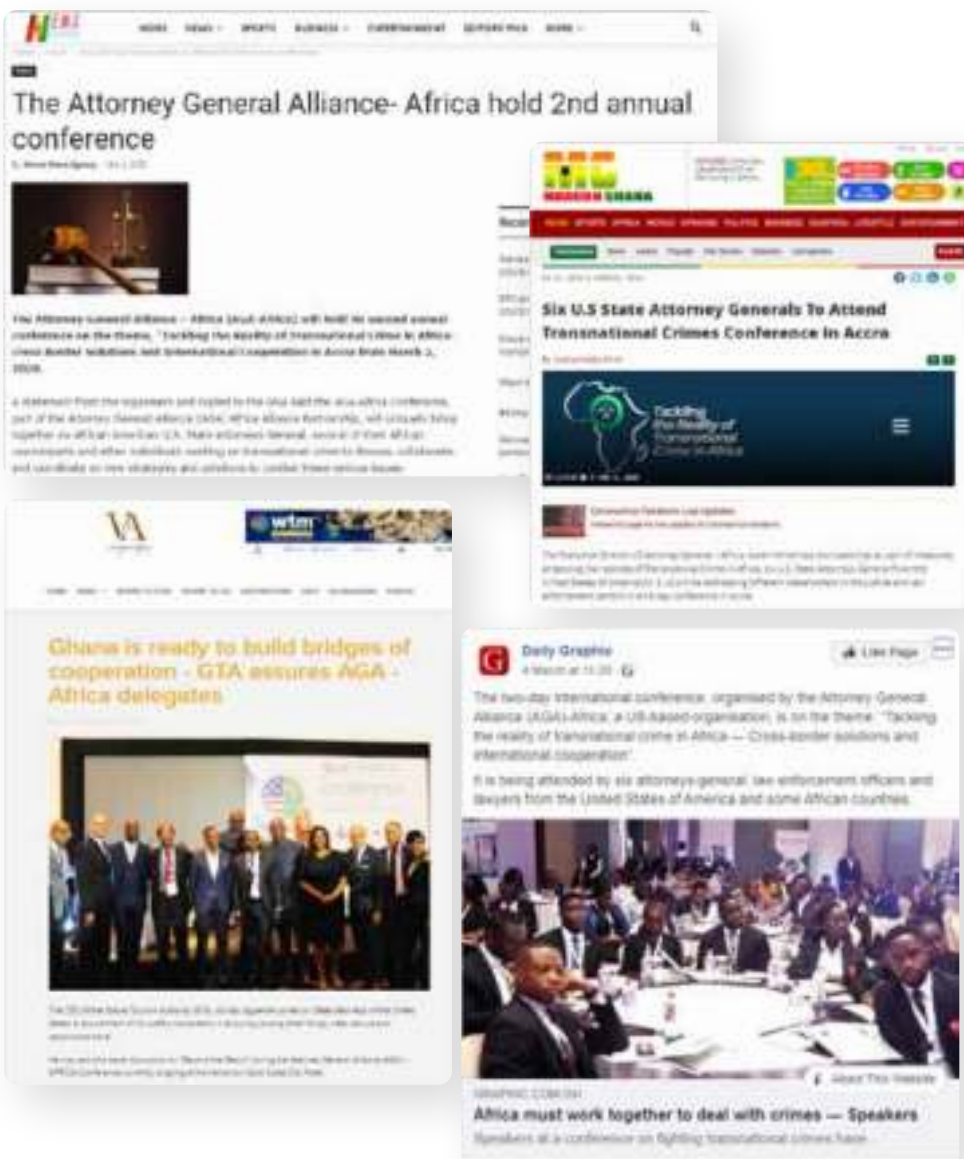


John Bridge, Director of Financial Crimes Technology at Trust Stamp

# Media Coverage

AGA-Africa continued to receive substantial coverage from mainstream media in 2020; an indication of its prominence, expansion and reach in the conversation around transnational crime in

the member countries and beyond. However due to Covid-19 containment measures, it was not always possible to have the media present physically to provide live coverage of the actual event.



President Edgar Lungu yesterday commissioned the newly constructed Makeni flyover bridge in Lusaka.

Picture by MICHAEL MUYOBA

THE PEOPLE'S PAPER; BUILDING THE NATION WITH REAL ISSUES



## Social Media

In 2020, driven by Covid-19 measures to move operations online, the majority of the coverage happened on social media. AGA-Africa has consistently expanded its audience, especially with its virtual engagements, where participants were encouraged to continue the conversation on AGA-Africa's social media handles. AGA-Africa's Twitter now has more than 10,000 followers.

### Tweetathon

AGA-Africa expanded its reach by organizing the first tweetathon dubbed "From Africa to America, Police Brutality, Racism and Impunity in the time of Covid-19". The event took place on 30<sup>th</sup> June

2020 using the hashtag #impunity #Policebrutality #blacklivesmatter.

The first-of-a-kind for AGA-Africa was moderated by renowned media personality **Caroline Mutoko**, who is also the Chief Marketing Officer at Radio Africa Group Ltd. Kenya and graced by AGA-Africa, Board Member **Markus Green**. The conversation also benefited from the contributions of **Ferial Haffajee**, South African journalist and newspaper editor and **Andrew Mwenda**, a Ugandan print, radio and television journalist, and the founder and owner of The Independent.

"From Africa to America, Police Brutality, Racism and Impunity in the time of Covid-19"



### How 2020 Disrupted Africa



AGA-Africa's second tweetathon took place on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2020. The discussion revolved around the impact of Covid-19 on Africa. The panelists were: **Nabou Fall**, Co-founder at Impact Hub, **Omoni Oboli**, Award Winning Actress & Producer, Writer, Director, **Aidan Eyakuze**, Executive Director of Twaweza East Africa, **John-Allan Namu**, Award winning Investigative Journalist, CEO and Co-Founder, Africa Uncensored, **Alan Kasujja**, Lead Presenter at BBC Newsday and Host Africa Daily podcast, **JJ. Omojuwa**, Author, Host of The Culture, Saints and Sinners Podcast, **Judy Sikuza**, CEO, Mandela Rhodes Foundation and **Diana Mpyisi**, Founder & CEO at Blue Oceans.

Keeping and Breaking the Law during the Pandemic: Cybercrime, Illicit Flows, and Judiciaries' new challenges



AGA-Africa initiated a third virtual discussion on Twitter on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2020, using the hashtag #ChangedAfrica, to start a conversation on cybercrime, illicit flows, and challenges the judiciaries are facing in an ongoing pandemic.

The one-hour tweetathon was aimed at starting an informed discussion on Twitter on how Africa is adapting to the Covid-19 pandemic, the challenges and opportunities and how this affects AGA-Africa's efforts to combat Cybercrime.

The tweetathon brought together thought leaders and experts who shed more light on the topic including: **Dr. Willy Mutunga**, Former Chief Justice (Kenya); **Julie Okah-Donil**, NAPTIP (Nigeria); **Jessica Schutzman**, Bureau Chief Financial Crimes, DA Office (US); **Robert Kabushenga**, CEO New Vision, Media Group (Uganda); **Tyrus Kamau**, Internet Security Specialist, Euclid Consultancy (Kenya) and **Dr. Bright Mawudor**, Cybercrime expert/ Lecturer Strathmore University (Kenya).

## 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.

### Member States



GHANA



KENYA



MALAWI



NIGERIA



RWANDA



SOUTH AFRICA



UGANDA



ZAMBIA

# GHANA

### Overview

With a population of over 31 million, Ghana is a West African country that sits on an area of 238,535 km<sup>2</sup>. 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.

## Events in Ghana at a glance

**Theme:** *Prosecution of Regulatory Crimes Workshop, Accra, Ghana*

Date(s): 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020

Stakeholder (s) Food and Drugs Authority - Ghana (FDA) and Ghana Police Service

**Theme:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual AGA-Africa Conference on Transnational Crimes, Accra, Ghana

Date (s): 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020

**Stakeholder(s)** Food and Drugs Authority - Ghana (FDA) and Ghana Police Service

**Theme:** *Virtual Workshop on Cryptocurrency*

Date (s): 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> July 2020 and 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Stakeholder(s): Attorney General's Office (Ghana) and the Ghana Police Service

**Theme:** *Gender-Based Violence Workshop*

Date (s): 9<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> November 2020 and 16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Stakeholder: The Ghana Police Service

**Theme:** *Digital Forensics and Evidence Virtual Workshop*

Date (s): 23<sup>rd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020 and 14<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Stakeholder(s): Criminal Investigation Department and Cybercrime Unit, Ghana Police Service

## Word from the Country Coordinator



Maame Hagan, AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for Ghana

### Second Annual Conference

Ghana had the great honour of hosting AGA-Africa's second Annual Conference on transnational crimes. We were privileged to host six African American Attorneys Generals from the US. The visit also coincided with Ghana's Year of Return celebrations. This was a major highlight not just for Ghana but for the whole AGA-Africa fraternity as a whole.

Prior to this we had a successful workshop on Prosecution of Regulatory Crimes in collaboration with the Food and Drugs Authority (FDA) and Ghana Police Service.

### Covid-19

Within days of the detection of the Covid-19 virus in Ghana, the prompt restrictions imposed by the Government of Ghana led to the imposition of travel bans with the closure of all land, air and sea borders and restrictions on public gatherings such as conference and seminars and meetings in a bid to stem the rate of infection and attendant fatalities.

### Virtual Workshops

The introduction of virtual training by AGA-Africa was a welcome option, which was embraced by AGA-Africa stakeholders in Ghana. We also benefited

from collaboration by resource persons from our stakeholders who contributed to AGA-Africa events held in other West African countries.

## Election Year

2020 was also an election year and with the uncertainty of the effects of Covid-19 the focus of our major stakeholders who were also major players in the frontline response fight against the pandemic was distracted. However, we were able to hold several virtual training programmes which were greatly appreciated. In total 8 virtual workshops were successfully organized for the Domestic Violence and Victim Support Unit (DOVVSU) and the Cybercrime Unit of the Ghana Police Service and the Food and Drugs Authority in the areas of Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and Cybercrime. With the continued uncertainty and continuing restrictions, it is anticipated that the use of the virtual mode of organizing trainings will continue until such time that in-person training workshops will be considered safe.

## The Year of Return

In March 2020 just before Ghana imposed a restriction of travel and public activities, AGA-Africa as part of its annual conference was privileged to host 6 African American Attorney Generals on their

visit to Ghana to participate in the Year of Return events.

Independence Day, 6<sup>th</sup> March, was celebrated in Kumasi and it was a special honour for our guests to not only be granted a private audience with the King of the Ashanti Kingdom but also to meet the President and Vice President of the Republic of Ghana. For our guests to meet with their Ghanaian counterparts and other top-ranking officials, after a successful Conference, served to give recognition to AGA-Africa and its objectives in Ghana.

The historical visit to Cape Coast to visit the Slave Castles was also an emotional and spiritual journey for our visitors, who were able to sample the rich culture and cuisine of Ghana. They also had the opportunity to engage with their Ghanaian counterparts as well as those from Kenya and Zambia who had also been invited to attend the Annual Conference.

We are grateful to our stakeholders who have supported us in 2020 and are excited to explore more opportunities with other stakeholders to engage and explore opportunities to work together to achieve its aim of information exchange and knowledge sharing to combat transnational crimes.

Act, 2012 (Act 851) to regulate food, drugs, food supplement, herbal and homeopathic medicines, veterinary medicines, cosmetics, medical devices, household chemical substances, tobacco and tobacco products. The FDA is an agency of the Ministry of Health.

The Covid-19 pandemic has impacted the work of the Authority both positively and adversely. With regards to the sale and distribution of substandard and falsified products, which pose a threat to public health, the Authority has had to intensify its surveillance activities including those along Ghana's borders with its neighbouring countries whilst adhering to Covid-19 protocols. Surveillance

# AGA-Africa 2020 Stakeholders

- Food and Drugs Authority - Ghana (FDA)
- Ghana Police Service

## Stakeholder Profiles



### The Food and Drugs Authority

The Food and Drugs Authority is the National Regulatory Authority mandated by the Public Health

of online platforms has also been intensified. This is to enhance consumer protection from unapproved products and also from companies and individuals making false and misleading claims.

The FDA also embarked on multi stakeholder workshops and capacity building programs sponsored by AGA-Africa to mitigate and prevent Substandard and Falsified (SF) products from reaching consumers. Stakeholders include the Police Service, National Intelligence Bureau (NIB), Narcotics Control Commission, Pharmacy Council, Economic and Organised Crime Office (EOCO) among others. The programmes have enhanced cooperation and collaboration between the FDA and its stakeholders to fight to minimize the menace of SF medicinal products on the Ghanaian market.

Moving forward, in collaboration with AGA-Africa and other stakeholders, the Authority plans to focus on public education on the dangers of SF medical products.



### Ghana Police Service

The Ghana Police Service – whose vision is mission to deliver services in Crime Prevention Detection, Apprehension and Prosecution of offenders consistent with the expectations of Ghana stakeholders for Maximum Protection, Safe, Secure and Peaceful Communities – is a single cohesive unit, organized on national basis with a unified command under the leadership of the Inspector General of Police [IGP] who, subject to any direction/directives from the Police Council, is responsible for exercising general day-to-day supervision and control over the Administration and Operation of the Police Service. The Police Service, which has a very compact but flexible organization, aims at accomplishing the Service's mission at all times. Source: <https://police.gov.gh/en/index.php/about-gps/>

## Cybercrime Unit of the Criminal Investigation Department, Ghana Police Service

The Cybercrime Unit of the Criminal Investigation Department of the Ghana Police Service was established in the year 2015 to help investigate Cybercrime offences. The Cybercrime Unit as part of its core duties investigates cyber related crimes and conducts forensics investigations / examinations of exhibits as follows: Cybercrime Investigations, Digital Forensics (Computer and Mobile) and Cyber Intelligence.

A spokesperson from the Unit shared that the advent of the Covid-19 pandemic and its related issues posed a big challenge for the Cybercrime Unit and the Criminal Investigation Department particularly as they were unable to train personnel in person on evolving trends. The Unit therefore sought assistance from AGA-Africa to support with an online training. The relevant topics were listed and resource persons sought for the training to commence. The training lasted over a period of 4 days per session for 5 training periods. It was interesting to note that per the statistics for the past 5 years, the year 2020 recorded the highest number of arrested persons as compared to the years under review. "We are very grateful to AGA-Africa for the training opportunities which have made the Unit chalk such success. The Unit is appreciative of the training. It is our hope that we would further collaborate to nip criminal activities in the bud," said the spokesperson.

In 2021, the Unit expects to deepen the training to include Crime Scene Management of Digital Devices, Vehicle Forensics, Drone Forensics, Use of Social Media for Investigation, Internet Investigation, Cybercrime Investigation Technique and Roles of the First Respondents, amongst others.

## 2020 Events

### Theme: Prosecution of Regulatory Crimes Workshop, Accra, Ghana

Date(s): 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020

Stakeholder(s) Food and Drugs Authority - Ghana (FDA) and Ghana Police Service

AGA-Africa in collaboration with the Food and Drugs Authority, (FDA) Ghana held a 3-day workshop on Prosecution of Regulatory Crimes from 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2020 in Accra, Ghana. The workshop brought together security agents from the Ghana Police Service: Drug Law Enforcement Unit, Regional Headquarters CID and Ports Offices & Interpol, the Judiciary, Prosecutors from the AG's Office and the staff of the FDA.

The workshop was aimed at building capacity of the investigators and prosecutors on the Prosecution of Regulatory Crimes and creating awareness among the participants on the menace of such crimes on public health in Ghana. The workshop was officially opened by **Delese Mimi Darko**, Chief Executive Officer of the Food and Drugs Authority of Ghana and **Maame Hagan**, AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for Ghana.

**Delese Mimi Darko** noted that when health and life are at stake, no specious argument should prevent the speedy punishment of those unscrupulous men and women who are willing to endanger the health of unsuspecting consumers for the sake of gain.

"We are of the firm belief that a speedy trial coupled with imposition of penalties as prescribed by our law would act as a deterrent to these persons and serve as a notice to persons that will desire to endanger the lives of Ghanaians," said Delese.



Delese Mimi Darko, Chief Executive Officer, Food and Drugs Authority Ghana

**Maame Hagan**, AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for Ghana noted that in order to ensure effective law enforcement and prosecutions in Ghana, it has become necessary to organize trainings, particularly for officers of the Food and Drugs Authority in the legal and market surveillance departments, Security Agencies, Prosecutors from the AG's Office, and the Judiciary in Ghana.



Maame Hagan, AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for Ghana



Cynthia Dapaah-Ntow, Head of the Legal Unit, Food and Drugs Authority, Ghana

AGA-Africa Facilitators were **Brian Donnelly**, Director of the North America Region, Global Security, Pfizer Inc. in New York, **Cynthia Dapaah-Ntow**, Head of the Legal Unit, Food and Drugs Authority, **Bernard Henebeng Asamoah**, Programme Coordinator, UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).



Brian Donnelly, Director of the North America Region, Global Security, Pfizer Inc. in New York, New York



A cross-section of workshop participants



Delese Mimi Darko, Chief Executive Officer, Food and Drugs Authority Ghana (Centre) with AGA-Africa's facilitators Brian Donnelly and Bernard Henebeng Asamoah



Bernard Henebeng Asamoah, Programme Coordinator, UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) Ghana

**Cynthia Dapaah-Ntow**, Head of the Legal Unit, Food and Drugs Authority, Ghana brought the event to a close. In her remarks, she reiterated FDA's commitment to fulfill the mandate as prescribed in Section 80 of the Public Health ACT. She emphasized that it is the desire of the FDA that everyone collaborates to get rid of unfit products in the market.

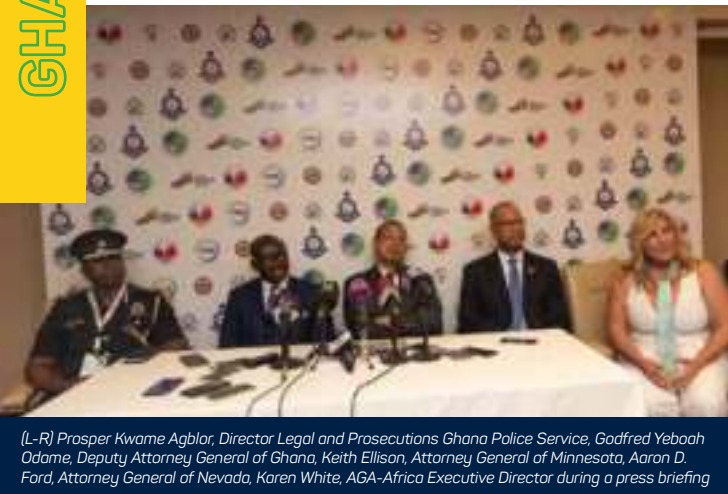
## Theme: The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual AGA-Africa Conference on Transnational Crimes, Accra, Ghana

Date (s): 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Stakeholder(s) Food and Drugs Authority - Ghana (FDA) and Ghana Police Service

The AGA-Africa in collaboration with the Food and Drugs Authority - Ghana (FDA) and the Ghana Police Service held a 2- day conference themed 'Tackling the Reality of Transnational Crimes in Africa - Cross Border Solutions and International Cooperation' on 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 in Accra, Ghana.

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(L-R) Prosper Kwame Agblor, Director Legal and Prosecutions Ghana Police Service, Godfred Yeboah Odame, Deputy Attorney General of Ghana, Keith Ellison, Attorney General of Minnesota, Aaron D. Ford, Attorney General of Nevada, Karen White, AGA-Africa Executive Director during a press briefing

The conference brought together **six** US Attorneys General: **Aaron Ford**, Attorney General of Nevada, **Denise George**, Attorney General of Virgin Islands, **Keith Ellison**, Attorney General of Minnesota, **Karl Racine**, Attorney General for the District of Columbia, **Kwame Raoul**, Attorney General of Illinois and **Letitia James**, Attorney General of New York, African Attorneys General, AGA-Africa stakeholders in Africa and the United States, AGA-Africa Country Coordinators, subject matter experts, and representatives from the African justice, law and order sector, diplomatic corps and NGOs. The conference was moderated by Communication Strategist and Global Moderator **Nozipho Mbanjwa**.



A cross-section of the Transnational Crimes Conference participants



Entertainment session during the opening ceremony of the Transnational Crimes Conference

In her opening remarks **Karen White**, Executive Director, AGA-Africa, emphasized that the conference was a unique opportunity for AGA-Africa to share the vision of vibrant international collaborations contributing to the prevention of transnational crimes, the protection of its victims, and the effective prosecution of those who commit and profit from such crimes. She also highlighted that the conference would enhance everyone's capacity to learn from past transnational crimes and atrocities to ensure that such injustices are not carried into the future. "As AGA-Africa, we look forward to fostering and leveraging collaborations between the delegates from the U.S and Africa to address cross-border crimes and strengthen the rule of law in Africa."



Karen White, Executive Director, AGA-Africa

His Lordship **Nene A.O. Amegatcher**, Justice of the Supreme Court of Ghana, in his keynote address on behalf of His Lordship Justice **Kwasi Anin-Yeboah**, Chief Justice of the Republic of Ghana noted that the introduction of e-technology into the trial process has eased prosecution of transnational crime cases in Ghana with access to audio files and videos footage.



His Lordship Nene A.O. Amegatcher, Justice of the Supreme Court of Ghana

**Godfred Yeboah Odame**, Deputy Attorney-General, Ghana expressed his gratitude to AGA-Africa for its collaboration with the Ministry of Justice since 2017 that has enabled profound reforms in the justice and law sector in Ghana. He acknowledged that Ghana is making substantial steps in the fight against transnational crimes in Africa noting that contemporary transnational criminals in Africa have taken advantage of globalization to exploit new technologies for the purpose of committing various transnational crimes.



Godfred Yeboah Odame, Deputy Attorney-General, Ghana

**Prosper Kwame Agblor**, Director Legal and Prosecutions of the Ghana Police Service on behalf of the Inspector General of Police (IGP), expressed his gratitude to AGA-Africa for its continued collaboration with the Ghana Police Service in the fight against transnational crimes. He noted that under the Anti-Human Trafficking Unit, the Ghana Police Service conducted over 550 investigations into suspected human trafficking cases between 2015-2018 adding that they are also improving the capacity of the cybercrime unit to confront and neutralize cyber criminal activities.

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Prosper Kwame Agblor, Director Legal and Prosecutions of the Ghana Police Service

In his call to action **Markus Green**, AGA-Africa Board Member, implored the conference participants to do more to extend justice to victims of transnational crimes like human trafficking and other transnational crimes all over the globe. He also encouraged the participants to collaborate and spread the word about the work of AGA-Africa in Africa.

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Markus Green, AGA-Africa Board Member

**Mohammed Dargar**, Researcher – Institute for Security Studies (ISS) facilitated an insightful and data driven presentation on Transnational Crime - The African Reality and a Global Perspective, examining countries where organized crimes are concentrated.

“To improve responses to organized crimes in Africa, we need to build knowledge on such crimes, enhancing the prosecution of such crimes and the judicial capacity, prevent and reverse corruption and criminal activity as well as provide sustainable economic alternatives to such crimes.”



Mohammed Dargar, Researcher, Institute for Security Studies (ISS)

**Vigil Prah-Ashun**, Head of the Drugs Marketing Surveillance Department, FDA led a session on *‘The Menace of Counterfeit Food and Drugs in Africa’* delving into The African reality. He spoke about the factors that encourage trade in substandard/ falsified products in Africa which include the Trade Liberalization Policy – no limit to the number of brands or dealers, cross-border trade/smuggling, consignments for personal use, existence of illicit market for medicines breaching supply chain among others.



Vigil Prah-Ashun, Head of the Drugs Marketing Surveillance Department, FDA

**Bright Simons**, President and Founder, mpedigree discussed *‘The Menace of Counterfeit Food and Drugs in Africa’* exploring solutions of such crimes for the future. He noted that in 2007, mpedigree developed a solution to help consumers fight counterfeit drugs using a unique ID sent to a toll free number. He explained that this solution enabled consumers to learn more on originality of drugs, track their production and get to know whether they are legit or not.



Bright Simons-President and Founder, mpedigree

**Tuinese Amuzu**, Key Expert on Rule of Law for the Accountability, Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption (ARAP) spoke on Human Trafficking and Modern-Day Slavery-Realities and Solutions for the Future. He emphasized that the inadequate data about the trafficking in persons and the routes used greatly hinder the development of appropriate responses to this vice.



Tuinese Amuzu, Key Expert on Rule of Law for the Accountability, Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption (ARAP)

In a panel discussion led by **Karl Racine**, Attorney General for the District of Columbia, **Kwame Raoul**, Attorney General of Illinois, **Letitia James**, Attorney General of New York and **Denise George**, Attorney General of Virgin Islands the panelists examined *A reflection on Human Trafficking/Modern-day*

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*Slavery*, highlighting international cooperation approaches to combat the problem. The panelists also explored the 1525-1826 slavery in Africa noting that while the slavery was abolished in the mid-nineteenth century, the scars from this long period of enslavement, trafficking and forced labour have not healed, and hinder the growth and development of modern democracy to this day.



(L-R) Karl A. Racine, District of Columbia Attorney General, Kwame Raoul, Illinois Attorney General, Letitia A. James, New York Attorney General, Denise N. George, Attorney General of the Virgin Islands and Nozipho Mbanjwa, Conference Moderator during a panel discussion



Karl A. Racine, Attorney General for the District of Columbia



Letitia A. James, Attorney General of New York giving her closing remarks on behalf of the Black Caucus of Attorneys General

**Markus Green**, AGA-Africa Board Member discussed 'AGA-Africa and the Fight against Transnational Crimes in Africa' taking a futuristic look into the changing trends of cross-border crime in Africa and the role AGA-Africa and its African stakeholders have to play. He noted that the Africa Centre for Strategic Studies has reported that human trafficking is a US\$13.1 billion annual enterprise in Africa. "More focus must be put on the victims and the survivors of trafficking in persons to make an impact in their lives noting that abuse and love cannot coexist."



Markus Green, AGA-Africa Board Member

**Aleszea Blanche Germann**, a human trafficking activist, facilitated a thought-provoking session on 'The Face of Transnational Crimes' sharing seven lessons she learnt as an advocate against human trafficking and other cross-border crimes. Aleszea gave a personal reflection on how she experienced trafficking in person from a close person. She noted that human trafficking is an under-publicized, all too present reality in contemporary America, adding that it is not a problem exclusive to distant nations or distant minorities as it occurs to a wide range of young people in the US right under their noses from runaways, immigrants, children from underprivileged families, foster care homes and just unlucky ones that happened to be at the wrong place at the wrong time.



Aleszea Blanche Germann, Human Trafficking Activist

**Dorcas A. Oduor**, Principal Deputy to the Director of Public Prosecutions – Kenya delivered a presentation on 'The Challenges faced in Countering Corruption in Africa - Turning Intelligence into Evidence'. She noted that corruption is a blight to the economy in Africa as it is felt in many areas of governance through abuse of power. She emphasized that because of the nature of corruption, intelligence-led investigation and prosecution has become a popular tool in the fight against this crime.



Dorcas A. Oduor, Principal Deputy to the Director of Public Prosecutions, Kenya

**Chief Anthony Idigbe**, Senior Partner at Punuka Attorneys & Solicitors discussed '*Critical Questions on Cross-border and Interagency Cooperation - Managing and Prosecuting Transnational Crime*' delving into the extradition process and how inter-agency collaboration can help in timely prosecutions of cross-border crimes. He also discussed the factors that impede the effectiveness of the extradition process which include Attorney General's discretion if more than one country makes requests for fugitives to be extradited for different crimes, among others.



Chief Anthony Idigbe, Senior Partner at Punuka Attorneys & Solicitors, Keith Ellison, Attorney General of Minnesota, Aaron Ford, Attorney General of Nevada

**Dr. Gustav Yankson**, Director Cybercrime Unit of the Ghana Police Service, delivered a presentation on '*Illicit Financial flows, Cybersecurity, Wildlife trafficking and the Future of Crime*' delving into Africa's Digital Statistics, Cybercrime Trends, the Illicit Financial Flow and the Cybersecurity menace in Africa. He noted that cyber threats are constantly evolving, getting smarter and more sophisticated as cybersecurity becomes more a complex and multi-faceted issue.



Gustav Yankson, Director Cybercrime Unit of the Ghana Police Service

In a panel discussion comprising **Chief Anthony Idigbe**, Senior Partner at Punuka Attorneys & Solicitors, **Keith Ellison**, Attorney General of Minnesota and **Aaron Ford**, Attorney General of Nevada, the panelists reviewed questions on emerging issues on '*Critical Questions on Cross-border and Interagency Cooperation - Managing and Prosecuting Transnational Crime*'.

The panelists gave reviews on the questions raised from Chief Anthony's presentation, including lack of knowledge in terms of local prosecutors, lack of legal frameworks in Africa, fugitives' right to question as well as the tension between prosecution and protection while focusing on the legal systems in their respective states.

In a panel discussion, **Ozwald Boateng**, British Fashion Designer, and **Kojo Annan**, Chairman and Co-founder of Made in Africa (MIA) fielded questions on 'Talent trafficking in Africa.' The panelist examined narratives on African history, recounting their stories about African leadership and the influence key persons in their lives have had in making them the people they are today. They noted that Africans need to inculcate integrity in every single aspect of their lives as it becomes the bedrock of everything that we engage in.



Nozipho Mbanjwa, Conference Moderator with Kojo Annan Chairman and Co-founder of Made in Africa (MIA) and Ozwald Boateng, Fashion Designer

**Markus Green**, AGA-Africa Board Member, **John Edozie**, AGA-Africa International Advisor and **Kim Robinson**, AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for South Africa were in a panel discussion on the subject '*The 'AGA-Africa Way'. Global Cooperation, Cross-border Solutions*.' The panelists examined the importance of global cooperation in the fight against transnational crime highlighting some of the successes registered through partnerships between AGA-Africa and African stakeholders. They highlighted the need to increase global cooperation in the fight against transnational crimes and suggested cross-border solutions that would provide jobs for the youth.



Markus Green, AGA-Africa Board Member, John Edozie, AGA-Africa International Advisor and Kim Robinson, AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for South Africa

**Anthony Forson Jr.**, President of the Ghana Bar Association, moderated a session dubbed '*Side-line Interaction with the New Generation Legal Practitioners*'. He gave young student lawyers an opportunity to interact with the visiting Attorneys General, advising them on the importance of working with integrity in their areas of focus.

## Welcome Cocktail hosted by Ghana Tourism Authority (GTA)

The conference guests were treated to a welcome cocktail hosted by the Ghana Tourism Authority (GTA) on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020 at the Kempinski

Hotel Gold Coast City Accra, Ghana. The Attorneys General and invited guests were warmly welcomed to Ghana and briefed on what to expect during the week.



(L-R) Kwame Raoul, Attorney General of Illinois, Letitia James the Attorney General of New York, Karl A. Racine the Attorney General of the District of Columbia, Keith Ellison, Attorney General of Minnesota, Aaron D. Ford, Attorney General of Nevada, Denise N. George the Attorney General of Virgin Islands during the welcome cocktail in Ghana



Karl A. Racine, Attorney General for the District of Columbia speaking during the welcome reception cocktail

Kwame Raoul, AG of Illinois at the welcome reception cocktail

## American Chamber of Commerce hosts Welcome Reception

At the end of the first day of the conference, American Chamber of Commerce (AMCHAM) hosted a welcome reception at the Labadi Beach Hotel in Accra, Ghana. The guests enjoyed an excellent opportunity to network with the US Ambassador to Ghana and members of the American Chamber of Commerce Ghana, while sharing and exchanging ideas.

## Courtesy call to Parliament House

The Attorneys General and the AGA-Africa Team paid a courtesy call to Parliament House, Ghana where they met with **Prof. Aaron Mike Oquaye**, Speaker of the Parliament of Ghana and the Majority Leader **Hon. Osei Kyei Mensah Bonsu**.

Thereafter they visited the Office of the Attorney General of Ghana where they met with **Godfred Dame**, the Deputy Attorney General of Ghana and **Yvonne Attakorah Obuobisa**, Director for Public Prosecution (DPP) Ghana and the Solicitor General, **Helen Ziwu**. A city tour was also organized for the visiting Attorneys General.



A group photo of the six members of the Black Caucus of Attorneys General from the US together with AGA-Africa team, Fulata Lillian Shawa-Siyunji, DPP Zambia, Dorcas Agik Owuor, Deputy DPP-Kenya, Kwaku Ampratwum-Sarpang, Member of Parliament for Mampong Constituency, Osei Kyei-Mensah Bonsu, MP for Suame Constituency, Majority Leader and Minister for Parliamentary affairs with Prof. Aaron Mike Oquaye, Speaker of the Parliament of Ghana



(L-R) Karl A. Racine, Attorney General of the District of Columbia, Stephanie S. Sullivan, U.S. Ambassador to Ghana, Denise N. George, Attorney General of Virgin Islands, Letitia James, Attorney General of New York, Akwasi Awua Ababio, CEO of Ghana Tourism Authority, Aaron D. Ford, Attorney General of Nevada, Keith Ellison, Attorney General of Minnesota and Kwame Raoul the Attorney General of Illinois and Karen White, AGA-Africa Executive Director during the city tour

A group photo of the six members of the Black Caucus of Attorneys General from the US and the DPPs of Kenya and Zambia together with the Deputy Attorney General Ghana and the AGA-Africa team at the Office of the Attorney General of Ghana

## Ghana's 63<sup>rd</sup> Independence Day Parade and Festivities

On the 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020, the 6 Attorneys General from the US and the AGA-Africa Team attended Ghana's 63<sup>rd</sup> Independence Day Parade and Festivities at Baba Yara Sports Stadium in Kumasi. This year's celebration was under the theme: "Consolidating Our Gains" and was attended by **His Excellency Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-**

**Addo**, President of the Republic of Ghana, and **His Excellency Keith Rowley**, Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago. The Attorneys General had the opportunity to meet with His Excellency Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo during the luncheon after the Independence Day parade.

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A group photo of the six members of the Black Caucus of Attorneys General from the US, the AGA-Africa team with Otumfuo Nana Osei Tutu II, Asantehene of the Asante Kingdom, the six US Attorneys General and the AGA-Africa team outside Otumfuo Osei Tutu II's palace in Kumasi



Karen White, AGA Africa Executive Director waving the Ghanaian flag during independence day celebration



A group photo of the six members of the Black Caucus of Attorneys General from the US, the AGA-Africa team with Otumfuo Nana Osei Tutu II, Asantehene of the Asante Kingdom

The delegates were later granted audience by **Otumfuo Nana Osei Tutu II**, King of the Asante Kingdom.

## Visit to Cape Coast

The Attorneys General and AGA Team visited the Cape Coast, one of the oldest castles along the coast of Ghana where the Slave Trade was organized from on the 7<sup>th</sup> March 2020. The Heritage Tour gave the Attorneys General an excellent opportunity to

experience the beauty, historical monuments, great Ghanaian cultural heritage and hospitality, and learn more about the history of the Slave Trade in Ghana.

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A group photo of six US Attorneys General and the AGA-Africa Team as they punch in the air in solidarity during their heritage tour at Cape Coast Castle, Ghana



A group photo of the six members of the Black Caucus of Attorneys General from the US together with the AGA-Africa team at the Door of Return at the Elmina Castle



L-R) Letitia James, Attorney General of New York, Kwame Raoul, Attorney General of Illinois, Denise N. George, Attorney General of Virgin Islands, Karl A. Racine, Attorney General of the District of Columbia, Keith Ellison, Attorney General of Minnesota, Aaron D. Ford, Attorney General of Nevada at the Elmina Castle

## Theme: Virtual Workshop on Cryptocurrency

Date (s): 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> July 2020 and 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Stakeholder(s): Attorney General's Office (Ghana) and the Ghana Police Service

In collaboration with the Attorney General's Office (Ghana) and the Ghana Police, AGA-Africa held a Virtual Workshop on Cryptocurrency on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> July 2020; and on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> July 2020 respectively.

The first workshop (23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> July 2020) was graced by **Yvonne Atakora Obuobisa**, Director of Public Prosecutions, Ghana and **Maame Hagan**, AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for Ghana. During the opening ceremony, **Yvonne Atakora Obuobisa** noted that Cryptocurrency is a topical and timely issue in the wake of Covid-19. "In Ghana, cryptocurrency is unregulated, enabling a free field of unsecure operations, exploited by criminals, disadvantaging the economy," she said.

AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for Ghana **Maame Hagan** noted that the use of cryptocurrency is growing in the new Covid-19 society underscoring the need to be vigilant.



Maame Hagan, AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for Ghana

The workshop speakers were: **Dr. Herbert Gustav Yankson**, Director Cybercrime Unit of the Ghana Police and **John Bridge**, Director of Financial Crimes Technology at Trust Stamp.



John Bridge, Director of Financial Crimes Technology at Trust Stamp



Yvonne Atakora Obuobisa, Director of Public Prosecutions

In closing, Maame lauded Ghana's DPP, Yvonne Atakora Obuobisa for participating fully in the sessions as she appreciated participants for their time and enthusiasm.

The second workshop was graced by AGA-Africa's Board Member **Markus Green** and **Dr. Herbert Gustav Yankson**, Director Cybercrime Unit of the Ghana Police, Ghana.

In his remarks **Markus Green** highlighted the reality that that cryptocurrency is an important issue as he underscored the fact that the criminals have not stopped.



Markus Green, AGA-Africa Board Member

**Dr. Herbert Gustav Yankson** acknowledged that the topic was important and timely as many officers are not familiar with cryptocurrency.

Gracing the panel for the two events were **Dr. Herbert Gustav Yankson**, Director Cybercrime Unit of the Ghana Police, Ghana and **John Bridge**, Director of Financial Crimes Technology at Trust Stamp.



Dr. Herbert Gustav Yankson, Director Cybercrime Unit of the Ghana Police

In closing, **Maame Hagan**, AGA-Africa Country Coordinator expressed gratitude to everyone for their time and to presenters for their insightful presentations.

## Theme: Gender-Based Violence Workshop

Date (s): 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020, 9<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> November 2020, 16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020

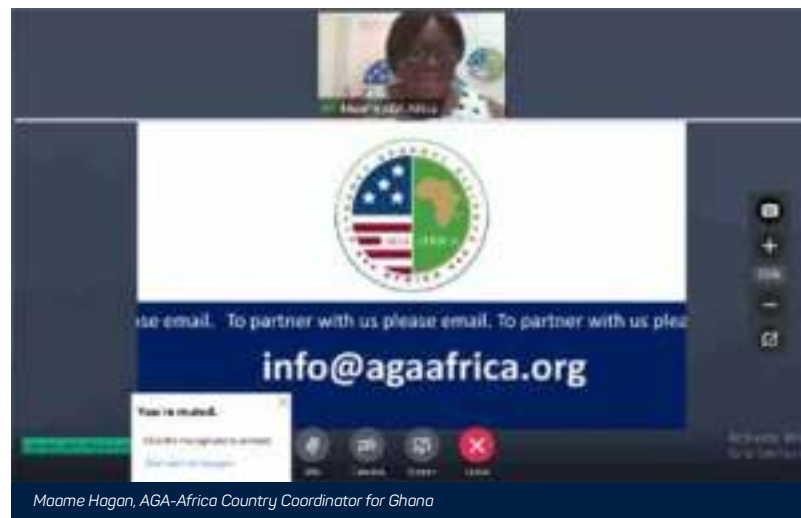
Stakeholder: The Ghana Police Service



AGA-Africa in collaboration with the Ghana Police Service held a series of Gender-Based Violence virtual workshops for police officers from different parts of Ghana to enhance their awareness on standards and strategies to improve the investigation and prosecution of gender-based cases in Ghana.

The first workshop on 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020 was graced by Maame Hagan, AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for Ghana.

She paid special recognition to James Oppong-Boanuh, Inspector General of Police, Ken Yeboah, Commissioner of Police and Dr. Gustav Herbert Yankson

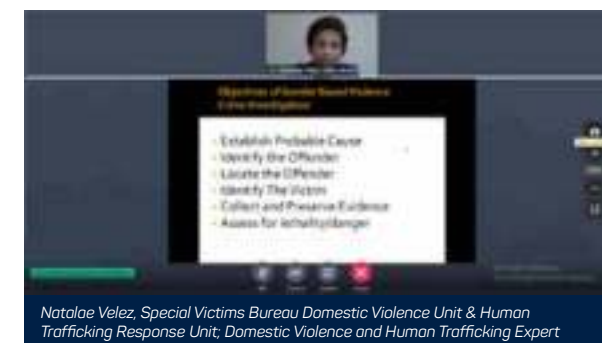
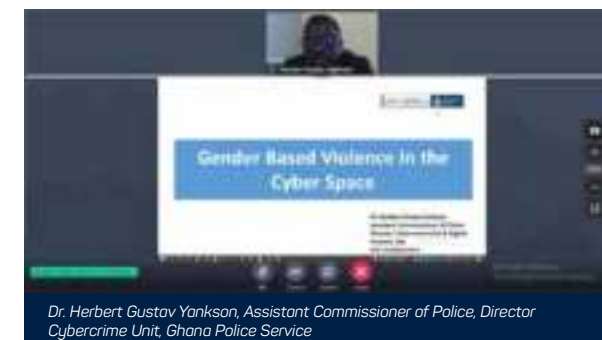
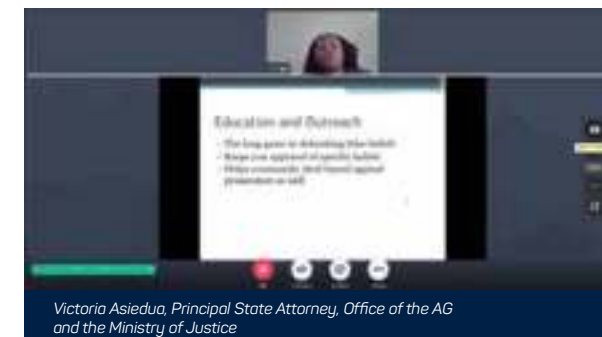
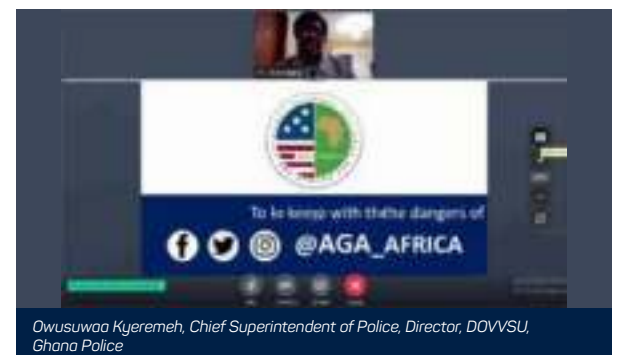


Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) for their continued support in the AGA-Africa objectives.

The facilitators for this training were **Lt. Mark Wynn (ret)**, Owner/Operator Wynn Consulting,

**Natalae Velez**, Special Victims Bureau Domestic Violence Unit & Human Trafficking Response Unit; Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking Expert and **Miiko Anderson**, Certified Legal Criminal Specialist and Senior Deputy District Attorney for Fresno County, District Attorney's Office from the US.

Subject matter experts from Ghana the facilitators were **Edna Kuma**, Executive Director African Women Lawyers Association (AWLA), **Victoria Asiedua**, Principal State Attorney Office of the AG and the Ministry of Justice and **Dr. Herbert Gustav Yankson**, Assistant Commissioner of Police, Director Cybercrime Unit, Ghana Police Service.





In the second instalment held on 9<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> November 2020, **Owusuwaa Kyeremeh**, Chief Superintendent of Police, Director, DOVVSU, Ghana Police Service and **Susan Lustig**, AGA-Africa Administrative Director workshop was officially opened the workshop

**Owusuwaa Kyeremeh** began by expressing delight about the upcoming training and partnership with AGA-Africa. She noted that the event has drawn 30 participants from across Ghana. She added that the training is unique because it has

brought subject matter experts from Ghana, across Africa and as far as the US whom she thanked immensely.



In her remarks, **Susan Lustig** thanked the Ghana Police Service for their continued support in the AGA-Africa objectives of training law enforcement officers in the investigation and prosecution of transnational criminal activities and for making this workshop possible.



The subject matter experts were as in the first one with **Lydia Muthiani**, Human Rights Lawyer, Regional Coordinator for the Eastern Africa Child Rights Network from Kenya and **Sylvester Asare**, Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) Ghana Police Service joining the team. The two additional speakers in this second workshop brought new insights.

The workshop was officially brought to a close by **Owusuwaa Kyeremeh**, Chief Superintendent of Police, Director, DOVVSU, Ghana Police Service and **Maame Hagan**, AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for Ghana.

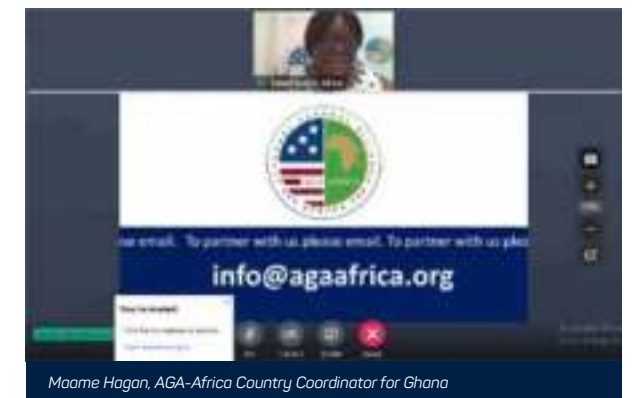


The third and final installment was officially opened by **Markus Green**, AGA-Africa Board Member and **Owusuwaa Kyeremeh**, Chief Superintendent of Police, Director, DOVVSU, Ghana Police Service and **Maame Hagan**, AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for Ghana.

In his remarks **Markus Green** extended a glimmer of hope with regard to the pandemic. "We are very proud of the work we have done in terms of working on a vaccine, reporting potentially 90-95% effectiveness," he said. He called Gender-Based Violence as a subject near and dear to his heart as it, alongside human trafficking as it "cuts to the very fabric of who we are as a society."



Madam **Owusuwaa Kyeremeh** began by bringing greetings from the police administration, James Oppong-Boanuh Inspector General of Police and Commissioner of Police (COP) Ken Yeboah and chief superintendent of Police as she expressed delight that a Covid vaccine has been found noting that the virus has made the work of the investigators difficult. She thanked AGA-Africa for this useful collaboration and as it helps the officers in the line of duty. She looked forward to even more partnerships in the near future.



The third and final workshop was officially brought to a close by Owusuwaa Kyeremeh, Chief Superintendent of Police, Director, DOVVSU, Ghana Police Service and Maame Hagan, AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for Ghana.

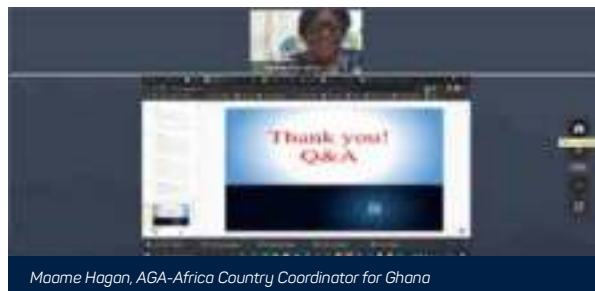
## Theme: Digital Forensics and Evidence Virtual Workshop

Date (s): 23<sup>rd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020 and 14<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Stakeholder: Criminal Investigation Department and Cybercrime Unit, Ghana Police Service

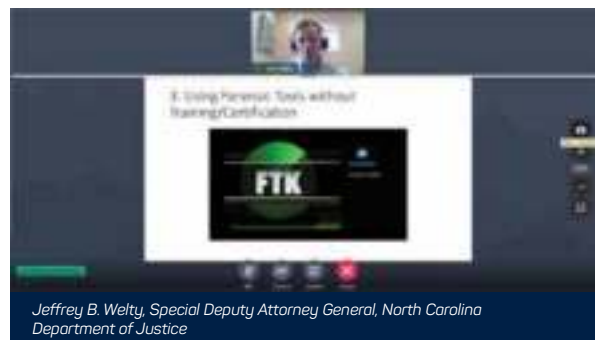
AGA-Africa in conjunction with the Criminal Investigation Department and Cybercrime Unit, Ghana Police Service organized two 4-day Digital Forensics and Evidence Virtual Workshop from the 23<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020 and 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020. The workshops brought together investigators from all over Ghana who are involved in cybercrime investigations from the CID and Cybercrime Units.

The trainings were officially opened by **Maame Hagan**, AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for Ghana. **Maame Hagan** noted that the increased use of cyberspace and technology has brought challenges to administration of justice. These crimes know no boundaries and as technology evolves, so does the complexity of the crimes, posing a challenge to those in the pursuit of justice.



Maame Hagan, AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for Ghana

Participating in the first workshop was AGA Facilitator **Jeffrey B. Welty**, Special Deputy Attorney General, North Carolina Department of Justice from the US. Regionally, the workshop benefited from the expertise of seasoned legal expert **Stephen Kiptinness**, Senior Partner, Technology & Intellectual Property and talented Cyber Security professional **Alex Osunga** who works at iLabAfrica from Kenya and **Dr. Herbert Gustav Yankson**, Assistant Commissioner of Police, Director Cybercrime Unit, Ghana Police Service.



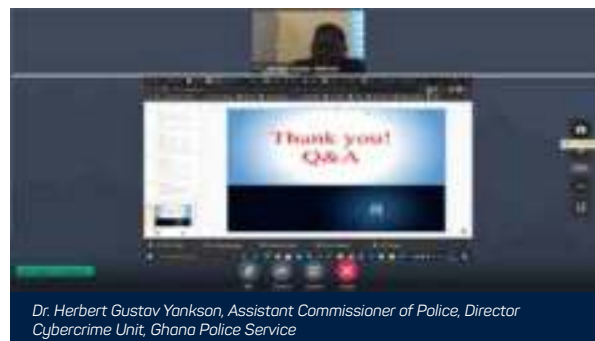
Jeffrey B. Welty, Special Deputy Attorney General, North Carolina Department of Justice



Stephen Kiptinness, Senior Partner, Technology & Intellectual Property



Alex Osunga, Cyber security Practitioner, iLabAfrica, Kenya

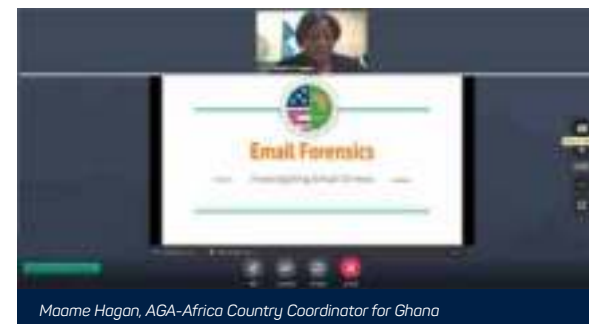


Dr. Herbert Gustav Yankson, Assistant Commissioner of Police, Director Cybercrime Unit, Ghana Police Service

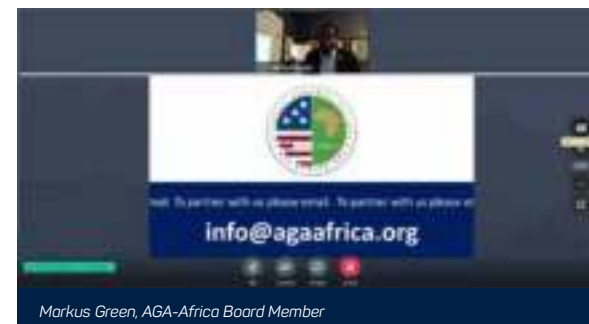
AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for Ghana, **Maame Hagan** brought the illuminating 4-day workshop to a close.



The second workshop took place on 14<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020. It was officially opened by AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for Ghana **Maame Hagan** and AGA-Africa's **Markus Green** who both reiterated the importance of the discussion at hand.



Maame Hagan, AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for Ghana



Markus Green, AGA-Africa Board Member

Participating in the second workshop was **Stefan Englbrecht**, Lead Investigator, Verizon VTRAC Team, Cyber Security professional **Alex Osunga** who works at iLabAfrica from Kenya and **Dr. Herbert Gustav Yankson**, Assistant Commissioner of Police, Director Cybercrime Unit, Ghana Police Service.



Alex Osunga, Cyber security Practitioner, iLabAfrica, Kenya



Dr. Herbert Gustav Yankson, Assistant Commissioner of Police, Director Cybercrime Unit, Ghana Police Service



Stefan Englbrecht, Lead Investigator, Verizon VTRAC Team, Cyber Security professional

AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for Ghana, **Maame Hagan** brought the eye-opening 4-day workshop to a close.

# KENYA

## Overview

Kenya is an East African country renowned for its rich wildlife and scenic landscape. Occupying an area of 580,367 km<sup>2</sup>, it is home to over 51 million people. Kenya's capital, Nairobi, is a regional hub for commerce and technological innovation.

## Events in Kenya at a glance

### *Theme: Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence Virtual Workshop*

Date (s): 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Stakeholder: Judiciary Training Institute (JTI)

### *Theme: Financial Crime Virtual Workshop*

Date (s): 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> June 2020; 17<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> June 2020 and 24<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Stakeholder: Prosecutors Training Institute (PTI) in the Office of the Director of Public Prosecution (ODPP)

### *Theme: Human Trafficking and Electronic Evidence Virtual Workshop*

Date(s): 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020 and 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Stakeholder: Judiciary Training Institute (JTI)

### *Theme: Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence Virtual Workshop*

Date (s): 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Stakeholder: Judiciary Training Institute (JTI)

### *Theme: Gender-Based Violence Webinar*

Date: 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Stakeholder: Prosecutors Training Institute (PTI) in the Office of the Director of Public Prosecution (ODPP)

## Word from the Country Coordinator



Chuks Unamba-Oparah, AGA-Africa Programme Director, Strategic Advisor, and Country Coordinator for Kenya

### Covid-19

Kenya confirmed its first case of Covid-19 on 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 and the cases have continued to gradually rise and spread across the country. The government issued various containment measures to curb the spread of the disease.

The containment measures meant that AGA-Africa could no longer hold in-class training in Kenya. AGA-Africa leveraged technology to ensure that the trainings went on despite Covid-19 travel restrictions. Kenya was the first AGA-Africa member country to hold a virtual workshop.

### Virtual Workshops

In collaboration with the Judiciary Training Institute

(JTI), AGA-Africa rolled out its first virtual training workshop on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> May 2020 on Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence in Kenya for Court of Appeal judges, to a resounding success. The workshop was officially opened by Justice **David Maraga**, Chief Justice and President of the Supreme Court of Kenya. AGA-Africa has since has two workshops on Human Trafficking and Electronic Evidence for magistrates that took place on 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020 and 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

AGA-Africa in collaboration with the Judiciary Training Institute (JTI) also organized two workshops on Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence for High Court Judges from Kenya on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020 and 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> October 2030. Three High Court judges from Zambia joined the first workshop

with two Kenyan Supreme Court Judges, **Justice Njoki Ndung'u** and **Justice Isaac Lenaola**, attending the workshops.

AGA-Africa has since trained 40 Magistrates on Human Trafficking, 2 Supreme Court Judges, and 34 High Court Judges from Kenya, as well as 3 High Court judges from Zambia on Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence and 15 Court of Appeal judges. AGA-Africa is also set to jointly train additional 40 Magistrates on Human Trafficking in February 2021.

### MoU Signing

AGA-Africa has had robust engagements with the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions this year including the Prosecutors Mentorship Programme in collaboration with the office of Attorney General

District of Columbia in January 2020. We also deepened our collaboration with the Office of the Director of Public Prosecution (ODPP) by the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on the 28<sup>th</sup> May 2020. This resulted in 150 prosecutors receiving training on various aspects of Financial Crime in June and July 2020 in partnership with the Prosecutors Training Institute (PTI). The series of workshops was officially opened by the **Director of Public Prosecutions, Noordin Haji**.

In total there have been 10 virtual workshops in Kenya, with topics ranging from Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence, Financial Crime to Human Trafficking and Electronic Evidence and one Webinar on Gender-Based Violence.

## AGA-Africa 2020 Stakeholders

- Training Institute (JTI)
- Prosecutors Training Institute (PTI) in the Office of the Director of Public Prosecution (ODPP)

### Stakeholder Profiles



**The Judiciary Training Institute (JTI)**

The Judiciary Training Institute (JTI) was established in 2008 to provide judicial education for judges and magistrates. Since then, it has grown into a formidable institution in the Judiciary. Under the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, the Judicial Service Commission is responsible for preparing and implementing programmes for continuing education and training for judges and other judicial officers.



**The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP), Kenya**

The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) is the National Prosecuting Authority in Kenya which has been mandated by the Constitution to prosecute all criminal cases in the country. ODPP's mission is to provide an impartial, effective and efficient prosecution service to all Kenyans.

## 2020 Events

### Theme: Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence Virtual Workshop

**Date (s): 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

### Stakeholder: Judiciary Training Institute (JTI)

AGA-Africa in collaboration with the Judiciary Training Institute (JTI) held the very first virtual workshop. The two-day workshop on Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence was held on the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2020.

The workshop brought together 14 Court of Appeal judges from across Kenya 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.

The opening remarks were delivered by **Hon. Justice David Maraga**, Chief Justice of the Republic of Kenya, **Justice William Ouko**, President of the Court of Appeal, **Justice Kathurima M'Inoti**, Director, Judiciary Training Institute (JTI) and **Markus Green**, AGA-Africa Board Member.

**Hon. Justice David Maraga**, Chief Justice of the Republic of Kenya underscored the importance of training and capacity building of law enforcers especially during this period when Kenya and the entire world are facing the Covid-19 pandemic. He expressed gratitude to AGA-Africa for the consistent partnership.

He called on the judiciary to seize the moment to achieve the technological transformation they have always yearned for. "Covid-19 exposed our gaps in leveraging technology. Our ICT directorate has taken up the challenge and we'll begin to see major changes in how we operate. This is a chance to do what we have wanted to do for a long time."



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

**Justice William Ouko**, President of the Court of Appeal in his opening remarks noted that this was the first virtual training in the Court of Appeal and the first one in the history of the Judiciary. "We made history as the first ones to conduct virtually with participants across the globe."



*Hon. Justice William Ouko, President of the Court of Appeal (Photo credits: Judiciary)*

**Justice Kathurima M'Inoti**, Director, Judiciary Training Institute (JTI) expressed gratitude to AGA-Africa for being a consistent and reliable partner in supporting the Judiciary Training Institute.



*Justice Kathurima M'Inoti, Director, Judiciary Training Institute (JTI)*

**Markus Green**, AGA-Africa Board Member, in his remarks, pointed out that communications and transactions across the globe has become largely electronic due to the Coronavirus pandemic as a tremendous amount of work is done remotely. He reminded participants that as a result of this, the criminals are on the prowl as he emphasized that security in these cyberspaces has become paramount.



*Markus Green, AGA-Africa Board Member*

The participants benefited from presentations from **Hon. Sean Wallace**, Judge of the Circuit Court for the 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit of Maryland and **Jessica M. Schutzman**, Director, Financial & Cyber Investigations Ulster County District Attorney's Office from the US.

Facilitators from Kenya were **Alexander Muteti**, Senior Assistant Director, ODPP, **Stephen Kiptinness**, Senior Partner, Technology and Intellectual Property Practice, **Dr. Isaac Rutenberg**, Senior Lecturer and Director of Centre for Intellectual Property and Information Technology Law (CIPIT), **Dr. Mark Matunga**, President and CEO of Africa Centre for Advanced Technology (ACAT) and **Dr. Bright Gameli Mawudor**, Cyber Security Expert at Internet Solutions Kenya and founder of the Cyber Security collective Africa hackon.



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Stephen Kiptinness, Senior Partner, Technology and Intellectual Property Practice



Jessica M. Schutzman, Director, Financial & Cyber Investigations Ulster County District Attorney's Office



In flagging off the first in a series of virtual workshops, the Director of Public Prosecution **Noordin Haji** affirmed ODPP's commitment to continuous learning and professional development of staff for effective discharge of their duties.

"Training is aimed at capacitating ODPP prosecutors to appreciate and implement measures designed to regulate criminal activity and potential financial crisis," he said.

He thanked AGA-Africa for organizing and ensuring it comes to a reality underscoring the importance of the ability to prosecute financial crime.

The workshop drew local regional and international subject matters who shared their wealth of knowledge, experience and expertise with the participants. They were: **Jessica M. Schutzman**, Director, Financial and Cyber Investigations, Ulster County District's Attorney's Office, **Xavier Cunningham**, Assistant United States Attorney, **David Mattan**, Senior Asset Recovery Specialist at Basel Institute on Governance and **Atuweni Juwayeyi-Agbermodji**, Anti-Money Laundering & Anti-Corruption Compliance Expert and Consultant (former director of Financial Intelligence Unit, Malawi), **Chris Macadam**, Head of the Priority Litigation Unit, South Africa's Prosecuting Authority, who joined participants from a different time zones.

### Theme: Financial Crime Virtual Workshop

Date (s): 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> June 2020; 17<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> June 2020 and 24<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Stakeholder: Prosecutors Training Institute (PTI) in the Office of the Director of Public Prosecution (ODPP)

In partnership with the Prosecutors Training Institute (PTI) in the Office of the Director of Public Prosecution (ODPP), AGA-Africa organized a Financial Crime Virtual Workshop which took place throughout the month of June i.e. 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> June, 17<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> June and 24<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> June 2020). 150 junior, mid-level and senior officers participated in the workshop.



Jessica Mila Schutzman, Assistant District Attorney of New York County District



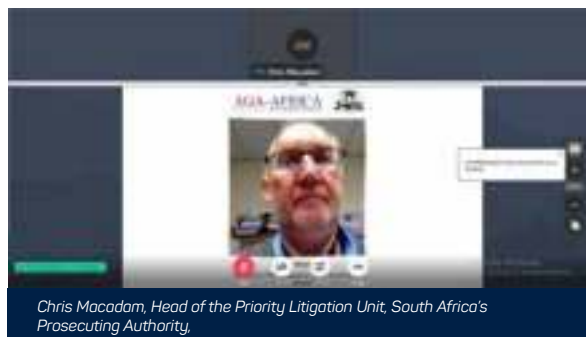
Xavier Cunningham, Assistant United States Attorney at U.S. Department of Justice



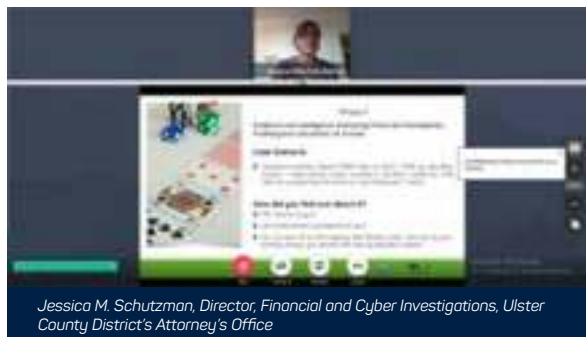
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Mercy Buku, AML/CFT Legal and Risk Management Consultant in the Banking and Digital Financial Services Sector



Alexander Muteti, Senior Assistant Director, ODPP

From Kenya, the facilitators were **Mercy Buku**, AML/CFT Legal and Risk Management Consultant in the Banking and Digital Financial Services Sector, **Stephen Kiptinness**, Senior Partner, Technology and Intellectual Property Practice, **Dr. Bright Mawudor**, Head of Cyber Security Services, internet solutions, **James Manyonge**, Company/Corporation Secretary, and Head of Legal, Compliance and External Relations at the Financial Reporting Centre (FRC) and **Alexander Muteti**, Senior Assistant Director, ODPP.

In closing, **Rodah Ogoma**, Director, Prosecutors Training Institute, conveyed the Director's appreciation to the facilitators and also to AGA-Africa for making all the trainings a success. **Markus Green**, AGA-Africa Board Member, noted that Kenya is one of the best partners and it shows true commitment to the rule of law.

The second and third instalments of the workshops enumerated above took place on 17th -19th June and 24th -26th June 2020. Altogether, 150 junior, mid-level and senior officers participated in the workshop.

### Theme: Human Trafficking and Electronic Evidence Virtual Workshop

Date(s): 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020 and 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020

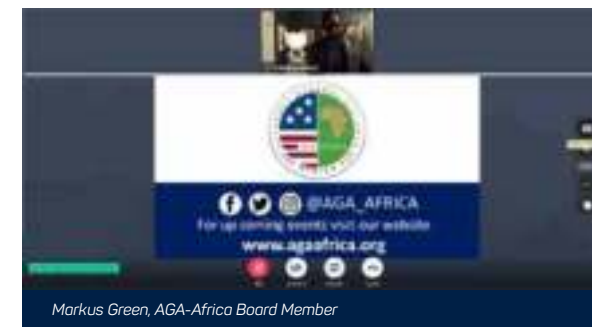
Stakeholder: Judiciary Training Institute (JTI)



AGA-Africa in collaboration with the Judiciary Training Institute organised 2 two-day virtual workshop on 'Human trafficking and Electronic Evidence' on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020 and 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020. The events were aimed at building the capacity of magistrates on the intricacies of investigations and prosecution of Human Trafficking cases as well as promoting an appreciation of the social context of law, and promoting the pursuit of juristic excellence in the area of human trafficking.

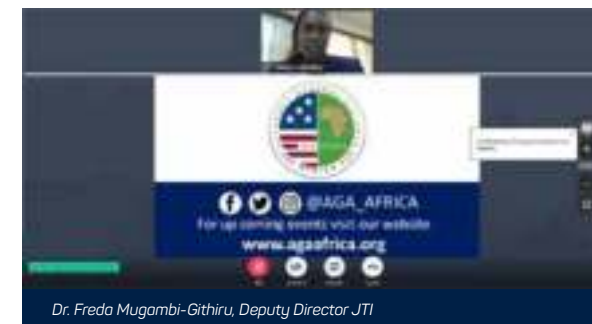
The event was kicked off by **Markus Green**, AGA-Africa Board Member and **Dr. Freda Mugambi-Githiru**, Deputy Director JTI.

In his remarks **Markus Green** noted that human trafficking was one of the greatest tragedies of our time. He gave a special recognition to the Hon. Chief Justice David Maraga for his visionary leadership and termed him a pillar of strength. He also especially thanked Hon. Justice Kathurima M'Inoti, the Director of the Judiciary Training Institute of Kenya and Dr. Freda Mugambi, the Deputy Director Judicial Education and Curriculum Development, Judiciary Training Institute, for their collaboration and supporting AGA-Africa objectives. He also thanked Catherine Mburu for her role in putting this Magistrates' workshop together.



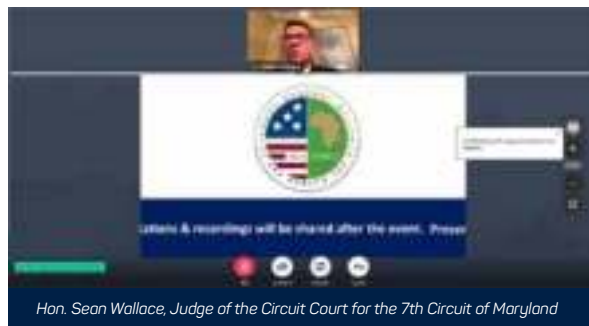
Markus Green, AGA-Africa Board Member

**Dr. Freda Mugambi-Githiru** brought greetings from Hon. Justice Kathurima M'Inoti, the Director of the Judiciary Training Institute of Kenya who had been called in on another assignment. She expressed gratitude for the good and longstanding partner AGA-Africa, for the capacity building and training going on despite the Covid-19 pandemic. She termed the session as special as it was the first virtual training for Magistrates.



Dr. Freda Mugambi-Githiru, Deputy Director JTI

Facilitating the sessions were **Judge Sean Wallace**, Judge of the Circuit Court for the 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit of Maryland, **Raffaella Belizaire**, Human Trafficking Response Unit, NY and **Justin McNabney**, Deputy Chief, Human Trafficking Response Unit from the US. From Kenya, the facilitators were **Ruth Juliet N. Gachanja**, Anti-Human Trafficking Consultant, Lecture, Kabarak University and Advocate of the High Court of Kenya, **Evelyn Mboya and David Gitau** from the Anti-Human Trafficking & Child Protection Unit (AHTCPU) in the National Police Service (Kenya), **Stephen Kiptinness**, Senior Partner, Technology and Intellectual Property Practice, **Sophie Otiende**, HAART Kenya/ Human Trafficking Survivor and **Jacqueline Njagi**, Prosecutor, ODPP, Kenya.



Hon. Sean Wallace, Judge of the Circuit Court for the 7th Circuit of Maryland



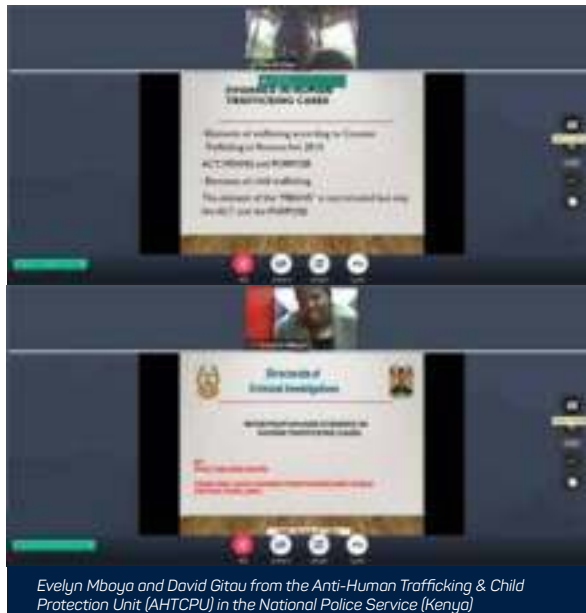
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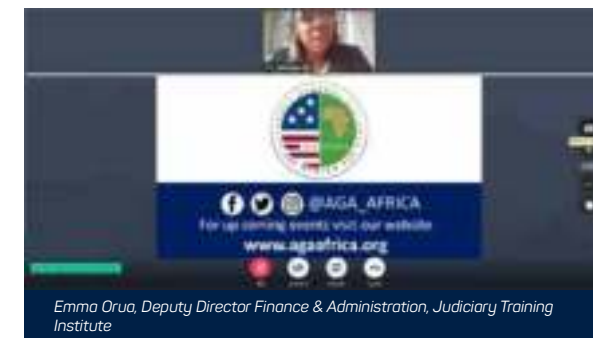
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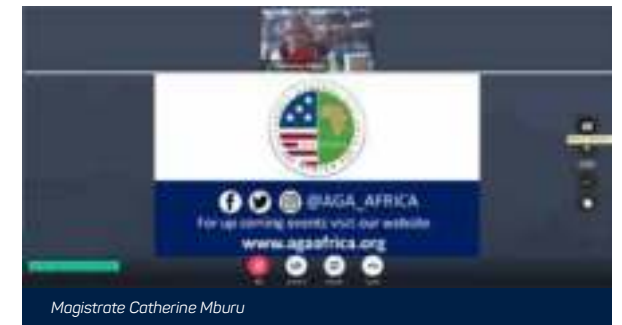
The event was concluded by **Magistrate Catherine Mburu**, **Emma Orua**, the Deputy Director Finance & Administration at the Judiciary Training Institute and **Chuks Unamba-Oparah**, AGA-Africa Programme Director and Strategic Advisor.

**Emma Orua** termed the training as a wonderful opportunity to learn. "At JTI, we are keen on making sure we can train Judicial Officers on areas that add value to their work," she said adding that they will continue partnering with everybody, regionally and internationally in the justice sector for improvement and capacity building.



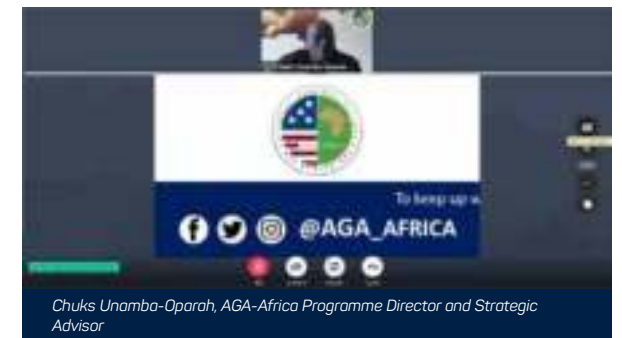
Emma Orua, Deputy Director Finance & Administration, Judiciary Training Institute

**Magistrate Catherine Mburu** appreciated all the facilitators and confirmed participants will receive certificates. She thanked Lillian Mwaniki and the entire AGA-Africa team at the secretariat for helping put the training together.



Magistrate Catherine Mburu

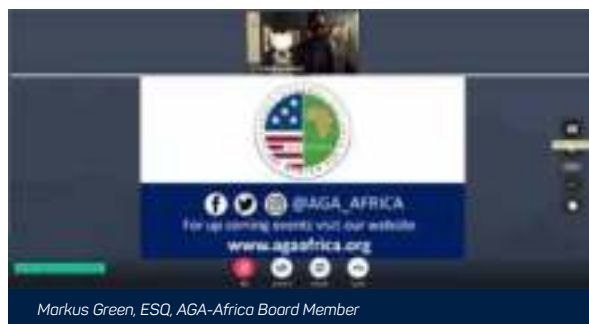
**Chuks Unamba-Oparah**, AGA-Africa Programme Director reiterated AGA-Africa's commitment to work with the Judiciary, Prosecutors and Investigators and other actors in stemming transnational crime.



Chuks Unamba-Oparah, AGA-Africa Programme Director and Strategic Advisor

The second workshop took place on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020. The event was opened with keynote addresses by **Markus Green**, AGA-Africa Board Member, and **Hon. Justice Kathurima M'Inoti**, the Director of the Judiciary Training Institute, Kenya.

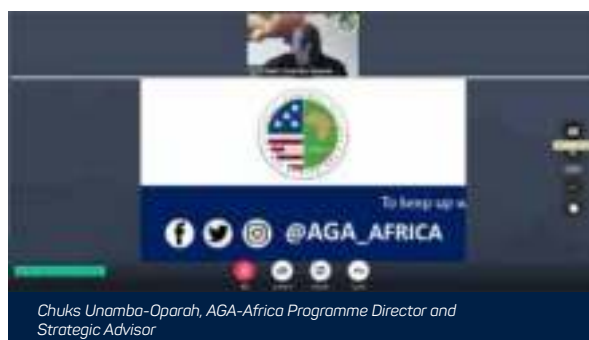
**Markus Green** gave a tribute to one of the most preeminent Supreme Court justices – Ruth Bader Ginsburg who had passed away. He also appreciated the partnership with Kenya and particularly with the Judiciary, underscoring the importance of collaboration in making sure we continue fighting transnational crime.



**Hon. Justice Kathurima M'Inoti** brought greetings and best wishes from the Hon the Chief Justice, David Maraga, who was not able to join the workshop due to other urgent business. He urged participants to commit ourselves to technology as a mode of delivering on our mandate, including training and continuing education not only during the Covid-19 seasons, but even long after despite the few challenges.



The second event was concluded by **Hon. Catherine Mburu** from the Judiciary who appreciated all the facilitators and termed the discussions as fruitful and engaging discussions and with closing remarks from **Chuks Unamba-Oparah**, AGA-Africa Programme Director.



## Theme: Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence Virtual Workshop

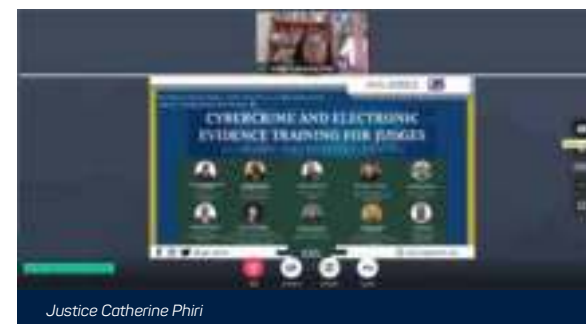
Date(s): 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020 and Date(s): 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Stakeholder: Judiciary Training Institute (JTI)



AGA-Africa in conjunction with the Judiciary Training Institute (JTI) organized a 2-day Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence Virtual Workshop on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> October and on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020, respectively.

Participants included Supreme Court Judges of Kenya: **Justice Njoki Ndung'u** and **Justice Isaac Lenaola**, 34 High Court Judges from Kenya, as well as 3 High Court judges from Zambia. During this training, the judges covered the tools and techniques aimed at helping them understand computer investigations using ground breaking digital forensics technologies.

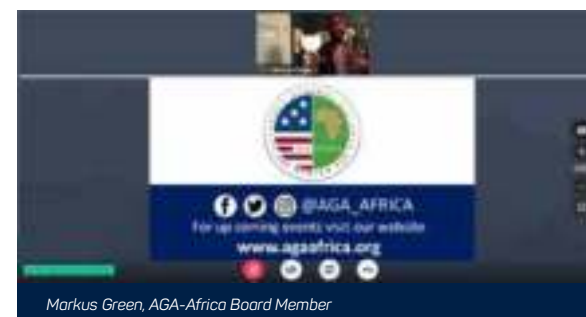


The opening remarks for the 1<sup>st</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020 training were delivered by **Dr. Freda Mugambi-Githiru**, Deputy Director JTI, with keynote addresses from **Hon. Justice Kathurima M'Inoti**, the Director of the Judiciary Training Institute, Kenya and **Markus Green**, AGA-Africa Board Member.

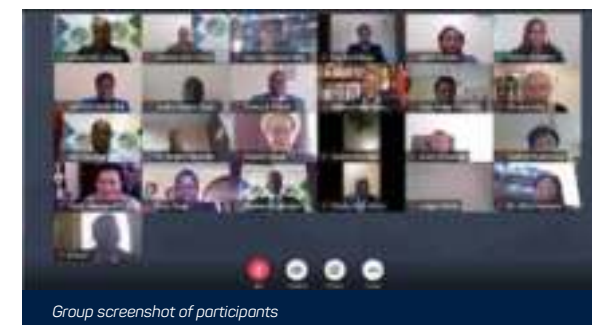
In her remarks **Dr. Freda Mugambi-Githiru** warmly welcomed participants on board. She noted that AGA-Africa had been a longstanding partner and looked forward to yet another enlightening two days of learning.



**Markus Green** AGA-Africa Board Member expressed gratitude for the many training opportunities in the judiciary.

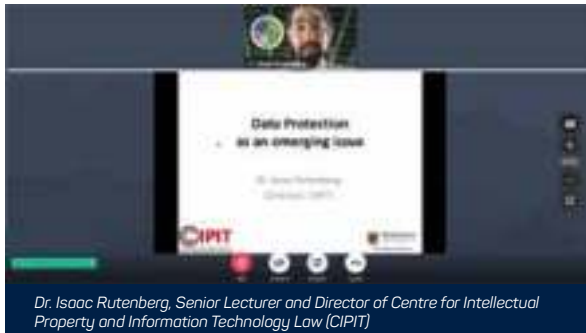


**Hon. Justice Kathurima M'Inoti** brought greetings and best wishes from the Hon the Chief Justice, David Maraga, who was not able to join the workshop due to other urgent business. He recognized the presence of three Zambian High Court judges in the workshop and warmly welcomed them to the training. He further thanked participants quickly embracing technology and for refusing to be held at ransom by Covid-19 restrictions.



International subject matter experts gracing the two workshops were **Judge Sean Wallace**, Judge of the Circuit Court for the 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit of Maryland; **Stephan Engbrecht**, Lead investigator, Verizon Threat Research Advisory Centre and **Daniel Pietragallo**, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Colorado Attorney General's Office.

The two trainings benefited from the expertise of regional subject matter experts **Stephen Kiptinness**, Senior Partner, Technology and Intellectual Property Practice; **Alexander Muteti**, Senior Assistant Director, ODPP; **Dr. Isaac Rutenberg**, Senior Lecturer and Director of (Centre for Intellectual Property and Information Technology Law (CIPIT), **Dr. Bright Mawudor**, Head of Cyber Security Services, internet solutions and **Alex M Osunga**, Cyber security Practitioner, iLabAfrica, Kenya.



Dr. Isaac Rutenberg, Senior Lecturer and Director of Centre for Intellectual Property and Information Technology Law (CIPT)



Alexander Muteti, Senior Assistant Director, ODPP



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



Alex Osunga, Cyber security Practitioner, iLabAfrica



Stephen Kiptinness, Senior Partner, Technology and Intellectual Property Practice

The closing remarks were delivered on behalf of AGA-Africa by **Dr. Freda Mwamba Brazle**, Managing Partner, Innovatus Zambia and AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for Zambia and bringing the workshop to a close was High Court Judge **Justice A. Mbogholi**.

In closing, **Dr. Freda Mwamba Brazle**, AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for Zambia noted that the session was the first of its kind. With 1 Supreme Court judge, 14 high court judges from Kenya and 3 High Court judges from Zambia. She acknowledged that the world is changing in its technological advances underscoring the timeliness and relevance of the workshop.



Dr. Freda Mwamba Brazle, AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for Zambia

**Justice A. Mbogholi** noted that with the tools they have been provided they will be able to surmount any challenges that were up ahead. He looked forward to more training and thanked JTI and AGA-Africa for ensuring the training was a success.



Group screenshot of participants



The second workshop took place on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020 training was officially opened by AGA-Africa's Administrative Director **Susan Lustig**, with a keynote address from **Hon. Justice Kathurima M'Inoti**, the Director of the Judiciary Training Institute, Kenya.

In her opening, **Susan Lustig** expressed gratitude for the miracle of technology which has helped overcome the restrictions occasioned by Covid-19.

**Hon. Justice Kathurima M'Inoti** brought greetings from the Hon the Chief Justice, David Maraga, who was not able to join the workshop due to other urgent business. He recognized the presence of Supreme Court judge Justice Njoki Ndung'u in the workshop as he warmly welcomed everyone to the training.



Hon. Justice Kathurima M'Inoti, Director, Judiciary Training Institute, Kenya

AGA-Africa Board Member **Markus Green** delivered the closing remarks for the second workshop marking the end of AGA-Africa and JTI joint events for the year.



Markus Green, ESQ, AGA-Africa Board Member

## Theme: Gender-Based Violence Webinar

Date: 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Stakeholder: Prosecutors Training Institute (PTI) in the Office of the Director of Public Prosecution (ODPP)



In collaboration with the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) Kenya, AGA-Africa organized a 'Gender-Based Violence' webinar on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020. The webinar brought together prosecutors from Kenya.

The training was officially opened by **Markus Green** Esq. AGA-Africa Board Member and **Rodah Ogoma**, Director, Prosecutors Training Institute (PTI) on behalf of **Noordin Haji**, the Director ODPP.



Dr. Ngcimezile Mbano-Mweso, Law Lecturer and Gender Activist, University of Malawi, Chancellor College

**Markus Green** noted that besides being AGA-Africa Board Member he also serves as Assistant General Counsel for Pfizer Pharmaceuticals. He acknowledged that Pfizer is on the precipice of getting a vaccine approval in the UK. He gave a special recognition to Kenya and thanked the Director of Public Prosecutions of Kenya, Noordin Haji for his tremendous support to AGA-Africa activities.



Making his remarks is Markus Green, second from right

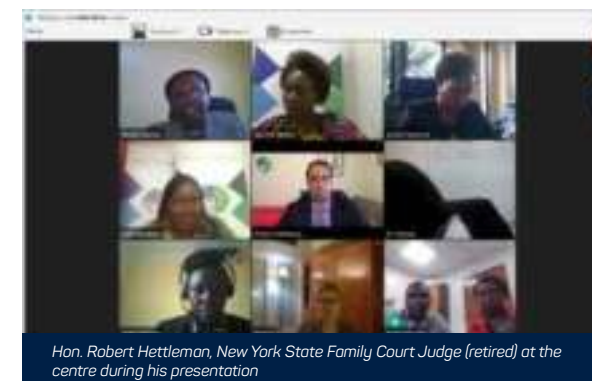
**Rodah Ogoma**, on behalf of **Noordin Haji**, conveyed his apologies and assured the participants that they have his blessing to go on, further wishing them fruitful engagements, calling on them to seize the opportunity to learn and enhance their knowledge as regards respect to the rule of law in dealing with matters GBV as they enhance their capability in dealing with victims of sexual and Gender-Based Violence.



Screen shot of webinar speakers during the opening ceremony



Rodah Ogoma, Director, Prosecutors Training Institute, making her remarks



Hon. Robert Hettelman, New York State Family Court Judge (retired) at the centre during his presentation

The distinguished panel comprised **Hon. Robert Hettelman**, New York State Family Court Judge (retired) and **Karen Sciarrotta**, Prosecutor, Maricopa County Attorney's Office, Phoenix, Arizona from the USA. Regional panelists were **Dr. Ngcimezile Mbano-Mweso**, Law Lecturer and Gender Activist, University of Malawi, Chancellor College and **Janet Liabunya**, Human/Child Rights Lawyer from Malawi, as **Jacinta Nyabokey Nyamosi**, Director, Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Division, ODPP; **Mueni Mutisya**, Head of Anti-Human Trafficking and Child Protection Unit (AHTCPU), Kenya; **Jacqueline Mutere**, Founder & Director Grace Agenda, and **Lydia Muthiani**, Human Rights Lawyer, held the fort for Kenya. The webinar was ably moderated by Human Rights Lawyer, **Lydia Muthiani**.



Part of Jacinta Nyaboke Nyamasi presentation



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Dr. Ngcimezile Mbano-Mweso, Law Lecturer and Gender Activist, University of Malawi, Chancellor College, during her presentation



Second from right, Hon. Robert Hettleman, New York State Family Court Judge (retired) during his second presentation



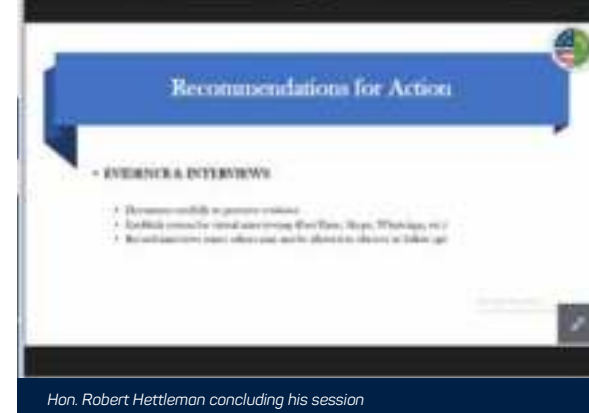
Screenshot of part of the presentation by Mueni Mutisya, Head of Anti-Human Trafficking and Child Protection Unit (AHTCPU), Kenya



Mueni Mutisya during her presentation



Hon. Robert Hettleman concluding his session



Part of Jacinta Nyaboke Nyamasi presentation



Karen Sciarratta, Prosecutor, Maricopa County Attorney's Office, Phoenix, Arizona, with a US perspective



Hon. Robert Hettelman



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AGA-Africa Administrative Director **Susan Lustig** brought the insightful webinar to a close.



### Other Events

#### MoU Signing with the Office of the Director of Public Prosecution (ODPP)

AGA-Africa also deepened their collaboration with the **Office of the Director of Public Prosecution (ODPP) – Kenya** with the signing a Memoranda of Agreements (MoUs) on the 28<sup>th</sup> May 2020. This resulted in 150 prosecutors receiving training on various aspects of **Financial Crime** between June and July 2020. This will further help in bolstering collaboration between the two organizations in the fight against transnational crime.

# MALAWI

## Overview

A landlocked country located in the south east of Africa, Malawi sits on an area of 118, 484 km<sup>2</sup>. The country, whose capital is Blantyre, hosts a population of over 18 million people. A predominantly agricultural nation, Malawi is said to have the friendliest people in Africa.

## Events in Malawi at a glance

**Theme:** *Human Trafficking and Wildlife Trafficking*

**Event:** *The 2020 Malawi Law Society Annual Conference, Mangochi, Malawi*

Date (s): 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2020

Stakeholder: Malawi Law Society (MLS)

**Theme:** *Cryptocurrency Virtual Training Workshop*

Date (s): 29<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020 and 6<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> of August 2020

Stakeholder: Financial Intelligence Authority (FIA) Malawi

**Theme:** *Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence*

Date (s): 30<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020

Stakeholder: Malawi Law Society

**Theme:** *Anti-Wildlife Trafficking Workshop*

Date (s): 20<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup> October, 2020

Stakeholder(s): Department of National Parks and Wildlife and Wildlife Investigators Training Alliance (WITA)

**Theme:** *Virtual Workshop on New Perspectives on Regulating Corruption & Money Laundering Enforcement Mechanism & the Law - Commercial Law Clinic*

Dates(s): 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Stakeholder: University of Malawi

# Word from the Country Coordinator



Gift Caroline Chikwakwa, Malawi Country Coordinator

## Impact of Covid-19

The Covid-19 pandemic, as challenging as it has been to the world, has forced the world to embrace change. In 2020, we learnt to adapt to a new way of living and working. The pandemic disrupted AGA's methods of delivery and challenged us to adapt so we could continue doing business. This has made us think outside the box in some instances, especially in places where internet connectivity was a challenge.

It needed us to engage stakeholders differently and sell new methods of delivering training. Covid-19 has forced us to innovate, be creative and at times find solutions on the go.

## Highlights of the Year

The greatest highlight for me was that Malawi had to adjust to the impact of Covid-19 in a year of its greatest political change. This meant engaging a good number of stakeholders afresh while changing the methods of delivering training. We had to quickly overcome the challenges of a sub-Saharan country so we could present the workshops semi-virtually, have the facilitators present virtually while the participants were in one location and at times in a remote area. This was so we could overcome the challenge of access to laptops and the internet as data is fairly expensive. One such case was the two-day Anti-Wildlife Trafficking workshops that took place in the Liwonde National Park that included actual exercises to be demonstrated virtually by

the facilitators for the participants to emulate in the classroom.

2020 also saw AGA-Africa become a solution provider to a good number of stakeholders whose business had been disrupted by Covid-19. We were in the forefront of introducing virtual training platforms so that their capacity building needs were still met while the world had gone into lockdown.

## Areas of Focus in 2021

AGA-Africa has been in Malawi just over three years and has now begun to establish itself as a notable

partner of choice to the various stakeholders it has worked with so far. With that as the stepping board, 2021 is poised to be an exciting year with more meaningful collaborations with both existing and new stakeholders.

2021 will see AGA-Africa become an established brand name in combating transnational criminal activity and enhancing the rule of law in Malawi.

## AGA-Africa 2020 Stakeholders

- Department of National Parks and Wildlife (DNPW)
- Wildlife Training Alliance (WITA)
- Malawi Law Society (MLS)
- University of Malawi

### Stakeholder Views



#### Department of National Parks and Wildlife (DNPW) – Malawi

One of AGA-Africa's long standing partners, the Department of National Parks and Wildlife is involved in the management of wildlife i.e. the protection of the 11 protected areas, both inside and outside these protected areas in Malawi. AGA-Africa has collaborated with DNPW since 2018. We spoke to **Brighton Kalembe Kumchedwa**, Director of the Department of National Parks and Wildlife, whose role is providing oversight in the operations of different departments in different protected areas. He noted that although Malawi did not go into full



Brighton Kalembe Kumchedwa, Director of the Department of National Parks and Wildlife

lockdown, they were asked to reduce operations and work from home. "That indeed had a major impact. With wildlife protected areas it is very difficult to work from home. Poachers took advantage," he said. The containment measures also affected the livelihoods of communities, pushing them into illegal utilization of wildlife resources. Tourism operations completely nose-dived because with lock down, no one was travelling.

He expressed gratitude for the partnership with AGA-Africa. "We've been able to do quite a lot from the support we have received from AGA-Africa, for example, capacity building in combating illegal wildlife trade, poaching, there has been in-kind contribution, for example in uniform, equipment, and that also in itself is a morale booster for the staff of our department apart from acquiring skills." He added that AGA-Africa is part of the transformation that the department is going through explaining that Malawi was coming from an era where there has been massive plunder of wildlife resources.

"When we Covid-19 struck it was like a blackout, until a different way of communicating came in the form of virtual meetings. We are also very grateful that indeed despite Covid-19, AGA-Africa was still able to impart additional skills to the department," he said.

The Department of National Parks and Wildlife's focus for 2021 is getting to the kingpins. He added "It would not do us any harm to get more skills, in terms of investigations, because although the criminals seem to have gone down, they might be regrouping and have discovered the techniques and are probably using new techniques," he said.



#### MALAWI LAW SOCIETY

Malawi Law Society (MLS) is established by a statute and its two major objectives are to regulate the legal profession and to set up rules within the framework within which the legal frameworks operate. The other major role is to assist in matters of public interest. MLS has partnered with AGA-Africa since 2019.



President of the Malawi Law Society, Burton Muhango

We spoke to MLS president, Burton Muhango, who noted that MLS takes up its role in rule of law issues and human rights. "AGA-Africa has been assisting us on the aspect of public interest duty to assist in matters of public interest, rule of law, issues like human trafficking, cryptocurrency, international crimes, prevention and awareness and training to promote regulation of the profession and the integrity of lawyers in Malawi and to promote the rule of law, public interest advisory," he said.

He pointed out that due to Covid-19, the court system had been operated at a very low scale in 2020, impacting access to justice significantly. He pointed out that MLS's first virtual meeting was organized by AGA-Africa at the end of July 2020 and it was on Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence. "Before that we didn't know how the online space works. That webinar gave us a breakthrough, since then we have been able to conduct some meetings and attend international conferences," he said. He added that MLS partnered with AGA-Africa to enable their lawyers to access training on issues of transnational crime. "We were helped to understand how transnational crime works and how lawyers can help take part in preventing it," he said.

He concluded by expressing optimism about the future. "In 2021, we are excited to solidify our relationship with AGA-Africa. We had three great AGMs under the auspices of AGA-Africa. Our standards have been upped and we cannot afford to lower them."



#### University of Malawi Faculty of Law



Dr. Sunduzwayo Madise, Dean of Faculty of Law, University of Malawi University of Malawi Faculty of Law

University of Malawi was the first public college university to be established in Malawi and it is in most parts of the country. The Faculty of Law is the only faculty in the whole university and is the only law school in Malawi that is accredited and authorized to offer legal education.

We spoke to Dr. Sunduzwayo Madise, Dean of Faculty of Law, University of Malawi, whose role as dean is to look after the faculty. "I am dean in my twilight days. My term as dean ends on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020," he said.

He described the impact of Covid-19 as "hell". It caught Malawi in the middle of a political fight. "Covid hit us hard. It delayed our calendar by about 6 months."

He explained that the webinar organized in conjunction with AGA-Africa helped because it was accessed across the country, across the world and some of their students attended. "What AGA-Africa does is what we want to be doing. Maybe we needed that kind of partnership so that it can push us to realize that we can do this," he said, referring to virtual workshops. He found it very beneficial that AGA-Africa was able to bring people who are hands on. "These are people who the Faculty of Law would normally not be able to get in touch with."

He noted that Malawi is sometimes used as a conduit for transnational crime and there is need to strengthen their laws and the judicial system.

Going into 2021, Dr. Madise noted that the future looks bright on both sides. "It is bright for the money launderers because it's a global village now. You can easily move around. It is also bright for us in the law enforcement area as there is much more awareness, there is much more knowledge and there is also much more collaboration," he said as he underscored the importance for collaboration.

## 2020 Events

**Theme: Human Trafficking and Wildlife Trafficking**

**Event: The 2020 Malawi Law Society Annual Conference, Mangochi, Malawi**

**Date (s): 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2020**

**Stakeholder: Malawi Law Society (MLS)**

AGA-Africa facilitated sessions on Human Trafficking and Wildlife Trafficking at the 2020 Malawi Law Society (MLS) Annual conference themed "Contemporary Issues in Legal Practice" on 27<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 in Mangochi, Malawi. The conference brought together over 500 licensed MLS members who were divided into two streams in discussion of corporate and commercial law in the contemporary world and the contemporary legal issues in crime and Human Rights in Malawi.



Group photo of participants at the event

**Hon. Justice John Katsala**, Judge of the High Court (Commercial Division), in his remarks, noted that the legal practitioners do play a vital role in the administration of justice and preservation of the constitutional order in Malawi. They therefore need to be trained adequately in terms of professional conduct before they are released to appear in court to represent clients.



Hon. Justice John Katsala, Judge of the High Court (Commercial Division)

**Burton C. Mhango**, Chairperson of Malawi Law Society, remarked that the introduction of the new Legal Education and Practitioners Act is influencing the members to start complying.



Burton C. Mhango, Chairperson of Malawi Law Society

**Gift Chikwakwa**, AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for Malawi emphasized that global collaboration in fighting transnational crimes in Africa is crucial, as no country can do this on their own.



Gift Chikwakwa, AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for Malawi

AGA-Africa Facilitators were **Daria Andryushchenko**, Assistant District Attorney, Manhattan District Attorney's Office, **Shawn Karns**, Criminal Investigator & President, WITA and **Stephanie Durno Karns**, Wildlife Biologist & Project Coordinator, WITA.



Participants during the question and answer session



Shawn Karns, Criminal Investigator & President, WITA



A cross-section of the participants during the conference



Gift Chikwakwa, AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for Malawi, present a token of appreciation to the session moderator

## Theme: Cryptocurrency Virtual Training Workshop

Date (s): 29<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020 and 6<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Stakeholder (s): Financial Intelligence Authority (FIA) Malawi



In conjunction with the Financial Intelligence Authority of Malawi, AGA-Africa organized two separate two-day cryptocurrency virtual training workshops from 29<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020 and 6<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> of August 2020.

The first workshop was officially opened by AGA-Africa Board Member **Markus Green** and **Edwin Mutonga**, Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist on behalf of FIA's Acting Director, **Vincent Chipeta**. **Markus Green** expressed his appreciation for the partnership with Malawi during the challenging Covid times. He reiterated AGA-Africa's commitment to adapting the training online.



Markus Green, AGA-Africa Board Member

On behalf of FIA's Acting Director, **Vincent Chipeta**, **Edwin Mutonga** Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist, conveyed Malawi's gratitude to AGA-Africa for organizing the training. He noted that participants were drawn from Malawi Revenue Authority, Directorate of Public Prosecutions, Malawi Police Service, Reserve Bank of Malawi, Department of the Registra General, Malawi Gaming Board, Financial Intelligence Authority, National Intelligence Service and the Anti-Corruption Bureau.

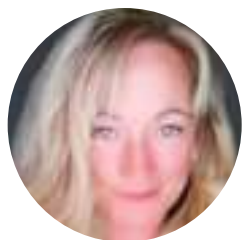
The subject matter experts who engaged participants in eye-opening discussion were US-based **Jessica M. Schutzman**, Director, Financial and Cyber Investigations, Ulster County District's Attorney's Office and **Dionna Bailey**, GoCoin Business Development Manager. From Malawi **Dr. Jean Phillipo-Priminta**, Chief State Advocate, Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Directorate of Public Prosecutions, **Atuwani Juwayeyi-Agbermodji**, Anti-Money Laundering & Anti-Corruption Compliance Expert and Consultant, **Andrew Umali** and **Chimango Nyasulu**, Law Students, Legal Researchers with **Gift Chikwakwa** as the Malawi Country Coordinator.



Jessica M. Schutzman, Assistant District Attorney of New York County District



Atuwani Juwayeyi-Agbermodji, Anti-Money Laundering & Anti-Corruption Compliance Expert and Consultant



Dionna Bailey, Business Development  
Manager for Go-Coin

In closing **Mcsyd Chalunda**, Chair of the Task force from Malawi Revenue Authority, thanked AGA-Africa and FIA for organizing the important workshop. He pointed out that many of the participants had little to no knowledge of cryptocurrency prior to the workshop.

The second workshop took place on 6<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> August 2020. The training was officially opened by **Vincent Chipeta**, Ag. Director, Financial Intelligence Authority (FIA), AGA-Africa Board Member **Markus Green**, and AGA-Africa's Country Coordinator for Malawi **Gift Caroline Chikwakwa**. On behalf of FIA's Director, **Vincent Chipeta** expressed gratitude for AGA-Africa's efforts especially for those in law enforcement as they are able to acquire knowledge.

In his opening remarks, **Markus Green** noted the importance of the subject of cryptocurrency especially in Covid times as he promised that the work of AGA-Africa continues to better understand the tools to fight transnational crime.

The event was brought to a close by FIA representative **Chikondi Lipato**. She expressed lots of gratitude to AGA-Africa for organizing such an illuminating conversation. She noted that cryptocurrency is a new phenomenon and the workshop will help navigate it with greater ease.

## Theme: Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence

Date (s): 30<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020

Stakeholder: Malawi Law Society

AGA-Africa in collaboration with the Malawi Law Society held a 2-day webinar on Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence from 30<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020. The webinar was aimed at enhancing knowledge and skills levels of members of the National Task Force in handling electronic evidence and to facilitate exchange of knowledge and experiences amongst a cross-section of authorities in dealing with cybercrime.

The webinar was graced by AGA-Africa's Board Member **Markus Green**, **Burton C. Mhango**, President of the Law Society of Malawi and AGA-Africa Country Coordinator **Gift Caroline Chikwakwa**.

**Markus Green** observed that the bad actors abuse the internet and cyberspace and have increased with Covid-19 as more organizations are conducting business online. He emphasized the need to be equipped with tools to figure out how to navigate safely.

Law Society's President **Burton C. Mhango** pointed out the positive coincidence that the topic was being discussed online as opposed to the face-to-face meetings they were accustomed to as he described how operations of Malawi Lawyers have been hampered by Covid-19.

The panelists were **Michael Hemberger** Intelligence Analyst, Wisconsin Department of Justice, USA, **David Maas**, Assistant Attorney General, State of Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Legal Services, USA, **Innocent Kalua**, Head of Legal and Compliance, Open Connect Limited and **Dr. Sunduzwayo Madise**, Dean of Faculty of Law, University of Malawi.

In closing the event, **Burton C. Mhango**, President of the Law Society of Malawi thanked the presenters

acknowledging that an online webinar is not easy. He termed the sessions as enlightening.



David Maas, Assistant Attorney General,  
State of Wisconsin Department of  
Justice, Division of Legal Services, USA



Michael Hemberger Intelligence  
Analyst, Wisconsin Department of  
Justice, USA

## Theme: Anti-Wildlife Trafficking Workshop

Date (s): 20<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup> October, 2020

Stakeholder(s): Department of National Parks and Wildlife and Wildlife Investigators Training Alliance (WITA)



Workshop attendees pose for a photo



A cross-section of workshop participants



AGA-Africa jointly organized two Anti-Wildlife Trafficking Workshops with the Department of National Parks and Wildlife and Wildlife Investigators Training Alliance (WITA) on 20<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup> October, 2020. The four-day training brought together park rangers and officers in the Lower Shire. The rangers were offered special skills on Anti-Wildlife Trafficking, First Aid, among others.

These two trainings were structured to accommodate in-class training, where local facilitators conducted the sessions on site, and a virtual component where overseas facilitators and participants joined in the workshop via the internet.

The Director of the Department of National Parks and Wildlife, **Brighton Kalembe Kumchedwa** and **Markus Green**, AGA-Africa Board Member delivered the opening remarks for the first training that took place on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020 both of them expressing their gratitude for the collaboration on the very important matter of wildlife trafficking and the need to continue capacity building.

The facilitators for the workshops were **Shawn Karns**, a Criminal Investigator and the President, WITA, **Stephanie Durno Karns**, a Wildlife Biologist and Project Coordinator at WITA, and **Ndaona Kumanga**, the Assistant Parks & Wildlife Officer DNPW.

In his remarks on the second training on 26<sup>th</sup>- 27<sup>th</sup> October, **Brighton Kumchedwa** recognized the leadership of AGA-Africa and the team from WITA.



A group photo of workshop participants and facilitators on the ground



Gift Chikwakwa, AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for Malawi



Virtual session in progress with Stephanie Durno Karns, Wildlife Biologist and Project Coordinator at WITA

In closing, AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for Malawi **Gift Caroline Chikwakwa** expressed delight at the partnership with the Department of National Parks and Wildlife and Wildlife Investigators Training Alliance (WITA).

**Susan Lustig**, AGA-Africa's Administrative Director, expressed her sincere gratitude to the Director of the Department of National Parks and Wildlife, Brighton Kumchedwa and his entire office for their continued support of AGA-Africa's programmes. She extended special recognition to the Wildlife Investigators Training Alliance (WITA) for supporting AGA-Africa objectives by providing capacity building programmes. "We are committed to rooting out wildlife trafficking and trafficking in all its forms," she said.



### Wildlife Investigators Training Alliance (WITA)

WITA's Director Shawn Karns and Biologist and Program Coordinator Stephanie Durno Karns, with a combined 46 years of experience in wildlife and wildlife investigation, shared their experiences and insights on their experience partnering with AGA-Africa amid Covid-19. We were also joined by Gift Chikwakwa, AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for Malawi who chimed in with her perspective from WITA's sessions.



Shawn Karns, Criminal Investigator & President, WITA



Stephanie Karns, Wildlife Biologist & Project Coordinator, WITA

Shawn and Stephanie Karns described 2020 as challenging. "It has been a really good challenge though because we have had to step up our game as it were and improve, change and morph our training.

We have had to be very creative and innovative in how we teach to be sure that we are connecting with people that we can't see sometimes," said Stephanie.

Shawn noted that the basis of so much of their training was that interaction with rangers and country personnel. With the help of Gift (Country Coordinator for Malawi) they were able to recreate in-person scenarios in a classroom which they had never done before. "None of this would have happened without AGA-Africa. AGA-Africa through their vision and through their penchant for supporting the rule of law made this possible," said Shawn.

Stephanie noted that one other benefit is that they realized that they needed to adapt their training to ensure that people really understood what we were saying even though there was that disconnect. "It elevated our teaching and our teaching style, and our efficacy simply out of necessity – definitely an unintended benefit," she said.

Gift Chikwakwa added that she was very amazed at the level of interaction. "There is no doubt that this was well received and the participants got a lot out of it."

Shawn and Stephanie are looking forward to a better 2021. They are still diligently working on trying to increase the relevance of what they are teaching, to bring the latest techniques, equipment methods and best practices to the table.

### About WITA

WITA is a non-profit organization based in the US. In partnership with AGA-Africa, they have conducted several trainings, equipment drives and speaking engagements throughout Africa. Their primary role is to bring innovative approaches and techniques to rangers, investigators and prosecutors in various respective countries in Africa; bringing them a new set of tools to use in the fight against wildlife trafficking.

## Theme: Virtual Workshop on New Perspectives on Regulating Corruption & Money Laundering Enforcement Mechanism & the Law - Commercial Law Clinic

Dates(s): 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Stakeholder: University of Malawi

AGA-Africa in collaboration with the Commercial Law Clinic, Faculty of Law - University of Malawi organized a workshop themed "New Perspectives on Regulating Corruption & Money Laundering Enforcement Mechanism & the Law" which was held on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2020. The event started off with the signing of an MOU between AGA-Africa and the Faculty of Law, University of Malawi.

US-based facilitators for the two-day workshop were **Xavier Cunningham**, Assistant United States Attorney in the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Georgia and **Rachel Henitz**, Assistant Attorney General (AAG), Southern Arizona White Collar and Criminal Enterprise Section, Arizona Attorney General's Office.



Xavier Cunningham, Assistant United States Attorney in the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Georgia



Rachel Henitz, Assistant Attorney General (AAG), Southern Arizona White Collar and Criminal Enterprise Section, Arizona Attorney General's Office

From Malawi the facilitators were **Dr. Jean Phillip-Priminta**, Chief State Advocate in the Ministry of Justice, Law Students from the University of Malawi, Chancellor College **Faith Sumani**, **Rasheidah Winesi**, **Arthur T. Ndala**, **Andrew Umali** and **Chimango Nyasulu**.

The sessions were moderated by **Samuel Kaphuka**, Coordinator, Commercial Law Clinic, Chancellor College. He thanked the presenters for "an excellent intellectual feast" a testament to the calibre of students on the faculty.

The workshop came to an end with closing remarks by **Dr. Sunduzwayo Madise**, Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Malawi who expressed his gratitude to AGA-Africa, the presenters, and was especially proud of his law students for making excellent presentations. He was impressed by the level of technology that went into putting the workshop together.

### Other events

#### Women Lawyer Association Conference and Anti-Money Laundering Workshop

AGA-Africa participated in the Women Lawyer Association Conference and Anti-Money Laundering Workshop between 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> December 2020. The conference was graced by the Vice President of Malawi **Dr. Saulos Klaus Chilima** and **Maria Jose Torres Macho**, the United Nations Resident Coordinator for Malawi. AGA-Africa facilitator **Mercy Buku**, AML/CFT Legal and Risk Management Consultant in the Banking and Digital Financial Services Sector, Kenya delivered a virtual presentation on Anti-Money Laundering.



AGA-Africa facilitator Mercy Buku, AML/CFT Legal and Risk Management Consultant in the Banking and Digital Financial Services Sector, Kenya

### New Partnerships

#### University of Malawi

The University of Malawi signed an MoU with AGA-Africa on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020 during the Virtual Workshop on New Perspectives on Regulating Corruption & Money Laundering Enforcement Mechanism & the Law - Commercial Law Clinic. This will go a long way in strengthening the bond between these two organizations.

#### Women Lawyers Association (WLA)

AGA-Africa and WLA signed an official MoU on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2002 to cement their relationship. Women Lawyers Association (WLA) of Malawi is a non-profit organization made up of women lawyers, paralegals, students, judges and honorary male members.

# NIGERIA

## Overview

Situated in West Africa, Nigeria is the most populous country in Africa. With an area of 923,768 km<sup>2</sup>, Nigeria is home to over 207 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.

## Events in Nigeria at a glance

**Theme: Effective Administration of Criminal Justice Workshop, Abuja, Nigeria**

Date (s): 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 Abuja, Nigeria

Stakeholder : Kaduna State Ministry of Justice

**Theme: Advocacy Skills for Virtual Court Hearings Webinar**

Date (s): 6<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Stakeholder (s): Lagos Business School (LBS) and the Nigeria Bar Association (NBA), Lagos Branch

**Theme: Combating Human Trafficking – Tackling the Unique Challenges of the Covid-19 Era**

Date: 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2020

Stakeholder : National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP) and the Delta State Taskforce

**Theme: ‘Post Covid-19 Challenges and Opportunities in the Pharma Industry’**

Date (s): 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Stakeholder: National Institute for Pharmaceutical Research & Development (NIPRD/ The Institute) – Nigeria

## Events in Nigeria at a glance

**Theme: “Challenges and Strategies for the Successful Prosecution of the Offence of Rape and other Gender-Based Violence Offenses**

Date: 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Stakeholder (s): Kaduna State Government and the International Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA)

**Theme: ‘Impact of Covid-19 on the Administration of Criminal Justice and Access to Justice’**

Date (s): 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Stakeholder: Kogi State

**Theme: Effective Investigation and Prosecution of the Offence of Rape and other Gender-Based Violence Offenses – A panacea to the crime**

Date (s): 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020

Stakeholder: Cross River State Government

## Word from the Country Coordinator



*Chief Anthony Idigbe SAN, Country Coordinator for Nigeria*

For a populous country such as ours, our law enforcement agencies often have to contend with the rapidly evolving nature of crime. To remain relevant, they have to periodically re-tool, unlearn and relearn.

One of the areas our stakeholders have regularly requested for capacity building is the Effective Administration of Criminal Justice. In February 2020, we had a workshop on this very subject in collaboration with Kaduna State Ministry of Justice.

### Covid-19

When Covid-19 struck, Nigeria along with the rest of the world had to leverage technology to ensure that programmes do not grind to a halt. As AGA-Africa

moved its workshops and programmes online and it became clear that our stakeholders also needed retooling in the areas of Advocacy Skills, this time for virtual court hearings, which had become the norm in the era of Covid-19.

### Other Events

We were also privileged to host workshop and webinars on Post Covid-19 Challenges and Opportunities in the Pharma Industry, ‘Impact of Covid-19 on the Administration of Criminal Justice and Access to Justice’, Rape and other Gender-Based Violence.

Our workshops and webinars were extremely well received. We also adopted a hybrid approach, where

participants and local facilitators would be gathered at a physical venue observing laid out Covid-19 protocols and a number of the international subject matter experts would join in virtually.

## 2021 and Beyond

2020 proved to be a successful year despite the travel restriction as a result of Covid-19.

2021 promises to be even more fruitful and productive, as AGA-Africa continues to expand its influence across the continent.

## AGA-Africa 2020 Stakeholders

- Cross River State Government
- Lagos Business School
- National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP)
- Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (NIALS)
- INTERPOL National Central Bureau (NCB) in Nigeria
- Kaduna State Ministry of Justice
- Nigeria Bar Association (NBA), Lagos Branch
- National Institute for Pharmaceutical Research & Development (NIPRD/ The Institute) – Nigeria
- Kogi State

### Stakeholder Profiles



#### Cross River State Government

Located in the South of Nigeria, Cross River is a border state in Nigeria and its capital is Calabar. It is run by a governor supported by a deputy. The Cross River State Government has been a staunch supporter of AGA-Africa programmes from its early days in 2017.



Lagos Business School (LBS) is the graduate business school of Pan-Atlantic University, owned by the Pan-Atlantic University Foundation (PAUF), a non-profit foundation registered in Nigeria. Source: <https://www.lbs.edu.ng/about-lbs/>



#### National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons

The National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP) was created on

14<sup>th</sup> of July 2003 by the Trafficking in Persons (Prohibition) Enforcement and Administration Act 2003. The Agency is the Federal Government of Nigeria's response to addressing the scourge of trafficking in persons. It is a fulfilment of the country's international obligation under the Trafficking in Persons Protocol to prevent, suppress and punish trafficking in persons, especially women and children, supplementing the United Nations Transnational Organized Crime Convention (UNTOC). Source: <https://www.naptip.gov.ng/about-naptip-2/>



The Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies is Nigeria's apex Institution for research and advanced studies in law. It was the brainchild of the legal academic community established in March 1979. One of the main ideas in founding the Institute was to establish it as the centre for advanced legal research for all the Nigerian universities with Faculties of Law, so that all postgraduate work could be undertaken there under the joint auspices of the most experienced and learned academic lawyers available in the country, whether indigenous or foreign. Source: <https://nials.edu.ng/index.php/about-nials/history>



#### INTERPOL National Central Bureau (NCB) in Nigeria

Nigeria's National Central Bureau (NCB) is the coordination and investigations office for international police enquiries linked to Nigeria. The NCB plays a central role in preventing the country and surrounding region from serving international organized crime. By providing globally sourced intelligence about regional crime, the NCB helps police officers across Nigeria detect and investigate the flow of illicit goods along trafficking routes

in and around the country. Source: <https://www.interpol.int/en>



#### Kaduna State Ministry of Justice

Kaduna State Ministry of Justice is a ministry in the State Government whose role is to oversee judicial and prosecutorial engagements in the state. It is in Kaduna State which is located in the North of Nigeria. The State's ministry of Justice is headed by an Attorney General.



#### NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION

The Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) Lagos Branch is a professional, non-profit association which comprises all lawyers called to the Nigerian Bar and practicing in the Lagos Division of the Lagos High Court of Justice. The Lagos Division encompasses Lagos Island, Lekki, Ikoyi, Victoria Island, Apapa, and Surulere. The Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) Lagos Branch is under the umbrella Nigerian Bar Association which is made up of the different branches of NBA across the states in Nigeria. Source: <http://nbalagos.org/about/>



#### National Institute for Pharmaceutical Research & Development (NIPRD/ The Institute) – Nigeria

The National Institute for Pharmaceutical Research and Development (NIPRD) is a Federal Government Parastatal under the Federal Ministry of Health. The Agency was established by Government Order No. 33 Vol. 74 of 11th June 1987 Part B under the Science and Technology Act Cap 276. It became functional in the year 1989. In 2001 following a Federal Executive Council decision, NIPRD was

moved to the Federal Ministry of Health (FMOH), with a huge investment in scientific equipment and human resources. Source: <https://www.niprd.gov.ng/>



### Kogi State Government

Located in the central region of Nigeria (Middle Belt) Kogi State came to be on 27<sup>th</sup> August 1991. Kogi State consists of three senatorial districts viz Western Senatorial district, Central Senatorial district and Eastern Senatorial district. It also consists of nine Federal Constituencies.

## 2020 Events

### Theme: Effective Administration of Criminal Justice Workshop, Abuja, Nigeria

Date (s): 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2020  
Abuja, Nigeria

Stakeholder: Kaduna State Ministry of Justice

AGA-Africa in collaboration with the Kaduna State Ministry of Justice held an Effective Administration of Criminal Justice Workshop on 27<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 in Abuja, Nigeria. The workshop brought together 80 participants from the Ministry of Justice, the Kaduna State Correctional Service, the Nigerian Police and the Kaduna State Judiciary. It was tailored towards building capacity for the law officers, law enforcement agencies, the judiciary, lawyers and the general public on Effective Administration of Criminal Law and also to create awareness amongst the general public on standards to be expected from and within the criminal justice system in Nigeria.



Hon. Aisha Dikko, Attorney General of Kaduna State and Commissioner for Justice, with AGA-Africa representatives, facilitators and the workshop participants

Hon. Aisha Dikko, Attorney General of Kaduna State and Commissioner for Justice commended AGA-Africa for organizing the workshop terming it as a timely effort in Nigeria in the improvement of service delivery in the Justice system. She noted that there is a need for a more proactive approach in managing the Nigerian justice system.



Hon. Aisha Dikko, Attorney General of Kaduna State and Commissioner for Justice



(On the screen) Chief Anthony Idigbe, Senior Partner, Punuka Attorneys & Solicitors

Ebelechukwu Enedah, AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for Nigeria, emphasized that AGA-Africa seeks to share information among African countries on better ways to engender law reforms across the continent.



Ebelechukwu Enedah, AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for Nigeria

AGA-Africa Facilitators were **Anthony J. Campagna**, Deputy District Attorney, San Diego County District Attorney's Office, **Olubunmi Salami**, Assistant Polk County Attorney, Des Moines, Iowa, **Chief Anthony Idigbe**, Senior Partner, Punuka Attorneys & Solicitors, **Dr. Agada Elachi**, President at ICMC - Institute of Chartered Mediators and Conciliators and **Fola Arthur-Worrey**, Private Legal Practitioner and Consultant on Security Funding and Governance.



Anthony J. Campagna, Deputy District Attorney, San Diego County District Attorney's Office



Dr. Agada Elachi, President at ICMC - Institute of Chartered Mediators and Conciliators



Olubunmi Salami, Assistant Polk County Attorney, Des Moines, Iowaines, Iowa

**Christopher Umar, Esq.**, Solicitor General, Kaduna State delivered the closing remarks expressing his appreciation to AGA-Africa for organizing the workshop for the Kaduna state to enhance operations in the criminal justice system.



(L-R) John Edozie, AGA-Africa International Advisor, Anthony J. Campagna, Deputy District Attorney, San Diego County District Attorney's Office, Ebelechukwu Eneidah AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for Nigeria, Hon. Aisha Dikko, Attorney General of Kaduna State and Commissioner for Justice, Christopher Umar, Esq., Solicitor General, Kaduna State and Olubunmi Salami, Assistant Polk County Attorney, Des Moines, Iowa

A cross-section of the workshop participants

### Theme: Advocacy Skills for Virtual Court Hearings Webinar

Date (s): 6<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Stakeholder (s): Lagos Business School (LBS) and the Nigeria Bar Association (NBA), Lagos Branch



In partnership with the Lagos Business School (LBS) and the Nigeria Bar Association (NBA), Lagos Branch, AGA-Africa held a one day webinar themed Advocacy Skills and Techniques for Virtual Court Hearing.

The webinar included three interactive sessions on *Skills and Techniques Required for the Virtual Court Hearing*, *Advocacy Skills and Techniques for Virtual Court Hearing* as well as a moot court session. In these facilitators presented on how to prepare for virtual court sessions as well as submission of evidence in virtual courts.

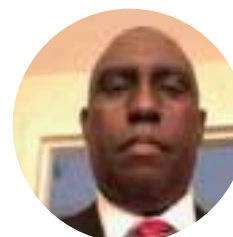
The speakers for the one-day event were **Justice Kashim Zannah**, **Judge Sean Wallace**, Judge Sean Wallace, Judge of the Circuit Court for the 7th Circuit of Maryland; **Olubunmi Salami**, Assistant Polk County Attorney, Des Moines, Iowa; **Chief Anthony Idigbe**, Senior Partner, Punuka Attorneys & Solicitors; **Babajimi Ayorinde**, Founding Partner; **Prof. Olawale Ajai**, Lagos Business School and **Ebelechukwu Eneidah**, AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for Nigeria.



Justice Kashim Zannah



Hon. Sean Wallace, Judge of the Circuit Court for the 7th Circuit of Maryland



Olubunmi Salami, Assistant Polk County Attorney, Des Moines, Iowa



Prof. Olawale Ajai, Lagos Business School

### Theme: Combating Human Trafficking – Tackling the Unique Challenges of the Covid-19 Era

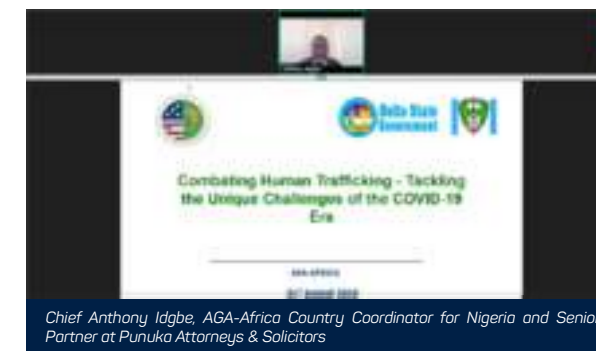
Date: 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2020

Stakeholder: National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP) and the Delta State Taskforce

AGA-Africa in collaboration with the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP) and the Delta State Taskforce held a one-day webinar on Combating Human Trafficking – Tackling the Unique Challenges of the Covid-19 Era on 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2020.

The webinar brought together regulators, judges, paralegal/legal practitioners, human rights activists, Attorneys General, Legislators, staff of the Ministry of Justice, Regulatory Agencies, NGOs, Market Associations and the general public, and was tailored towards addressing the impact of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic on the efforts of the law enforcement agencies at combating the scourge of Human Trafficking, which has a potentially far-reaching, long-term negative impact on trafficked and exploited persons.

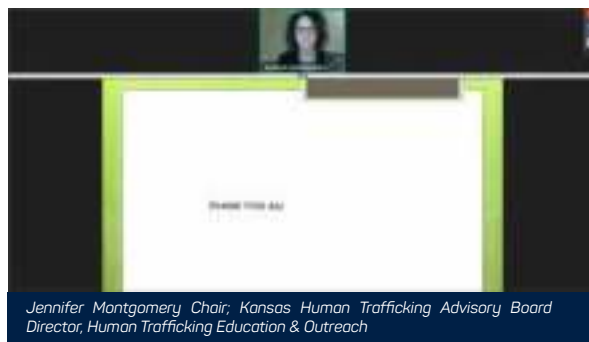
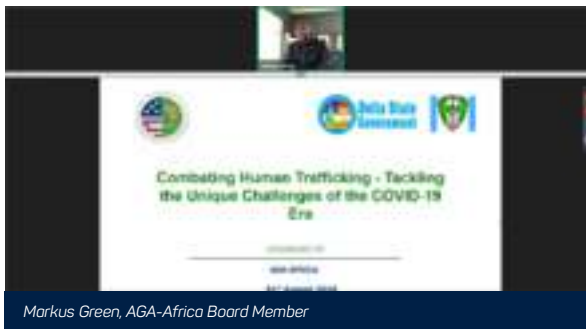
The event was officially opened by **Chief Anthony Idigbe** AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for Nigeria and Senior Partner at Punuka Attorneys & Solicitors, **Julie Okah-Donli**, Director General – NAPTIP and **Markus Green**, AGA-Africa Board Member, and **Ijeoma Nwanze**, Secretary Delta State Taskforce on Human Trafficking and Irregular Migration.



Chief Anthony Idigbe, AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for Nigeria and Senior Partner at Punuka Attorneys & Solicitors



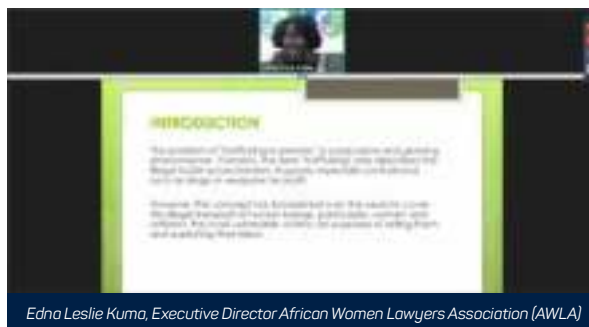
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Director, Human Trafficking Education & Outreach

Markus Green, AGA-Africa Board Member

Natalae Velez, Special Victims Bureau Domestic Violence Unit & Human Trafficking  
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Irregular Migration

The speakers for the virtual event were **Ijeoma Nwanze**, Secretary Delta State Taskforce on Human Trafficking and Irregular Migration; **Jennifer Montgomery Chair**, Kansas Human Trafficking Advisory Board Director, Human Trafficking Education & Outreach; **Natalae Velez**, Special Victims Bureau Domestic Violence Unit & Human Trafficking Response Unit; Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking Expert; **Ruth Juliet Nyambura Gachanja**, Advocate of the High Court of Kenya Anti-Trafficking Expert and **Edna Leslie Kuma**, Executive Director African Women Lawyers Association (AWLA).

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**Susan Lustig**, AGA-Africa Administrative Director brought the webinar to a close.

## Theme: 'Post Covid-19 Challenges and Opportunities in the Pharma Industry'

Date (s): 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Stakeholder: National Institute for Pharmaceutical Research & Development (NIPRD/The Institute) - Nigeria

In conjunction with the National Institute for Pharmaceutical Research & Development (NIPRD/The Institute), AGA-Africa organised a two-day webinar on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020 on 'Post Covid-19 Challenges and Opportunities in the Pharma Industry: The Imperatives of Anti-Counterfeiting and Intellectual Property Rights'.

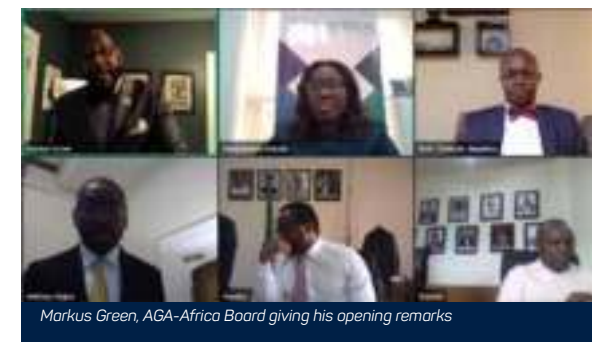
The webinar brought together law officers, judges, lawyers, regulatory agencies such as Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission, National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control, Federal Ministry of Health, Nigeria Police Force, legal officers and directors, Prosecutors, Investigating officers, and prison officers, legislators, human rights activists, government officials and the public.

The webinar was opened by **Markus Green**, AGA-Africa Board Member and **Dr. (Sen) Adeleke Mamora**, Hon. Minister of State, Federal Ministry of Health (FMOH).

In his remarks, **Markus Green** noted that the subject being discussed addresses some of the difficulties existing with the pandemic and the impact that is on the pharmaceutical industry.



Markus Green, AGA-Africa Board Member



Markus Green, AGA-Africa Board giving his opening remarks

**Dr. (Sen) Adeleke Mamora**, Hon. Minister of State noted that we are in a period of the pandemic that has devastated the lives and the livelihoods of the peoples of the world but expressed optimism that they shall overcome. In terms of the subject at hand, he challenged the participants to look at the security agenda of the country against the health challenges.

In his opening remarks **Prof. Chimezie Anyakora (PhD)**, Chief Executive Officer at Bloom Public Health expressed gratitude for being part of the webinar. He noted that this conversation is coming at the right time. With Covid-19, Africa is taking a different direction.



Prof. Chimezie Anyakora (PhD), Chief Executive Officer at Bloom Public Health

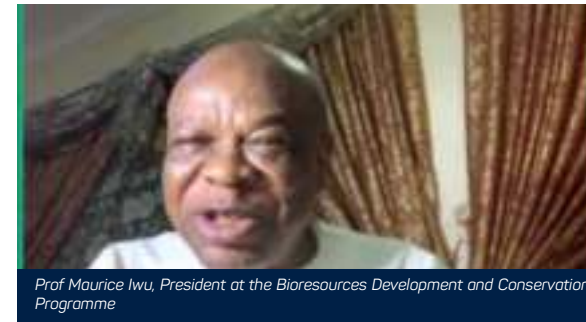
**Dr. Obi Peter Adigwe**, Director General/Chief Executive Officer, National Institute for Pharmaceutical Research & Development (NIPRD), expressed excitement at being part of the Webinar. He termed the faculty that had been assembled for the webinar as 'powerful.'



The webinar was co-moderated by **Prof. Martins Emeje** (NIPRD) and **Ebelechukwu Enedah**, AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for Nigeria. The speakers were **Florence Ojewunmi**, Acting Head of the Firm's Company Secretarial Practice Group, **Wairimu Karanja**, Director, W&Co| Law+Policy, **Dr. Danazumi Mohammed Ibrahim**, Director General, National Office for Technology Acquisition and Promotion, **Dr. Obi Peter Adigwe**, Director General/Chief Executive Officer, National Institute for Pharmaceutical Research & Development (NIPRD), **Barr. S. Yauri**, Registrar Trademarks, Nigeria, **Isioma Idigbe**, Head Media, Entertainment and Intellectual Property Law, PUNUKA Attorneys & Solicitors and **Dr. Okey Akpa**, PhD Managing Director, SKG Pharma Nigeria Ltd.



**Chief Anthony Idigbe**, Senior Partner at Punuka Attorneys & Solicitors, joined in and contributed immensely to the panel discussion. In attendance was **Prof Maurice Iwu**, President at the Bioresources Development and Conservation Programme. He challenged participants in Africa to be innovative. "If you are not involved in the creation of the IP, you cannot perfect it," he said as he emphasized the importance of domesticating the research done in Africa.



The webinar was concluded by AGA-Africa's Administrative Director, **Susan Lustig** who expressed gratitude to all involved in making the webinar a huge success.



## Theme: Challenges and Strategies for the Successful Prosecution of the Offence of Rape and other Gender-Based Violence Offences

Date: 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Stakeholder (s): Kaduna State Government and the International Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA)



AGA-Africa in support of the efforts by the government to curb the social evils of rape and GBV, organized a one-day webinar dubbed "Challenges and Strategies for the Successful Prosecution of the Offence of Rape and other Gender-Based Violence Offences" on the 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2020 in collaboration with Kaduna State Government and the International Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA).

The aim of the webinar was to empower law enforcement agencies and prosecutors to effectively investigate and prosecute the offence of rape and other gender-based offences in the State especially during the Covid-19 pandemic times when an exponential increase in GBV cases has been witnessed. The webinar was also aimed at creating awareness on the different forms of sexual exploitation in order to better position the participants for the prevention, investigation and prosecution of sexual crimes.

The webinar's opening remarks were delivered by **Hon. Aisha Dikko**, the Attorney General and

Commissioner of Justice Kaduna State Government and **Markus Green**, AGA-Africa Board Member.

In his remarks, **Markus Green** underscored the importance of the subject matter. "It is without a doubt one of the areas we must figure out in society. This notion of gender-based violence; this attitude towards the treatment particularly of women, in our society, and largely at the hands of men," he said.



Markus Green, AGA-Africa Board Member

**Hon. Aisha Dikko** recognized all members present. "There is no better time for stakeholders to come and address the challenges of rape and gender based violence than at this moment when we are continuously faced with the heinous crimes," she said.



Hon. Aisha Dikko, Attorney General of Kaduna State and Commissioner for Justice

The webinar benefitted from the expertise of **Zainab Atoba**, the Chairperson of the International Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA), **Rosemary Kumitsonyo Kanyuka**, Law Commissioner at Malawi Law Commission Lilongwe and **Elijah Karam Bakam**, State Counsel in the Department of Public Prosecution, Ministry of Justice, Kaduna State, **Lt. Mark Wynn (ret)**, National trainer to Police Executives and Owner/Operator Wynn Consulting, **Miiko Anderson**, a Certified Legal Criminal Specialist and Senior Deputy District Attorney for Fresno County District Attorney's Office, **Suwam Stephen Esq**, Principal State Counsel with the Kaduna State Ministry of Justice, and **Khensani Motileni**, Social Justice Activist and Attorney, from South Africa. AGA-Africa's Administrative Director, **Susan Lustig** brought the day to a close.



Elijah Karam Bakam, State Counsel, Department of Public Prosecution, Ministry of Justice, Kaduna State



Suwam Stephen Esq, Principal State Counsel with the Kaduna State Ministry of Justice

## Theme: "Impact of Covid-19 on the Administration of Criminal Justice and Access to Justice"

Date (s): 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Stakeholder: Kogi State

AGA-Africa in collaboration with the Kogi State, Nigeria organized a webinar themed "Impact of Covid-19 on the Administration of Criminal Justice and Access to Justice" which was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2020.

This webinar came at a most opportune moment, bringing together prosecution officers across the continent to share challenges, ideas and emerging best practices around how to effectively deal with the implications of Covid-19.

The hybrid in-class webinar was officially opened by AGA-Africa Board Member, **Markus Green** and ably moderated by **Ebelechukwu Enedah** Partner, PUNUKA Attorneys & Solicitors and AGA-Africa's Country Coordinator for Nigeria.



Ebelechukwu Enedah Partner, PUNUKA Attorneys & Solicitors and AGA-Africa's Country Coordinator for Nigeria

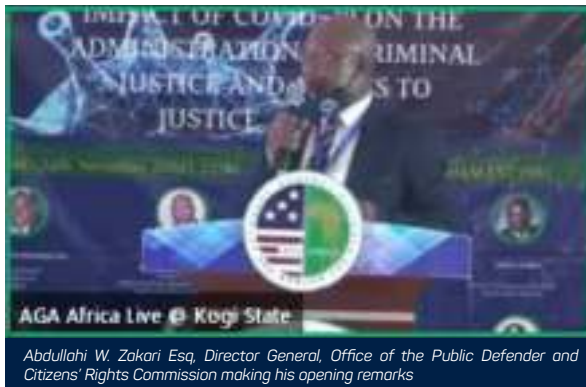
Gracing the opening ceremony were **Hawa E. Yusuf**, Solicitor General on behalf of **Hon. Ibrahim Sani Mohammed SAN** and **Abdullahi W. Zakari Esq**, Director General, Office of the Public Defender and Citizens' Rights Commission as well as Markus Green Esq. AGA-Africa Board Member.

The Attorney General Kogi State and Commissioner for Justice **Ibrahim Sani Mohammed SAN** through **Hawa E. Yusuf**, Solicitor General, representing the Ministry of Justice who spoke on his behalf noted: "It is a fact that the novel coronavirus has exposed the criminal justice system and access to justice to a whole lot of unforeseen challenges." This was in reiterating the importance of the discussion. He further thanked AGA-Africa for continually standing by them in up skilling and capacity building.



Hawa E. Yusuf, Solicitor General

**Abdullahi W. Zakari Esq**, Director General, Office of the Public Defender and Citizens' Rights Commission expressed gratitude to AGA-Africa. "AGA-Africa has always been driving the process of ensuring that the ordinary citizens of the country have a better side of the law as it relates to their protection."



Abdullahi W. Zakari Esq, Director General, Office of the Public Defender and Citizens' Rights Commission making his opening remarks

In his opening, **Markus Green** noted that with Covid-19, operations have moved online and the justice system is no different. He commended the Nigerian government for the efforts to bring increased efficiency to the justice system.



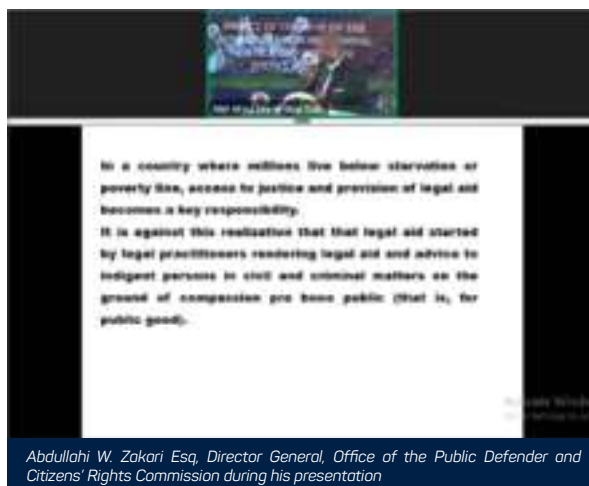
Markus Green, AGA-Africa Board Member

The distinguished panelists were **Abdullahi W. Zakari Esq**, Director General, Office of the Public Defender and Citizens' Rights Commission, Kogi State; **Olayinka Adeyemi**, Director of Public Prosecutions Lagos State; **Henry Coker**, Former Chief Deputy at San Diego County Public Defender; **Jesus L. Romero**, Office of the Public Defender San Diego

Chula Vista, CA and Member NITA; **Chief Anthony Idigbe**, SAN Senior Partner At Punuka Attorneys & Solicitors and **Stephen Kiptinness**, Senior Partner, Technology & Intellectual Property, Kenya.



Henry Coker, Former Chief Deputy at San Diego County Public Defender



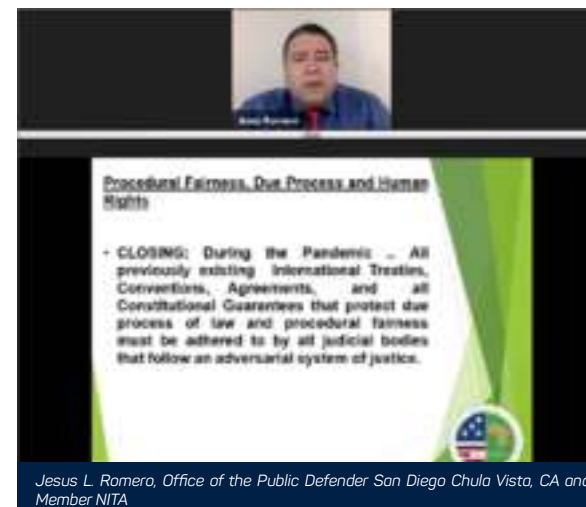
Abdullahi W. Zakari Esq, Director General, Office of the Public Defender and Citizens' Rights Commission during his presentation



Olayinka Adeyemi, Director of Public Prosecutions Lagos State



Stephen Kiptinness, Senior Partner, Technology & Intellectual Property, Kenya



Jesus L. Romero, Office of the Public Defender San Diego Chula Vista, CA and Member NITA

The session was moderated by **Chief Anthony Idigbe**, Senior Partner at Punuka Attorneys & Solicitors, who called on all to focus on the big picture, which he termed a service – "a service to our people."



Chief Anthony Idigbe, Senior Partner, Punuka Attorneys & Solicitors

In closing, **Ebelechukwu Enedah** Partner, PUNUKA Attorneys & Solicitors and AGA-Africa's Country Coordinator for Nigeria thanked everyone who helped towards the success of the webinar.



Ebelechukwu Enedah Partner, PUNUKA Attorneys & Solicitors and AGA-Africa's Country Coordinator for Nigeria

## Theme: Effective Investigation and Prosecution of the Offence of Rape and other Gender-Based Violence Offences – A panacea to the crime

Date (s): 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020

Stakeholder: Cross River State Government



In collaboration with Cross River State Government, AGA-Africa organized a Webinar themed Effective Investigation and Prosecution of the Offence of Rape and other Gender-Based Violence Offences on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020.

The hybrid in-class and virtual webinar was officially opened by **Ebelechukwu Enedah** Country Coordinator for Nigeria, and **Markus Green Esq.**, AGA-Africa Board Member.

Gracing the occasion on site were the Hon. Acting Chief Judge of Cross River State **Hon. Justice Eyo Ita**, and the Hon Attorney General Cross River State **Tanko Ashang**.

**Omolade Sanni** from Punuka Attorneys & Solicitors moderated the event from the ground.

In his remarks, **Markus Green** delivered special thanks to Hon. Justice Eyo Ita, Acting Chief Judge of Cross River State and the Hon. Attorney General Cross River State **Tanko Ashang** for their continued

support for the webinar. He acknowledged participant organizations: Nigerian Police Force, Ministry of Women Affairs, Ministry of Humanity and Social Welfare, Basic Rights Council Initiative and the National Human Rights Commission, the National Law Enforcement Agency, Legal Aid Council, Nigeria Bar Association, among others.



**Hon. Justice Eyo Ita**, Acting Chief Judge of Cross River State noted the timeliness of the workshop as it landed on the International Day for Elimination of Violence Against Women. He shared his experience related to the subject matter from his background as a family court judge.

Hon. Attorney General Cross River State **Tanko Ashang** observed that reports of rape have been on the increase and have continued to make headlines in media. "6 in every 10 girls have been raped," he noted recent studies adding that 64.8 % of women have experienced violence from their husbands.

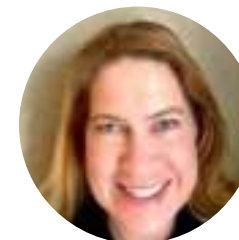
The panelists for the two day webinar were **Hon. Robert Hettelman**, New York State Family Court Judge (retired) and **Karen Sciarrotta**, Prosecutor, Maricopa County Attorney's Office, Phoenix, Arizona from the USA.

**Lydia Muthiani**, Human Rights Lawyer from Kenya and **Victoria Asiedua**, Principal State Attorney in the Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Justice Ghana, who presented virtually, while **Felix I Ititim Esq.**, Director Public Prosecution, Cross-River

State Nigeria and **Dr. Rose Ohiama Ugbe**, Associate Professor, Nigeria delivered their presentations at the venue.



Hon. Robert Hettelman, Former New York State Family Court Judge



Karen Sciarrotta, Prosecutor, Maricopa County Attorney's Office, Phoenix, Arizona, USA

Moderating the panel discussion was **Chief Anthony Idigbe**, the Senior Partner at Punuka Attorneys & Solicitors from Nigeria.



Chief Anthony Idigbe, Senior Partner at Punuka Attorneys & Solicitors



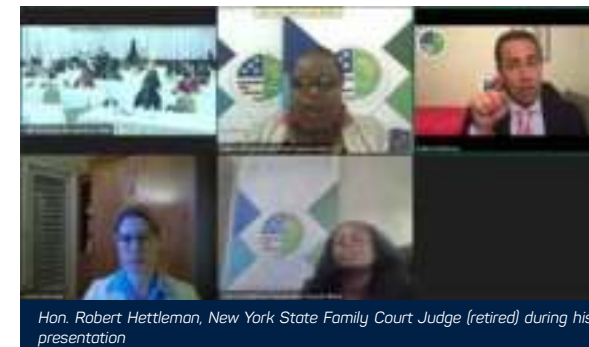
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Karen Sciarrotta, Prosecutor, Maricopa County Attorney's Office, Phoenix, Arizona



Hon. Robert Hettelman, New York State Family Court Judge (retired) during his presentation



(Top Left) Victoria Asiedua, Principal State Attorney in the Office of the Attorney General making her presentation

The participants were divided into groups and given case studies on different forms of Gender-Based Violence to discuss and present.

**Susan Lustig**, AGA-Africa Administrative Director brought the insightful webinar to a close. She thanked everyone involved in putting together the very insightful and necessary workshop. She underscored the importance of learning from our peers within our jurisdiction and across the borders.

### Other Events

#### AGA-Africa MoU Signing with the Kaduna State Ministry of Justice, Nigeria

A memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed between AGA-Africa, represented by the Country Coordinator for Nigeria, **Ebelechukwu Enedah** and Kaduna State Ministry of Justice represented by **Hon. Aisha Dikko**, the Attorney General of Kaduna State and Commissioner for Justice on 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2020. The purpose of the memorandum of understanding (MoU) is to establish and promote strategic and cooperative partnership between Kaduna State Ministry of Justice and AGA-Africa.



Ebelechukwu Enedah, Country Coordinator for Nigeria and Hon. Aisha Dikko, Attorney General of Kaduna State and Commissioner for Justice as Christopher Umar Esq, Solicitor General, Kaduna State, looks on

# RWANDA

### Overview

Occupying an area of 26,338 km<sup>2</sup>, 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.



# Events in Rwanda at a glance

**Theme: Cybercrime Electronic Evidence Workshop**

**Date (s):** 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020

**Stakeholder :** Institute of Legal Practice and Development

## Word from the Country Coordinator



Caroline Mbabazi, Country Coordinator for Rwanda and Uganda

### Covid -19

The year 2020 has been challenging for the AGA-Africa programme in Uganda and Rwanda due to the coronavirus pandemic. Uganda has seen a surge in cases of the virus since August owing to campaigns for our now-concluded elections, while Rwanda seems to have the pandemic largely under control. Both countries have announced their applications to access the Covax vaccine facility and expect vaccines by June of 2021, which gives us hope for an early return to near normalcy.

Yet, while 2020 has been challenging, we have also learned a number of important lessons during this difficult time that have allowed us and our partners to think more creatively about how to continue delivering our programmes.

Among the successes registered was the transition to online trainings which allowed us to continue with our workshops on transnational crimes while also harnessing the knowledge and expertise of experienced practitioners who would otherwise not be able to physically travel to in-person trainings.

### Africa Tracker

The other milestones included the launch of our bi-weekly, and later monthly, e-newsletter Africa Tracker, through which we explored the continent's response to the pandemic and how this affected our work. Alongside this, we also hosted a number of tweetathons (conversations on Twitter) with leading African journalists, members of the judiciary, filmmakers, etc., on the changing nature of transnational crime on the continent as countries shut their borders and imposed restrictions on movement.

### Workshops in Rwanda and Uganda

With Uganda and Rwanda imposing some of the strictest lockdowns on the African continent from March to July, it was difficult to implement any in-person training activities with our partners. However, as the countries progressively opened up in the last half of the year, we were able to restart our engagement with a number of stakeholders, the result of which was three activities in the latter half of the year. Two of these were hybrid workshops on Cybercrimes and Electronic Evidence held with the Judicial Training Institute in Uganda and the Institute for Legal Practice and Development in Rwanda, while the third was a half-day workshop on Electronic Evidence with the Uganda Law Society.

### Launch of a new curriculum on transnational crime

As part of our efforts to deepen the impact of AGA-Africa's country programme in Uganda and Rwanda, we also launched a new curriculum on transnational crimes which was officially handed over to the Institute for Legal Practice and Development (ILPD) of Rwanda. The curriculum will shape future trainings with ILPD and other stakeholders in Rwanda in the areas of transnational crime. In October, we

also signed an MOU with the Uganda Law Society through which we hope to collaborate on knowledge sharing and trainings.

### Second AGA-Africa Annual Conference

One of the most memorable moments of 2020 was the second AGA-Africa Annual Conference that was hosted in Accra, Ghana in March. It was the first time the AGA-Africa network was convening on the continent following the inaugural event in Atlanta in 2019. It was an opportunity for me to interact with other country representatives from the AGA-Africa zone, as well as the visiting Black Attorneys General from the United States, and share knowledge and experiences about our important work in Africa and beyond.

## AGA-Africa 2020 Stakeholder

- Institute of Legal Practice and Development in Kigali, Rwanda

### Stakeholder Profile



**Institute of Legal Practice and Development (ILPD)**

The establishment of this Institute was part of the implementation of the judicial reforms that the Government of Rwanda embarked on in 2004. To meet the demand for a legal workforce with enhanced skills, ILPD was assigned the task of providing the relevant training.

The Institute is also located in Nyanza District, Southern Province. ILPD is more than eight years old, with many hundreds of lawyers, judges and prosecutors have attended its courses. It runs two major postgraduate Diplomas; on Legal practice (DLP) for judges, prosecutors and lawyers, and on Legislative Drafting (DLD) for government lawyers and others responsible for drafting.

## 2020 Events

**Theme: Cybercrime Electronic Evidence**

**Date (s): 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020**

**Stakeholder: Institute of Legal Practice and Development**



AGA-Africa collaborated with the Institute of Legal Practice and Development from the 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020. The hybrid workshop was delivered both virtually and in-person through local and regional expert trainers. The trainees were engaged through interactive presentations, case studies, demonstration and a reflection session where participants broke off into small groups to recap on the takeaway message.



Group Photo of participants together with the ILPD and AGA-Africa Team

The workshop was delivered by five facilitators from AGA-Africa who are seasoned practitioners, with years of experience in their subject matter areas. These were joined by the Prosecutor and Head of the NPPA Economic and Financial Crimes Unit in Rwanda who presented the local context to the problem of cybercrime and forensic evidence in Rwanda. The workshop tapped into the wealth of knowledge provided by foreign, local and regional seasoned Investigators, Litigators and Prosecutors and Academicians. The combined expertise and experiences from the different facilitators gave participants a lot of valuable insights to reflect on.

**Dr. Didas M. Kayihura**, the Rector ILPD, delivered the welcoming remarks and officially opened the three-day workshop in Nyanza, Rwanda.



Dr. Didas M. Kayihura, the Rector ILPD



Dr. Didas M. Kayihura, the Rector ILPD

The facilitators were **John Bridge**, Director of Financial Crimes Technology at Trust Stamp, **Stephan Englbrecht**, Lead investigator, Verizon Threat Research Advisory Centre, **John Walsh**, President and CEO SightSpanInc from the US and **Stephen Kiptinness**, Senior Partner, Technology and Intellectual Property Practice; **Alex Osunga**, Cyber Security Practitioner at iLab Africa from Kenya and **Jean Marie V. Nyirurugo**, Prosecutor and Head of the NPPA Economic and Financial Crimes Unit and **Gasore Celestin** from Rwanda.



John Bridge, Director of Financial Crimes Technology at Trust Stamp



Stephan Englbrecht, Lead investigator, Verizon



John Walsh, President and CEO SightSpanInc



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Stephen Kiptinness, Senior Partner, Technology and Intellectual Property Practice



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Jean Marie V. Nyirurugo, Prosecutor and Head of the NPPA Economic and Financial Crimes Unit, Rwanda

On behalf of AGA-Africa **Caroline Mbabazi** thanked ILPD for putting together the team for the training and noted that AGA-Africa and ILPD officially signed a memorandum of understanding to strengthen collaboration and enable continuous sharing of experiences and knowledge to create a team of individuals that can ably fight cross-border crime.



Caroline Mbabazi, AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for Rwanda



Cross section of participants

## Closing

The closing ceremony of the two-day workshop was presided over by **Ntete Marius**, Inspector General of Prosecution. Mr. Ntete appreciated ILPD and AGA for the knowledge extended to the participants. He lauded the trainees for taking time to show up and share their experiences, knowledge and skills even amidst the challenging time while the country and the world are battling the Covid-19 outbreak. He noted that cybercrime is on the increase and required a concerted effort to fight it, and reiterated that the concept of cybercrime has changed and hence stakeholder's need to change strategy to deal with it.

On behalf of AGA-Africa, **Susan Lustig** lauded Mr. Aimable Havugiyaremye, Prosecutor General, National Public Prosecutions Authority and his office for supporting AGA-Africa objectives of fighting Transnational Criminal Activities in Rwanda. She appreciated ILPD, Strathmore University, the trainers and AGA-Africa leadership team. She further conveyed her gratitude to the participants and re-echoed that the virtual era is here and AGA-Africa is at the forefront of adopting this with the training and workshops.

## New Partnerships

### *MoU Signing Ceremony with Institute of Legal Practice and Development (ILPD)*

During the 3-day workshop that took place from 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020, the Institute of Legal Practice and Development (ILPD) represented by ILPD Rector, **Dr. Didas M. Kayihura** and AGA-Africa represented by **Caroline Mbabazi**, Country Coordinator for Rwanda and Uganda officially

signed a Memorandum of Understanding to strengthen collaboration and enable continuous sharing of experiences and knowledge to create a team of individuals that can ably fight cross-border crime. Dr. Didas M. Kayihura reiterated that the signing of the MoU with AGA-Africa to train fits well within ILPD's mandate to build capacity at national and regional level.

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The Institute of Legal Practice and Development (ILPD) represented by ILPD Rector, Dr. Didas M. Kayihura and AGA-Africa represented by Caroline Mbabazi, Country Coordinator for Rwanda and Uganda signing the Memorandum of Understanding



Dr. Didas M. Kayihura and Caroline Mbabazi during the unveiling of an introductory curriculum on 'Transnational Crimes Capacity Reducing and Preventing Cross-Border Crime in Africa'. Speaking at the ceremony, the Rector of ILPD Didas M. Kayihura intimated that the launch of the new curriculum was a great start to the strong collaboration between the Institute and AGA-Africa

# UGANDA

## Overview

Famously the pearl of Africa, Uganda is a landlocked country in East Africa and is home to over 45 million people. Uganda's capital city is Kampala. The country sits on an area of 241, 038 km<sup>2</sup>.



# Events in Uganda at a glance

## Theme: Cybercrime Electronic Evidence Workshop

Date (s): 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020

Stakeholder (s): Judicial Training Institute-Uganda (JTI) and KTA Advocates

## Theme: A Discussion on Cybercrime and Trans-Border Crime for Young Lawyers

Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020

Stakeholder: Uganda Law Society (ULS)

## AGA-Africa 2020 Stakeholders

- Uganda Law Society
- Judicial Training Institute of Uganda
- KTA Advocates

## Stakeholders Profiles and Views



**KTA  
Advocates**

KTA Advocates (Karuhanga, Tabaro & Associates) is a specialized law firm focusing on technology, media, telecommunications, Intellectual Property & Construction law. We advise clients on the financing, exploitation and protection of their creative and

commercial assets in these sectors.

Source: <https://www.ktaadvocates.com/who-we-are/>

## The Judicial Training Institute-Uganda (JTI)

The Judicial Training Institute-Uganda (JTI) was established in 2017 as part of the new mechanism to strengthen the training arm of the Judiciary.

Formerly Judicial Studies Institute, the newly reconstituted Institute will provide on-the-job training for Judiciary staff as well as staff in JLOS institutions.

Source: <http://www.judiciary.go.ug>



**Uganda Law Society**

The Uganda Law Society (ULS) exists to develop a skilled and empowered Legal Profession in execution of its Statutory Mandate to foster and improve access to and administration of justice as well as good governance in Uganda. AGA-Africa had the privilege of engaging Uganda Law Society's President Pheona Wall via email.

Pheona Wall shared that Covid-19 affected the Uganda Law Society greatly. "A number of activities in our legal aid project which could not be carried out due to the lockdown," she said adding that many of their members' clients cut down on their legal service expenses for the year resulting in staff layoffs.

On transnational crime, she reported that the ULS has a criminal law cluster that has been receiving training. They have also been involved – at an advisory level – with stakeholders like the Financial Intelligence Authority, the Anti-Corruption Court and others that are dealing with transnational crimes in Uganda.

Although their engagement with AGA-Africa in 2020 was limited as compared to past years, towards the end of the year, the ULS formalized their partnership with AGA-Africa. "The partnership allowed us to participate in the training of judges and we were also able to train our lawyers in cybercrime. The training would not have been possible without the support of AGA-Africa," she said. The ULS also organized the Young Lawyers training on cybercrime. "One of the highlights is that our young lawyers were mentored by ICT law experts from Kenya and Uganda during this training."

For 2021, over and above growing the capacity of their lawyers and embracing technology, the ULS wants to create knowledge hubs especially in this area of transnational crimes, undertake benchmarking visits to understand from other jurisdictions how they are handling Transnational

Crimes as well as focus on member support for SMEs, the business community and legal aid and pro-bono programmes upcountry.

## 2020 Events

### Theme: Cybercrime Electronic Evidence

Date (s): 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020

Stakeholder (s): Judicial Training Institute-Uganda (JTI) and KTA Advocates



AGA-Africa collaborated with the Judicial Training Institute-Uganda (JTI) and KTA Advocates for a two-day Cybercrime Electronic Evidence workshop on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020. The event was opened by **Markus Green**, AGA-Africa Board Member, **Hon. Lady Justice Damalie N. Lwanga**, Executive Director, JTI and **Kenneth Muhangi**, KTA Representative.

The speakers were **Bernard Arinaitwe**, Senior Information Officer in the Inspectorate of Government Office; **Lawrence Dinga**, Cyber Security Consultant; **Stephen Kiptinness**, Senior Partner, Technology & Intellectual Property and **Dr. Bright Gameli**, the Head of Managed Cyber Security Services, Dimension Data.

The hybrid physical-virtual workshop was led by facilitators from AGA who are seasoned practitioners, with years of experience in their subject matter areas. They drew on a mix of academic, professional accomplishments and career experiences to deliver personalized learning and valuable insights to the participants, supported instances by local legal experts. These were joined by local and regional experts. The two-day workshop attracted 50 participants who included Justices of the High Court, Magistrates and Court Registrars drawn from the Judiciary.

The opening remarks were delivered by the Executive Director of the Judicial Training Institute, **Hon. Lady Justice Damalie N. Lwanga**, who noted that evidence plays a very important role in the justice delivery process because it helps to guide legal proceedings. This is done through proving or rebutting facts, which is important in the resolution of issues of contamination, which come up routinely.

In his workshop opening remarks, AGA-Africa Board Member **Markus Green** thanked all the organizers, facilitators and participants for taking part in AGA's collaboration with the Judiciary for the training on cybercrime and electronic evidence. He pointed out that the country lost 120 billion shillings to cybercrime in 2017. He commended the Uganda Government for being on the frontlines of fighting international criminal activities and in particular the implementing the misuse act of 2011, the Data Protection and Privacy Act 2019, while noting that as technology advances, so does crime which causes challenges to justice.



Markus Green, AGA-Africa Board Member

In remarks delivered on behalf of KTA Advocates, **Kenneth Muhangi**, the Managing Partner, thanked participants for taking time to attend the training and encouraged them to actively take part in the discussions. He paid special recognition to the JTI Executive Director, Hon. Lady Justice Lwanga and Head of JTI Training, His Worship Angualia Moses for their assistance in ensuring that all aspects of the event took place as planned.



Kenneth Muhangi, Managing Partner, KTA Advocates



Bernard Arinaitwe, Senior Information Officer in the Inspectorate of Government Office



Lawrence Dinga, Cyber Security Consultant



Stephen Kiptinness, Senior Partner, Technology and Intellectual Property

In her closing remarks, **Susan Lustig**, Administrative Director, AGA-Africa, expressed her gratitude to Honourable Lady Justice Damalie N. Lwanga, the Director of the Judicial Training Institute, Uganda, for her efforts in ensuring justice is served and the fight against transnational criminal activity in Uganda, as well as Kenneth Muhangi, Managing Partner at KTA Advocates, for the continued support towards AGA-Africa's objectives and for featuring as a presenter at the workshop.

**Hon. Lady Justice Alexandra Nkonge** expressed her thanks to AGA-Africa and the organizers on behalf of all the participants for opening their eyes to a subject that is so dear to them in relation to the tasks that were entrusted to them. The Honourable Justice pledged to become an ambassador for what has been imparted to her and concluded by thanking the Judicial Training Institute, KTA Advocates and AGA-Africa for the workshop.

Participants received the training certificates from the JTI Head of Training, **His Worship Moses Angualia**.

## Theme: A Discussion on Cybercrime and Trans-Border Crime for Young Lawyers

Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020

Stakeholder: Uganda Law Society (ULS)

AGA-Africa in partnership with the Uganda Law Society hosted a half-day symposium with young lawyers at Victoria University, Kampala. The half-day session featured presentations by **Pheona Wall**, the Uganda Law Society President, **Stephen Kiptinness**, Senior Partner, Technology and Intellectual Property, and **Kenneth Muhangi**, Managing Partner at KTA Advocates.

In her opening remarks on behalf of AGA-Africa, the Country Coordinator for Uganda and Rwanda, **Caroline Mbabazi**, took the participants through the different areas of work that AGA-Africa engages



Hon. Lady Justice Damalie N. Lwanga, Executive Director, Judicial Training Institute

in and the mentorship opportunities available for young lawyers within the AGA network of Attorneys General offices in the United States.

In their presentations, both **Stephen Kiptinness** and **Kenneth Muhangi** emphasized the importance of collaboration and continuous training for legal practitioners if they are to stay relevant in a rapidly changing environment as the one transnational crime presents.

The presenters later took questions from participants and led a discussion on some of the specific cases involving cross-border crime that they have worked on.

### New Partnerships

#### *MoU Signing Ceremony with the Uganda Law Society*

On 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020, AGA-Africa signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Uganda Law Society (ULS). The signing ceremony took place on the sidelines of a half-day session for ULS young lawyers on transnational crimes. Speaking ahead of the signing ceremony, ULS president Pheona Wall reiterated the importance of continuous capacity building through trainings and mentorship, especially for young lawyers. She asked AGA-Africa to work with ULS to identify promising lawyers in the fraternity to be seconded for mentorship and internship opportunities with offices of U.S. Attorneys General offices. Caroline Mbabazi, AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for Uganda and Rwanda welcomed ULS' request and expressed AGA's interest in providing training opportunities for members of ULS.



MoU Signing Ceremony with the Uganda Law Society



Participant poses a question during the sessions

# SOUTH AFRICA

### Overview

Home of the world's most iconic freedom fighter, the late 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 km<sup>2</sup> and is home to nearly 60 million people.



## Events in South Africa at a glance

### Theme: How Covid-19 has impacted the rule of law

Date (s): 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020, 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2020 and 13<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Stakeholder: National Prosecuting Authority of South Africa (NPA)

### Theme: Tackling Organized Crime through Financial Investigation & Prosecution

Date (s): 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Stakeholder (s): Financial Intelligence Centre's South Africa and the Eastern and Southern Africa Anti-Money Laundering Group (ESAAMLG)

### Theme: Consumer Protection Law Webinar

Date: 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Stakeholder: University of Pretoria

## Word from the Country Coordinator



Kim Robinson, AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for South Africa

### Summary of the Covid-19 year and how AGA-adapted its programme in South Africa

Once lockdowns were established, in-person training became impossible. AGA-Africa cleared this potentially insurmountable obstacle by shifting promptly and comprehensively to virtual training. As a result of this adaptation, AGA-Africa continued to provide training to key stakeholders throughout 2020.

### Memorable moments from the AGA-Africa 2020 experience

In the early stages of the lockdown and in the wake of the killings of Breonna Taylor and George Floyd and worldwide protests against these killings, AGA-Africa determined that there would be broad interest

in a conversation about the way prosecution offices throughout Africa were responding to Covid-19. Simultaneously, the National Prosecuting Authority of South Africa (NPA) wanted to engage with colleagues throughout the continent and beyond to share lessons learned, build relationships, and establish the foundation to workshop the issues to formulate new approaches that could be implemented to improve the delivery of justice during the pandemic and after. These factors led AGA-Africa to collaborate with the NPA to develop a series of webinars. This webinar series on Covid-19 was the first of its kind ever undertaken by AGA-Africa.

In July 2020, with the NPA, AGA-Africa held its first session in the Covid-19 webinar series. National Director of Public Prosecutions, Advocate Shamila Batohi, opened the first webinar, which addressed

the Operational, Institutional and Strategic Implications of Covid-19.

The second webinar of the series addressed the Socio-Economic Impact of Covid-19 on Prosecution Offices. Olayinka Adeyemi, Director of Public Prosecutors, Lagos State, Nigeria, opened the panel discussion. In August 2020, we held the third webinar which was on the Long-Term Implications of Covid-19 for the Rule of Law and Public Trust in State Institutions. Dorcas Oduor, Secretary, Public Prosecutions and the Principal Deputy to the Director of Public Prosecution, Kenya presented the opening comments.

The webinars included senior prosecutors, investigators, and researchers from South Africa, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, the U.S., and Italy. The webinars avoided theoretical lectures. Rather, there were practical cross-continental and global conversations where panelists were candid and authentic. Thus, learning happened because there was true sharing of experiences, lessons learned, and new approaches.

Nozipho Tshabalala, of the Conversation Strategists, ensured that there was an interactive dialogue amongst panelists and with the audience. Panelists' openness about challenges and potential for innovation made the discussions real as well as relevant. Key conversation points included: suggestion of rescinding a bar's liquor license to address regulation violations instead of arresting citizens, mental health of prosecutors, using non-prison remedies; recognition that criminal justice is

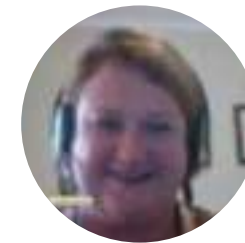
one aspect of a holistic approach, servant leadership, ethics, prosecutorial excellence, importance of inter-agency cooperation, transparency and accountability to the public, increased independence of prosecution offices, effective partnerships beyond criminal justice, e.g. with the health sector, community justice panels; restorative justice.

The webinar series demonstrated how critical it is for Africans to speak with one another and across the globe. By hosting the series, AGA-Africa built a foundation for prosecutors to have future discussions to move from dialogue to practical application of lessons learned to improve their ability to achieve justice in their societies.

## AGA-Africa 2020 Stakeholders

- University of Pretoria
- Financial Intelligence Centre of South Africa
- National Prosecuting Authority of South Africa

### Stakeholders Views



Prof. Jacolien Barnard, Associate Professor,  
Department Mercantile of Law, Law Faculty, University  
of Pretoria

The University of Pretoria is a public university that has been around for more than 100 years. In 2020, the University of Pretoria International Consumer Law Conference (UPICLC) formed the premise of a valuable relationship that AGA-Africa has with the University of Pretoria. We spoke to Prof. Jacolien Barnard, a full professor at the law faculty of the University of Pretoria.

Prior to Covid-19, Prof. Jacolien Barnard explained, the University had always attempted to have a balanced approach when it came to teaching and research. "We had already realized, even before Covid also with the young people coming into the university and technology forming such a big part of the workplace that we have to also include it in the way that we teach and the way that we assess students," she said. This made it easier, but going

online proved a big learning curve. "We, however, had a lot of support from our education departments and assistance with online platforms."

She noted that the biggest challenge which turned out to be such a positive experience was the fact that they had to move the bi-annual conference – the University of Pretoria International Consumer Law Conference (UPICLC) which had previously been held every second year, to a virtual platform. "We had amazing speakers from AGA-Africa from other African countries and from the US and also two Attorney Generals and two Assistant Attorney Generals from the US spoke to us on Consumer Protection issues," she said.

She noted that their virtual workshops with AGA-Africa have definitely been a 2020 highlight. "The professional friendly way that AGA-Africa works with collaborators and stakeholders is extremely impressive to me," said Prof. Jacolien Barnard, who doubled as a moderator on both of the workshops.

She noted that beyond 2020, there is a need to address the issue of illicit consumer goods, medical equipment, unsafe food, personal protection equipment, and foster collaboration to ensure that these goods do not get to the most vulnerable and the ill.



Adv. Xolisile Khanyile, Director of the Financial  
Intelligence Centre of South Africa (FIC)

The Financial Intelligence Centre (FIC) is South Africa's financial intelligence unit and the national

centre for the receipt, analysis and dissemination of financial intelligence reports. The FIC is a staunch supporter of AGA-Africa programmes since their inaugural joint workshop in 2019. In 2020, in collaboration with the Eastern and Southern Africa Anti-Money Laundering Group (ESAAMLG), they organized a 3-day virtual workshop on Tackling Organized Crime Through Financial Investigation and Prosecution between 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020. AGA-Africa conducted an email interview with Adv. Xolisile Khanyile, Director, Financial Intelligence Centre on their 2020 experience, Covid-19 and everything in between.

Adv. Xolisile Khanyile acknowledged that the Covid-19 pandemic had ushered in a largely virtual mode of work at the FIC, creating new opportunities for the FIC organisation to reorganise its training and awareness initiatives, its external stakeholder engagements and other aspects of its operations. She gave the example of the virtual workshop on Financial Investigation and Prosecution in Organised Crime cases in partnership with AGA-Africa. "The virtual format of workshop enabled the FIC to include the ESAAMLG, making it possible to reach a wider audience from all ESAAMLG member countries."

One of FIC's 2020 highlights was the workshop mentioned. "It allowed the FIC to bring the expertise of practitioners from the US to a regional audience in southern and eastern Africa and combine that with local experience and knowledge from within the region."

On combating transnational crime, she explained that the FIC supports law enforcement and prosecuting authorities in investigating criminal activities and the pursuit of the forfeiture of the proceeds of crime. This includes criminal activities that have an element of cross-border financial flows. "In this context the FIC uses its ability to request and share financial intelligence with foreign counterparts through the Egmont Group of Financial Intelligence Units, and its bilateral Memoranda of Understanding with foreign partners," she said.

For 2021 and beyond, Adv. Xolisile Khanyile indicated that potential areas of collaboration

included crypto assets and emerging trends related to the fourth industrial revolution, trade-based money laundering, illicit wildlife trade and the use of open source information in support of financial investigations and prosecutions.



**National Prosecuting  
Authority of South Africa**



Shamila Batohi, National Director  
of Public Prosecutions

The NPA and the Office of the National Director of Public Prosecutions (NDPP) were established in 1998. The mandate and powers of the NPA and the Office of the NDPP are enshrined in South Africa's Constitution. NPA has been a steadfast supporter of AGA-Africa programmes. In 2020, in collaboration with AGA-Africa, NPA organized a three-part webinar series addressing issues on how Covid-19 has impacted the rule of law. The series of webinars ran on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020, 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2020 and 13<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

AGA-Africa conducted an email interview with Adv. Shamila Batohi, National Director of Public Prosecutions, NPA of South Africa – who officially opened the first in the series of Webinars – on their 2020 experience.

On the impact of Covid-19 on NPA's operations, Adv. Shamila Batohi explained that NPA employees – especially frontline staff – were at relatively high risk of infection given the diversity and volume of people they engage with on a daily basis. She added that notwithstanding a range of precautionary measures, numerous NPA staff had been infected. Tragically, some had succumbed to the disease.

She added that the operations of the courts had been detrimentally affected by Covid. "Court closures, quarantined personnel, and social distancing protocols have resulted in delayed trials, postponed court hearings, and a general slowdown in the daily work of the country's criminal courts and the NPA staff who work there," she said.

She referenced the three-part series on the implications of Covid-19 for prosecutions in Africa. "It was extremely valuable to share ideas and interventions to overcome the many challenges Covid presented for prosecutors, both with prosecutors on the continent and the international experts who took part in the webinars."

On combating transnational crime, she noted that the NPA has an indispensable role to play. "The NPA deploys its most experienced prosecutors to combat a range of transnational crimes, from human trafficking; the trade in South Africa's protected fauna and flora, cybercrime, the smuggling of contraband, and terrorism."

For 2021 and beyond she noted thus: "In this strategic period, rebuilding and strengthening the NPA, and restoring public confidence and trust in the NPA, will be a central focus."

## 2020 Events

**Theme: How Covid-19 has impacted the rule of law**

**Date (s): 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020, 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2020 and 13<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

**Stakeholder (s): National Prosecuting Authority of South Africa (NPA)**

AGA-Africa in collaboration with the National Prosecuting Authority of South Africa (NPA) organized a three-part webinar series addressing issues on how Covid-19 has impacted the rule of law. The series of webinars ran on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020, 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2020 and 13<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

The webinars drew prosecutors and other law enforcement officers aimed at a further deep dive into the discussions on the impact of Covid-19 and to come up with innovative ways to continue enforcing the law whilst adapting to the 'new normal'.



The first webinar series took place on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020 and was titled '*Operational, Institutional & Strategic Implications*'. It was graced by **Shamila Batohi**, National Director of Public Prosecutions and **Markus Green**, AGA-Africa Board Member.

The distinguished panelists were **Sibongile Mzingathi**, Director of Public Prosecutions, Northern Gauteng, National Prosecuting Authority of South Africa; **Samuel Simwaka**, Senior State Advocate, National Prosecuting Authority of Zambia; **Brian Kane**, Assistant Chief Deputy Attorney General, Idaho Attorney General's Office and **Dr. Marco Fabri**, Research Director National Research Council of Italy (CNR), Bologna Branch.

The second in the series dubbed '*The Socio-Economic Impact of COVID 19 and the Implications for Prosecutors*' took place on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2020 and was graced by **Kim Robinson**, AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for South Africa.

The eminent panelists were **Adv. Elaine Zungu**, Director of Public Prosecutions, KwaZulu Natal, National Prosecuting Authority of South Africa; **Olayinka Adeyemi**, Director of Public Prosecutions, Lagos State, Nigeria; **Brian Kane**, Assistant Chief Deputy Attorney General, Idaho Attorney General's Office, USA and **Adv. Christine Nanjala**, Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions, Makadara Law Courts, Nairobi, Kenya.



Kim Robinson, AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for South Africa



Adv. Elaine Zungu, Director of Public Prosecutions KwaZulu Natal, National Prosecuting Authority of South Africa



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Brian Kane, Assistant Chief Deputy Attorney General, Idaho Attorney General's Office



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Samuel Simwaka, Senior State Advocate, National Prosecuting Authority of Zambia

The third and final webinar in the series themed '*Rule of Law, Public Trust in State Institutions*' was graced by AGA-Africa's Administrative Director, **Susan Lustig** and **Kim Robinson**, AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for South Africa, took place on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

The esteemed panelists were: **Dorcas Oduor**, Secretary of Public Prosecutions and the principle Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions, Kenya; **Yvonne Obuobisa**, the Director of Public Prosecutions from Ghana; **Ouma Rasethaba**, Deputy, National Director Public Prosecutions, South Africa; **Jason Downs**, Chief Deputy Attorney General of the District of Columbia AG's Office and **Reginald Grigsby**, Chief Special Agent of the Arizona AG's Office.



Dorcas Oduor, Secretary of Public Prosecutions and principle Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions, Kenya



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Kim Robinson, AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for South Africa

The 3-part webinar series was ably moderated by the talented **Nozipho Mbanjwa** – a Communication Strategist and Global Moderator.



Nozipho Mbanjwa, Communication Strategist and Global Moderator

### Theme: Tackling Organized Crime through Financial Investigation & Prosecution

Date (s): 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020

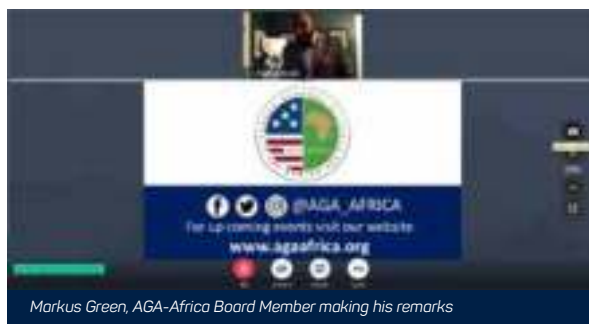
Stakeholder(s): Financial Intelligence Centre's South Africa and the Eastern and Southern Africa Anti-Money Laundering Group (ESAAMLG)



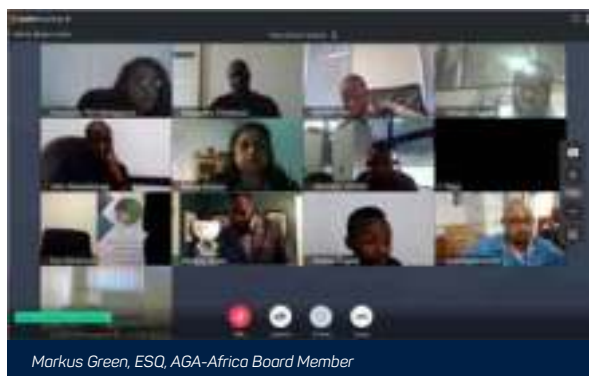
AGA-Africa in conjunction with the Financial Intelligence Centre's South Africa and the Eastern and Southern Africa Anti-Money Laundering Group (ESAAMLG) organized a 3-day virtual workshop on Tackling Organized Crime Through Financial Investigation & Prosecution between 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020. The workshop brought together investigators and prosecutors from various African countries.

The opening remarks were delivered by **Markus Green**, AGA-Africa Board Member and **Adv. Xolisile Khanyile**, Director of the Financial Intelligence Centre of South Africa (FIC).

In his remarks, **Markus Green** revealed that the developing world has lost US\$6.6 trillion in illicit financial flows from 2003-2012 and South Africa loses roughly an average of \$12 billion every year, according to the Global Financial Integrity Report adding that the Covid-19 pandemic had significantly disrupted the global economy and provided an opportunity for criminals to target strategic sectors to launder money and commit other offences.



Markus Green, AGA-Africa Board Member making his remarks



Markus Green, ESQ, AGA-Africa Board Member

**Adv. Xolisile Khanyile** thanked AGA-Africa for their care and support of South Africa with webinars and conferences of this nature. She thanked the ESAAMLG Secretariat and Financial Intelligence Centre of South Africa for jointly supporting AGA-Africa towards organizing the workshop. She noted that prosecution of money laundering cases has been challenging across African nations specifically third party and trade-based money laundering. "The time for excuses is over. We cannot continue blaming constrained resources, lack of expertise,

shortage of skills and just about everything else under the sun as this has not changed the narrative," she said.



Adv. Xolisile Khanyile, Director, Financial Intelligence Centre of South Africa (FIC)

Present to share their wealth of experience in the field were AGA-Africa international subject matter experts: **Scott Blake**, Assistant Attorney General in the Office of the Arizona Attorney General, USA and **Rachel R. Heintz**, Assistant Attorney General in the Southern Arizona White Collar and Criminal Enterprise Section, Office of the Attorney General, USA.



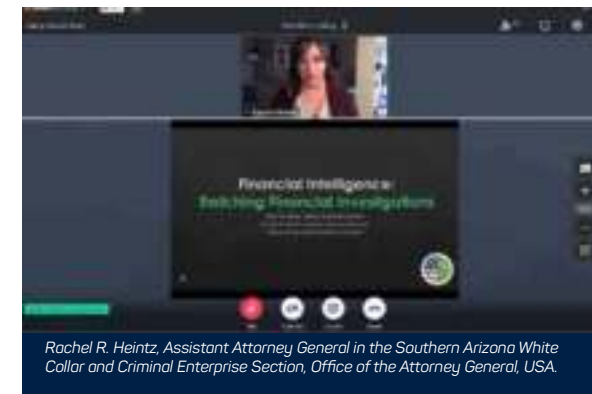
Scott Blake, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Arizona Attorney General



Rachel R. Heintz, Assistant Attorney General (AAG), Southern Arizona White Collar and Criminal Enterprise Section, Arizona Attorney General's Office

Regionally we had **Advocate Hein Van Der Merwe**, Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions attached to the Organized Crime Component at the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) in South Africa, **Mike**

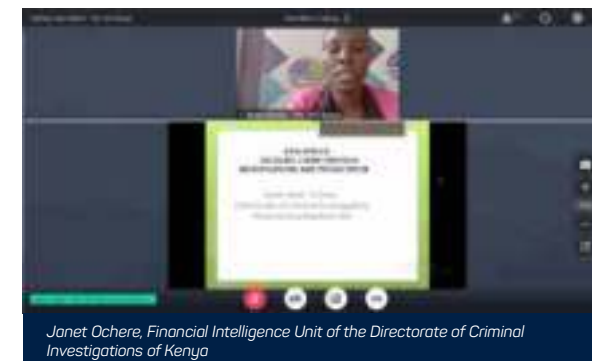
**Muia**, Director Financial Intelligence Unit of the Directorate of Criminal Investigations of Kenya and his colleagues **Joseph Wafula** and **Janet Ochere** also from the same unit.



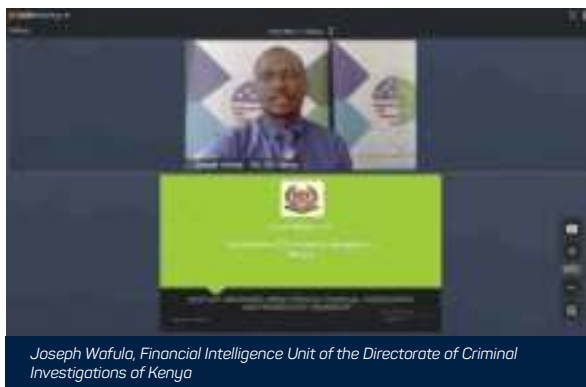
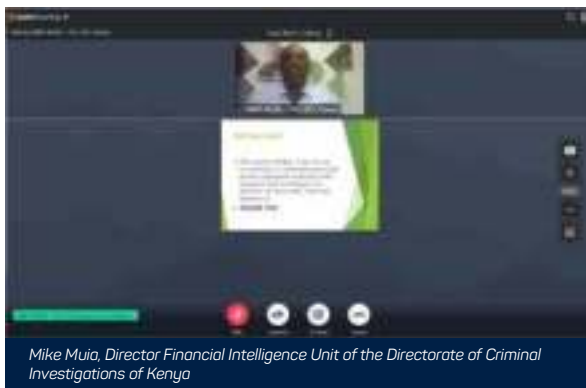
Rachel R. Heintz, Assistant Attorney General in the Southern Arizona White Collar and Criminal Enterprise Section, Office of the Attorney General, USA.



Scott Blake, Assistant Attorney General in the Office of the Arizona Attorney General, USA



Janet Ochere, Financial Intelligence Unit of the Directorate of Criminal Investigations of Kenya



The workshop was officially closed by **Lieutenant General Mosikili** on behalf of **Lt. Gen Godfrey Lebeya**, National Head, Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation and **Kim Robinson**, AGA-Africa Country Coordinator, South Africa.

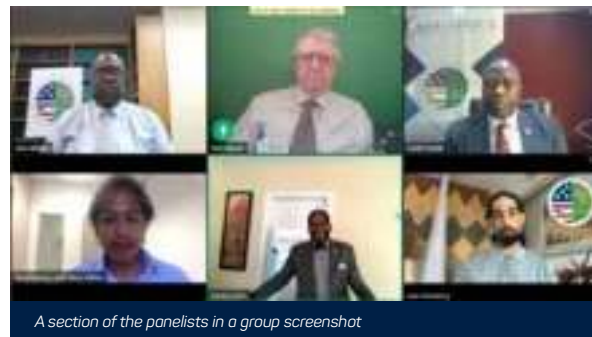
Lieutenant **General Mosikili** thanked the partners in the workshop. She also thanked the Director of the Financial Intelligence Centre, Adv. Xolisile Khanyile, partners with whom they work from time to time to further the rule of law.

## Theme: Consumer Protection Law Webinar

Date: 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Stakeholder: University of Pretoria

AGA-Africa in conjunction with the University of Pretoria organized a Consumer Protection Law Webinar on the 16<sup>th</sup> of November 2020.



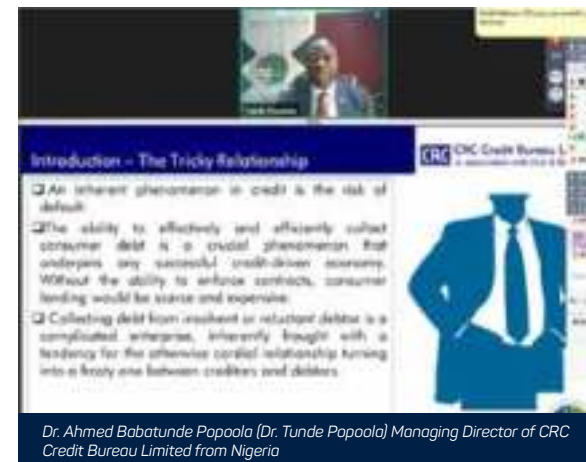
The Webinar was officially opened by AGA-Africa Board Member, Markus Green and ably moderated by **Prof. Jacolien Barnard**, Associate Professor, Department Mercantile of Law, Law Faculty, University of Pretoria and **John Ukegbu, Esq.** Senior Staff Attorney Northeast New Jersey Legal Services.

In his opening remarks, **Markus Green** gave a special recognition to Prof. Jacolien Barnard, Associate professor and Attorney at Law University of Pretoria – Law Faculty, Consumer Protection Law Cluster and John Ukegbu, Esq. Attorney-at-Law, Jersey City, New Jersey Office for supporting AGA-Africa's programmes as well for being the webinar moderators. He noted that the products and services traded in the markets globally are increasingly sophisticated and complex.



The distinguished panelists gracing the webinar were **Neil Fogarty**, Managing Attorney, Consumer Unit, Northeast New Jersey Legal Services, Jersey City, N.J and **Scott C Borison**, Founder, Borison Firm, LLC, from the US; **Dr. Ahmed Babatunde Popoola (Dr. Tunde Popoola)** Managing Director of CRC Credit Bureau Limited from Nigeria; **Dr. Isaac M. Rutenberg**, Director of the Centre for Intellectual Property and Information Technology Law (CIPIT) at Strathmore Law School in Kenya; and **Dr. Sylvia Papadopoulos**, Senior Lecturer, Department of Mercantile Law, University of Pretoria and **Prof. Stefan Renke**, Senior Lecturer, Department of Mercantile Law, University of Pretoria, South Africa.

There were notable contributions from **Ira Rheingold**, National Association of Consumer Advocates and **Robert Sola**, Litigator in Credit Reporting.



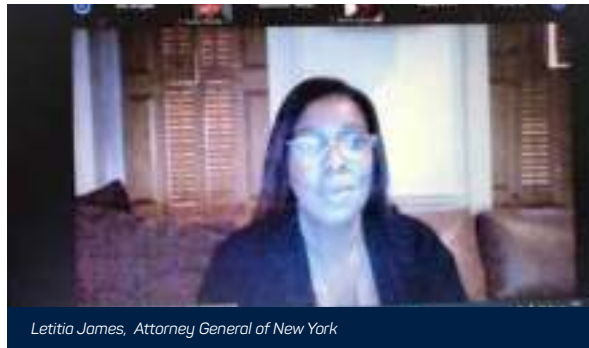
The Webinar was officially brought to a close by AGA-Africa Country Coordinator, South Africa, **Kim Robinson**.

## Other Events

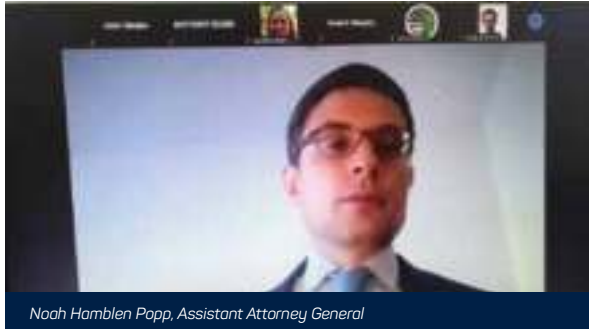
The 4<sup>th</sup> University of Pretoria International Consumer Protection Law Conference, South Africa



AGA-Africa participated and facilitated sessions in the three-day workshops on UP-Consumer Law Cluster Workshop that was held on 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2020. AGA facilitators were Attorney General of New York **Letitia James**, **Chief Anthony Idigbe** (SAN)-ESQ, and **Noah Hamblen Popp**, Assistant Attorney General, who discussed 'Secured transactions for movable goods'. In the same event, Attorney General Maura Healy and Sara Cable, Chief, Data Privacy & Security Division, Massachusetts Attorney General's Office spoke 'Consume privacy'. The event drew participation from legal specialists from Africa and the US discussing Debt Collections & Consumer Bankruptcy, Secured Transactions, and consumer privacy.



*Letitia James, Attorney General of New York*



*Noah Hamblen Popp, Assistant Attorney General*



*Maura Tracy Healey Attorney General of Massachusetts*



*Sara Cable, Chief, Data Privacy & Security Division, Massachusetts Attorney General's Office*



*John Ukegbu, Esq., Senior Staff Attorney Northeast New Jersey Legal Services*

# ZAMBIA

## Overview

Zambia is a landlocked country in Southern Africa that occupies an area of 752,618 km<sup>2</sup>. Known for the majestic Victoria Falls and renowned for its copper exports, Zambia is home to over 18 million people. Lusaka is Zambia's capital city.

## Events in Zambia at a glance

**Theme:** *Surveillance Equipment Hand Over Ceremony to the Ministry of Tourism & Arts/ Department Of Parks & National Wildlife*

Date: 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2020, Lusaka, Zambia

Stakeholder: Wildlife Investigators Training Alliance (WITA)

**Theme:** *Gender-Based Violence Virtual Workshop*

Date (s): 13<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Stakeholder: National Prosecution Authority (NPA)

**Theme:** *Lifecycle of a Casino, Financial Investigation & Prosecution*

Date (s): 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Stakeholder: Financial Intelligence Centre (FIC) – Zambia

**Theme:** *Management Skills Training*

Date (s): 21<sup>st</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Stakeholder: National Prosecution Authority (NPA)

**Theme:** *Anti-Human Trafficking*

Date (s): 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020

Stakeholder: National Prosecution Authority (NPA)

## Word from the Country Coordinator



Dr. Freda Mwamba Brazle, Managing Partner, Innovatus Zambia and AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for Zambia

### Covid-19

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared Coronavirus (Covid-19) a global pandemic. Zambia had a training session scheduled for March 27, and AGA-Africa decided to cancel the training because of the pandemic. At this time, there was a significant amount of ambiguity and lack of clarity on the direction that AGA-Africa would take. However, as schools and universities pivoted to a virtual mode of delivery, AGA-Africa quickly began investigating and offered, too, an alternate channel of delivering training.

Our Zambia team communicated to our stakeholders that AGA-Africa would continue to deliver training, but it would be virtual. The critical

success factors identified for the virtual training were 1) having consistent, efficient and reliable internet connectivity, 2) each participant having a laptop or phone, and 3) condensing the length of the training. It was important to provide internet access to those participants in the rural areas and address the equipment challenges. When our team was comfortable with having the critical success factors, the planning team revisited and updated the 2020 training calendar.

### Virtual Workshops

In mid-July, AGA-Africa hosted Zambia's first virtual training for the National Prosecution Authority (NPA). The **Gender Based Violence** workshop had 27 participants from the ten provinces of Zambia.

Internet modems and data were provided to the participants and the training was scheduled for three hours. The workshop was a resounding success with minimal technical glitches.

As the government of Zambia introduced Covid-19 safety guidelines that allowed gatherings of a maximum of 50 people with strict adherence to physical distancing, the next training was in person. AGA-Africa collaborated with the Financial Intelligence Center (FIC) to conduct the ***“Life Cycle of a Casino, Financial Investigation & Prosecution”*** workshop which was held at the end of July, 2020. Most of the 53 participants were in a conference room, and a small number were virtual.

From September 21-24, 2020, AGA-Africa hosted ***“Management Skills Training”*** for 28 participants from NPA. This was held in conjunction with the Institute of Directors in Zambia and received positive feedback.

On October 1-2, 2020, three Zambian High Court judges participated in the ***“Cybercrime & Electronic Evidence for High Court Judges”*** webinar hosted by the Judiciary Training Institute of Kenya.

From December 1-3, 2020, Zambia hosted ***Human Trafficking*** training for 43 NPA participants. This wrapped up our fifth workshop for the year.

## Memorable Events

It is an honour to be part of a team that is driving positive change in Africa, and I am humbled to be

associated with AGA-Africa. I learn something new in each training that I plan or attend. Covid has made us learn to be innovative and supportive of each other. The work that we are doing is meaningful and has purpose. It aligns with my personal goals for living a purposeful life. The incredibly positive feedback from participants from remote areas who appreciate learning new information, staying abreast of emerging trends and expanding their mindsets make this work worthwhile.

# AGA-Africa 2020 Stakeholders

- Wildlife Investigators Training Alliance (WITA)
- National Prosecution Authority (NPA)
- Financial Intelligence Centre
- Judiciary of Zambia
- Ministry of Tourism and Arts Zambia

## Stakeholders Views



Fulata Lillian Shawa-Siyunyi,  
Director, National Prosecution  
Authority

National Prosecution Authority of Zambia is an autonomous institution created by a statute – the National Prosecution Authority Act number 34 of 2010. We spoke to Madam Fulata Lillian Shawa-Siyunyi, Director of the National Prosecution Authority (NPA) to give us a Zambian perspective on their 2020 experience with respect to AGA-Africa trainings.

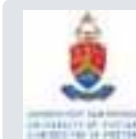
She explained that Covid-19 set them in a paralyzed mood and disturbed everything. “The programme that we had laid to have our prosecutors trained went into disarray.”

On transnational crime, she pointed out that Zambia is at the centre of Africa. “We have 8 countries that surround us and are bordering our nation. It

is very easy for us to be a transitory point and the destinations for those crimes,” she said. She added that AGA-Africa has proved a lifesaver for the National Prosecutions Authority. “They increased our understanding of transnational crime and how it is intertwined with other crimes that we may think were only peculiar to Zambia. Without AGA-Africa we would have been stuck.”

On the genesis of the successful Management Skills training held in 2020, she narrated how on a work tour, she identified a skill gap in the area of management. AGA-Africa responded positively to their request for up-skilling.

She also added that AGA-Africa trainings suits their daily mandate. “We put our training into practice,” she said using the Management Skills training as an example. “The managers who attended the training have admitted that the training was necessary and practical.” She pointed out areas of focus going into 2021 including trial advocacy, cybercrime, over and above skills management training for junior officers in their quest for continuous professional development. “I have no doubt that when AGA-Africa comes up with the training programme, it will be suited to the Zambian situation,” she said.



## The Judiciary of Zambia

**Hon. Lady Justice Mugeni Siwale Mulenga**, Chair Advisory Committee

The Judiciary of Zambia is one of the three arms of government. The courts and the court systems are under the Judiciary. AGA-Africa has partnered with the Judiciary of Zambia since 2019.

We spoke to Justice Mugeni, Chairperson of the Advisory Committee on training and continuing education on their 2020 experience with respect to training and capacity building through AGA-Africa amid Covid-19.

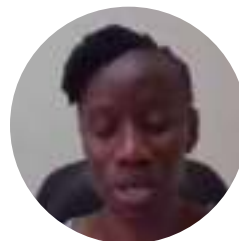
Justice Mugeni noted that Covid-19 caught all of them – just like in most of the world – on their left foot. “We now had to think of how we are going to deal with court sittings, issues of training minus the usual face-to-face in-person interaction,” she said, noting that on their statute books and rules, they had already provided for electronic filing of cases.

In 2020, 3 judges from Zambia joined judges from Kenya in a Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence workshop in October 2020. Justice Mugeni explained that the motivation behind this was that they have been dealing with a lot of cases involving cybercrime and issues of electronic evidence. She reported that the judges who attended found it very useful and interesting and especially looking at the emerging issues and how Kenya has been dealing with some of the similar problems that Zambia was having. “It was something that was really appreciated by the three and we are going to see how we are going to share the experience they had.”

The Judiciary of Zambia first had contact with AGA-Africa in 2019. They were impressed with the way AGA-Africa responded to them in terms of how they could collaborate. “So far we are happy with the relationship and rapport that we have built and we do look forward to having more collaborations,” she said.



*Diphat Tembo, Director of the Compliance and Prevention Department, Financial Intelligence Centre (FIC), Zambia*



*Liya Tembo, Head, and Department of Legal Policy, Financial Intelligence Centre (FIC), Zambia*

Established in 2010, Financial Intelligence Centre (FIC) is the institution that is designated to receive suspicious transactions reports on money laundering, terrorism financing and proliferation financing for purposes of analyzing that information, adding value to it and thereafter feeding that information to law enforcement agencies or any other competent authorities that are involved in combating those vices. We spoke to Diphat Tembo, Director of the Compliance and Prevention Department and Liya Tembo (no relation to Diphat), Head, and Department of Legal Policy on their 2020 experience and their collaboration with AGA-Africa.

Diphat Tembo noted that although Covid-19 disturbed their plans they did not relent. “We administered a monitoring tool to the banking sector. We also administered a monitoring tool to the accounting firms just to check how they are complying even in these times of Covid,” he said.

In 2020 AGA-Africa collaborated with the FIC for a workshop on the Lifecycle of Casinos. With respect to this, Liya Tembo explained that in 2016, Zambia conducted their first ever national risk assessment of money laundering and terrorism financing to get an understanding of where the vulnerabilities and the threats are. “We found that a lot of the financial crimes are still around corruption,” she said. She noted that casinos pose a great problem

because Zambia has limited capacity in supervision. “Casinos are one of those that popped up as high risk,” she said explaining that a lot of the patrons are foreigners, the identification process right now is not very transparent.

On FIC’s partnership with AGA-Africa, Diphat Tembo noted that in spite of Covid-19 supervisors as well as players in the casinos received training in the first and second quarter.

“We had engagements with the AGA-Africa where very talented, skilful individuals took us through a risk-based approach to supervision of casinos,” he said.

As FIC looks to 2021 and beyond Liya Tembo looked forward to bringing stakeholders together in capacity building in the areas of proliferation financing, coordination, virtual assets. She added that AGA-Africa’s footprints are being recognized in Africa. “This initiative was a brilliant one. It is gaining so much momentum, which shows you that it was actually a need that was there across the globe,” she said.



*WITA and AGA-Africa representatives with DPP Fulata Lillian Shawa-Siyunyi, Minister Ronald Chitotela, AG Likando Kalaluka and Dr. Auxilia Ponga, during the handover ceremony*

## Theme: Surveillance Equipment Hand Over Ceremony to the Ministry of Tourism & Arts/ Department of Parks & National Wildlife

Date: 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2020, Lusaka, Zambia

Stakeholder: Wildlife Investigators Training Alliance (WITA)

AGA-Africa in collaboration with the Wildlife Investigators Training Alliance (WITA) donated Anti-Wildlife Surveillance Equipment to the Ministry of Tourism & Arts and the Department of Parks & National Wildlife on 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 in Lusaka, Zambia.

The high-tech surveillance equipment will assist the rangers in their daily anti-poaching efforts to bring wildlife traffickers to justice and protect Zambian wildlife which is a major economic resource for the country.

**Fulata Lillian Shawa-Siyunyi**, Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP), applauded the AGA-Africa for being a good friend to the National Prosecutors Authority. “The donation by AGA-Africa and WITA will assist in more effective investigations and evidence gathering for increasing successful prosecutions further down the line in Zambia,” she said.



*Fulata Lillian Shawa-Siyunyi, Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP), Zambia*

**Hon. Ronald Chitotela**, Minister of Tourism and Arts, Zambia, thanked WITA and NPA for their collaboration in organizing the ceremony. He emphasized that Zambia would not stand by to be used as a hub for wildlife trafficking which threatens Zambia's tourism industry that contributes 7% of the country's GDP.



Hon. Ronald Chitotela, Minister of Tourism and Arts in Zambia

**Dr. Freda Mwamba Brazle**, AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for Zambia expressed gratitude to WITA's Shawn Karns and Stephanie Durno Karns for being key partners in supporting AGA-Africa's objectives by providing anti-wildlife trafficking training to DNPW.



Dr. Freda Mwamba Brazle, AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for Zambia



WITA and AGA-Africa representatives with DPP Fulata Lillian Shawa-Siyunji, Minister Ronald Chitotela, AG Likando Kalaluka and Dr. Auxilia Ponga, during the handover ceremony



Shawn Karns, Criminal Investigator & President, WITA hands over the Anti-Wildlife Trafficking equipment to Hon. Ronald Chitotela, Zambia Minister of Tourism and Arts



Shawn Karns, Criminal Investigator & President, WITA and Stephanie Durno Karns, Wildlife Biologist & Project Coordinator, WITA explain to Hon. Ronald Chitotela the functions of different pieces of equipment being donated

## Theme: Gender-Based Violence Virtual Workshop

Date (s): 13<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Stakeholder: National Prosecution Authority (NPA)

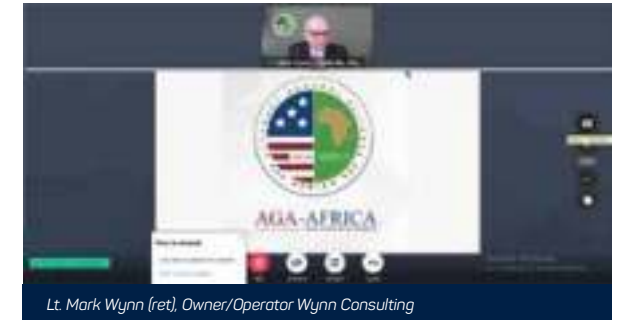


AGA-Africa together with the National Prosecution Authority of Zambia organized a 3-day Gender-Based Violence workshop. This was also NPA's first virtual workshop. The workshop which took place from 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020 was aimed at building the capacity of prosecutors and Investigators in the management of Gender-Based Violence to ensure that the best evidence is brought to court as well as to prevent secondary victimization of victims.

In her opening remarks **Fulata Lillian Shawa-Siyunji** (SC), Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) thanked AGA-Africa for facilitating the training, commended the dedication and commitment of all involved and expressed confidence that the knowledge gained will enable prosecutors to manage such cases and provide competent direction.

Subject matter experts were: **Lt. Mark Wynn (ret)**, Independent Operator, Former Investigator and **Miiko Anderson**, Certified Criminal Legal Specialist and Senior Deputy District Attorney, Fresno County District Attorneys' Office from the US, **Lydia Muthiani**, Human Rights Lawyer, Regional Coordinator for the Eastern Africa Child Rights Network and **Anita Nyanjong**, Regional Coordinator for the Eastern Africa Child Rights Network from Kenya and **Tresford Kasale**, Senior Assistant Commissioner of Police, Ministry of Home

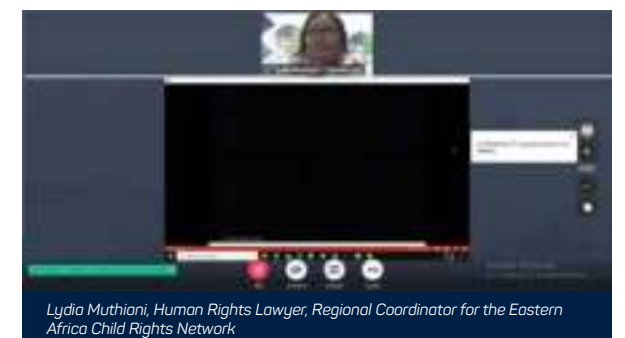
Affairs Headquarters and Deputy Commanding Officer for Airports Division of the Zambia Police Service, **Bob Mwewa**, Senior State Advocate at the National Prosecution Authority and **Chali Hambayi**, Prosecutor, National Prosecution Authority, Zambia.



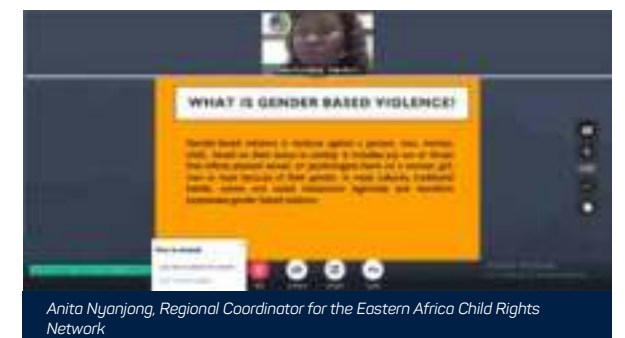
Lt. Mark Wynn (ret), Owner/Operator Wynn Consulting



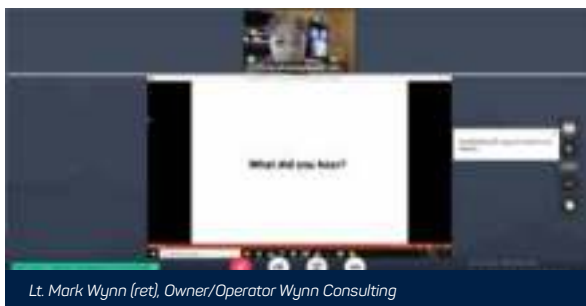
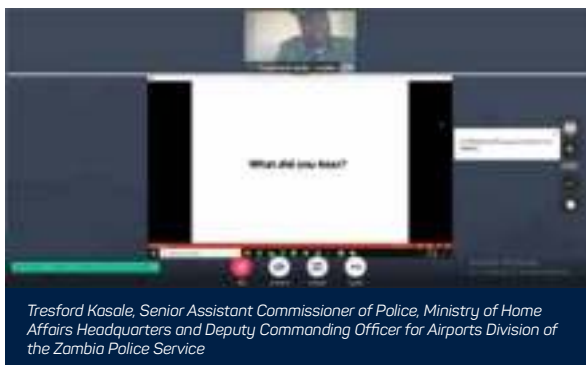
Miiko Anderson, Certified Criminal Legal Specialist and Senior Deputy District Attorney, Fresno County District Attorneys' Office



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Lydia Muthiani, Human Rights Lawyer, Regional Coordinator

## Theme: Lifecycle of a Casino, Financial Investigation & Prosecution

Date (s): 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Stakeholder: Financial Intelligence Centre (FIC) – Zambia



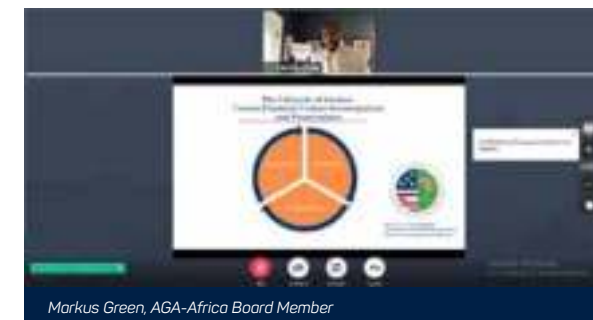
In collaboration with the Financial Intelligence Centre - Zambia, AGA-Africa held a 2-day Virtual Workshop on the Lifecycle of a Casino, Financial Investigation & Prosecution on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> July 2020. The workshop was held both virtually and also broadcast live to a venue. The workshop explored the following: *Emerging Casino and Gaming Industry in Zambia, Threats Posed by the Industry and its Challenges in Zambia, Casino Money Laundering Red Flags, Evidence, Charging, Prosecution and Asset Recovery.*

The workshop was graced by **Diphath Tembo**, Director of the Compliance and Prevention Department of the Financial Intelligence Centre (FIC) on behalf of **Mary Chirwa**, Director General of the Financial Intelligence Centre, Zambia, **Markus Green**, AGA-Africa Board Member and **Dr. Freda Brazle**, AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for Zambia. The workshop was co-moderated by AGA-Africa Country Adviser for Zambia, **Marise Haefner**.

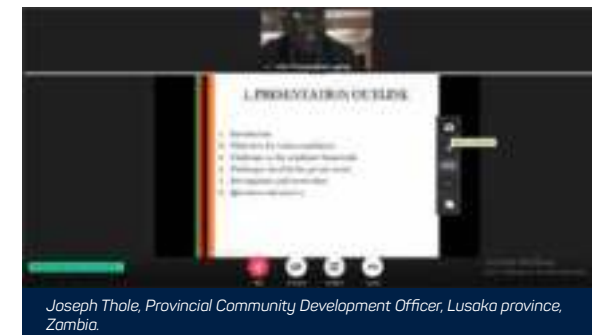
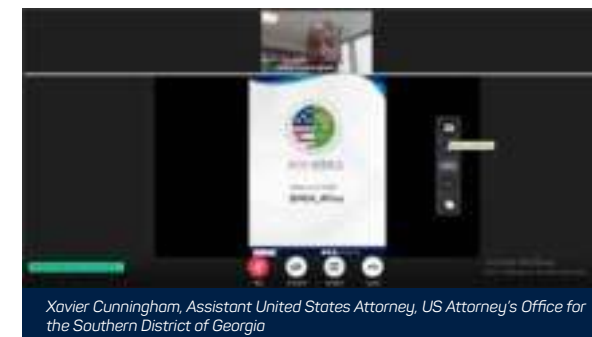
In his remarks, **Diphath Tembo** noted that the workshop is timely as it coincides with the government of Zambia's establishment of a Gaming Board to strengthen the supervision of the gaming sector in Zambia.



**Markus Green** added that Casinos are a big business on the continent and a big revenue source for the government but can also be a depot for criminal activity.



The facilitators for the two days were **Xavier Cunningham**, Assistant United States Attorney, US Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Georgia and **Joseph Thole**, Provincial Community Development Officer, Lusaka province, Zambia.



In closing **Dr. Freda Brazle** paid special recognition to FIC's Director General Mary Chirwa for her support of pulling together 11 institutions and extending invitations to 15 casinos for this collaboration.



**Diphat Tembo** expressed gratitude to AGA-Africa for organizing the workshop in collaboration with the FIC. He acknowledged that it is a difficult sector to regulate.

**Fulata Lillian Shawa-Siyunji** thanked AGA-Africa for once again partnering with NPA on training of senior management and helping them towards achieving their vision.

### Theme: Management Skills Training

Date (s): 21<sup>st</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Stakeholder: National Prosecution Authority (NPA)



The National Prosecution Authority (NPA), Zambia collaborated with AGA-Africa to organize an eye-opening Management Skills training.

The four-day training hybrid virtual and in-class workshop took place from the 21<sup>st</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup> of September 2020. The training included various aspects of leadership, motivation, teamwork and supervision in order to adequately equip the trainees in these four areas key for anyone placed in a supervisory role.

The event was officially opened by **Markus Green**, Board Member AGA-Africa with keynote addresses by the distinguished Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) **Fulata Lillian Shawa-Siyunji** and **Mable Bauleni-Nawa**, Chief Administrator of the National Prosecution Authority, Zambia.

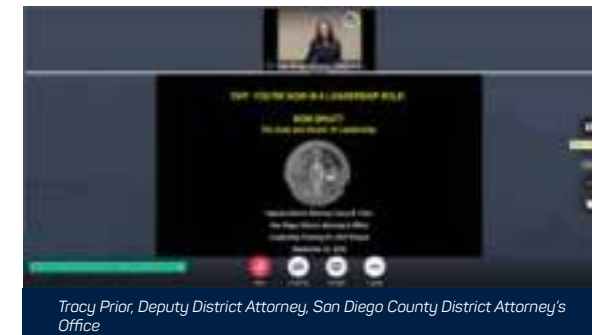
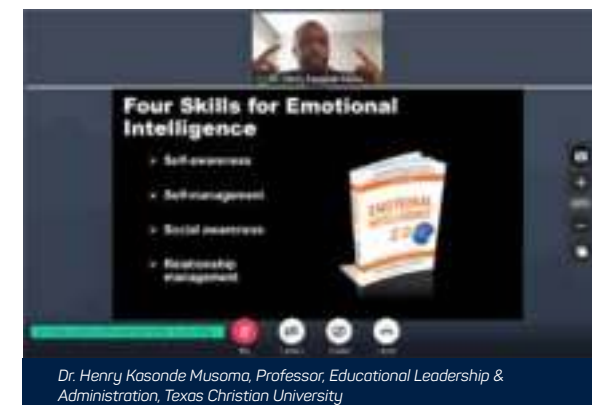
**Markus Green** expressed excitement about the Management Skills training programme ahead. He termed the programme as relevant noting that not all good lawyers make good managers.



**Mable Bauleni-Nawa** noted that the objective of the training was to enhance knowledge and skills management of institutional resources. She noted that results of the last performance review showed that they had excelled in their work meaning that the trainings were yielding.



The training facilitators were **Anne Calle**, Leadership Coach, San Diego County District Attorney's Office and **Dr. Henry Kasonde Musoma**, Professor, Educational Leadership & Administration, Texas Christian University, **Jerrilyn Malana**, Chief of Human Resources, San Diego County District Attorney's Office and **Tracy Prior**, Deputy District Attorney and Assistant Chief of the Family Protection.

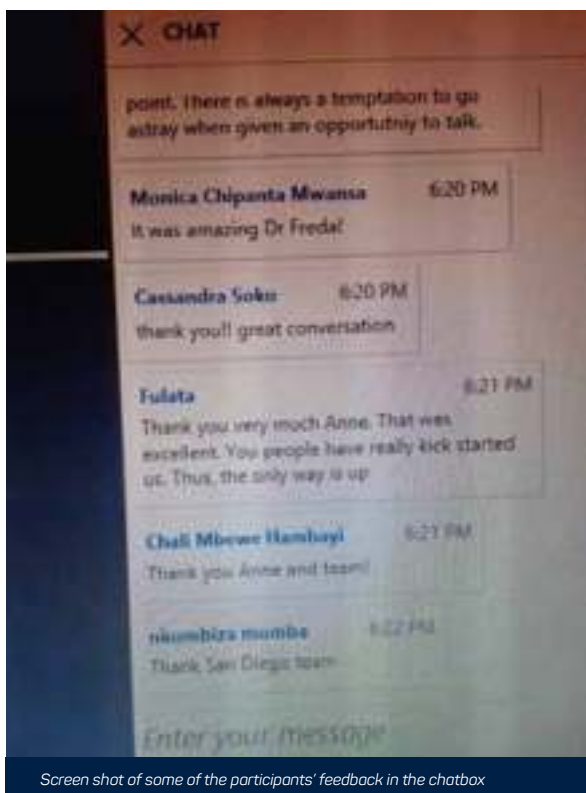


The training was brought to a close by **Dr. Freda Brazle**, AGA-Africa's Country Coordinator, Zambia, **Susan Lustig**, AGA- Africa Administrative Director, **Mable Bauleni-Nawa**, NPA and **Fulata Lillian Shawa-Siyunji**, Director, NPA.

On behalf of AGA-Africa, **Dr. Freda Brazle** thanked Anthony Campagne and his team for putting together such a brilliant and much-needed training. She noted that the training had drawn prosecutors from all over Zambia, all 10 provinces in Zambia.



**Susan Lustig** extended her congratulations to the DPP's office for their revolutionary leaders who had gathered, who recognized the opportunity to grow beyond the traditional training for legal education.



Screen shot of some of the participants' feedback in the chatbox

**Mable Bauleni-Nawa** termed experience as a great four days of training acknowledging that they had the best facilitators and have achieved all the objectives they set out to achieve.

**Fulata Lillian Shawa-Siyunyi** proposed that the training should be a prerequisite for taking up any management role. She observed that the topics discussed were accurate to the challenges they

were facing and concepts could be extended beyond the workplace and help them become better leaders.



Fulata Lillian Shawa-Siyunyi, Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) at the closing ceremony of the Management Skills Training Workshop



A cross-section of participants at the Management Skills training workshop.



In blue polo shirts Fulata Lillian Shawa-Siyunyi, Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) with participants at the Management Skills Training Workshop



Fulata Lillian Shawa-Siyunyi, Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) with participants at the Management Skills Training Workshop

**Theme: Anti-Human Trafficking**

**Date (s): 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020**

**Stakeholder: National Prosecution Authority (NPA)**



AGA-Africa in collaboration with Zambia's National Prosecution Authority (NPA) hosted a three-day workshop at Legacy Conference Center in the outskirts of the capital, Lusaka. The facilitators were from Manhattan District Attorney's Office in New York, with the regional and local experts from Kenya and Zambia. The event drew 48 NPA prosecutors from Zambia's 10 provinces.



Group photo of participants together with Nation Prosecution Authority and AGA-Africa team

The workshop was officially opened by AGA-Africa Board Member, Markus Green and Director, NPA **Fulata Lillian Shawa Siyunji**.

In his remarks, **Markus Green** gave special recognition to Zambia's Director of Public Prosecutions, DPP, Fulata Lillian Shawa Siyunji for her continued support to the AGA-Africa objectives in Zambia. He acknowledged that lockdown measures created severe vulnerabilities for those most at risk, which is helping to create the next generation of human trafficking victims.

**Fulata Lillian Shawa Siyunji**, commended AGA-Africa for the workshop. "Zambia like many other countries has been tremendously affected by human trafficking; it remains a source, transit and destination country for trafficked and smuggled persons," she said.



Fulata Lillian Shawa Siyunji, Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP)

The facilitators for the three-day event were **Justin McNabney**, Assistant District Attorney, Deputy Chief, Human Trafficking Response Unit, Manhattan, NY, **Raffaella Belizaire**, Assistant District Attorney, Manhattan, NY from the US.

**Gina Nyampachila Nyalugwe**, Deputy Chief State Advocate, National Prosecutions Authority, Central Province, Zambia; **Charity Alisinda-Bauleni**, State Advocate, National Prosecution Authority Zambia; **Boris Mulengu**, Senior Immigration Officer, Zambia Immigration Headquarters and **Sophie Otiende**, Protection Practitioner from Kenya.



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The closing remarks were delivered by CSA, **Khumbiza Mumba** and AGA-Africa, Zambia Country Advisor, **Marise Haefner**.

CSA, **Khumbiza Mumba** thanked AGA-Africa for hosting another successful workshop in

collaboration with the NPA. She recognized the facilitators for sacrificing their time to share their knowledge with Zambian prosecutors as she looked forward to our collaboration with AGA-Africa in 2021.



Khumbiza Mumba, Chief State Advocate

On behalf of AGA-Africa, Zambia Country Advisor **Marise Haefner** thanked Zambia's DPP for her continued support to AGA-Africa's objectives in cultivating knowledge among the law enforcement officers in Zambia.



(L-R) Charity Alisinda-Bauleni, State Advocate, National Prosecution Authority Zambia, Khumbiza Mumba, Chief State Advocate, Fulata Lillian Shawa Siyunji, Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP), Dr. Freda Brazle, AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for Zambia, Gina Nyampachila Nyalugwe, Deputy Chief State Advocate, National Prosecutions Authority, Central Province, Zambia and Mable Bauleni-Nawa, Chief Administrator of the National Prosecution Authority, Zambia

## Other Events

### New Partnerships

#### *MoU Signing with the Ministry of Tourism and Arts Zambia*

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between AGA-Africa, represented by International Advisor, **John Edozie** and the Ministry of Tourism and Arts Zambia, represented by the Minister of Tourism and Arts, Hon. **Ronald Chitotela**, on 28<sup>th</sup>

January, 2020. The purpose of the memorandum of understanding (MoU) is to establish and promote strategic and cooperative partnership between the Ministry of Tourism and Arts Zambia and AGA-Africa.

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John Edozie and Hon. Ronald Chitotela sign the MoU between AGA-Africa and Zambia's Ministry of Tourism and Arts, as Marise Haefner AGA-Africa Country Advisor for Zambia looks on

## Facilitators 2020



In 2020, AGA-Africa worked with over 55 AGA facilitators and 10 regional subject matter experts. Four of them graciously shared their 2020 experience.



### **Hon. Sean Wallace, Judge of the Circuit Court for the 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit of Maryland**

Hon. Sean Wallace is Judge of the Circuit Court for the 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit of Maryland. In 2019, he facilitated in-person sessions on Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence for both judges and magistrate in Kenya. In 2020, he also facilitated sessions for AGA-Africa's virtual workshops, speaking to participants in Kenya, the larger East Africa, Ghana and Nigeria.

Judge Wallace shared that Covid-19 has changed every aspect of life in the US. "Our court completely shut down for about a month and a half from March and then we gradually started to reopen," he said. They have been doing hearings virtually and then started in-person hearings, but with the number of infections and deaths on the increase they went back to virtual.

On his experience as a facilitator in AGA-Africa's virtual workshops Judge Wallace explained that while virtual workshops are different and not as good – they are necessary. "AGA-Africa has done a tremendous job of stepping in under these changed circumstances and arranging these workshops," he said. He noted that the advantage to the virtual programme is it is easier to schedule and work around time.

A major drawback was the inability to gauge audience reaction. "As a presenter you want to

involve the audience more by asking questions and seeing what they are interested in so that you can address their particular concerns," he said, adding that this is much harder when you are doing things remotely.

He missed the fact that with in-person workshops in Nairobi he learnt a lot about how Kenya's judicial systems work. "There are conversations that take place during breaks, over tea, during in-person workshops that are much also valuable to me and I hope to the participants, because you can have that interaction and it is just not possible when you are doing things remotely."

From his overall experience, Judge Sean Wallace praised AGA-Africa for being a wonderful partner. "They arrange things from beginning to end. It makes it very easy for me to focus on the substance of what it is I want to present," he said.

He also had the pleasure of helping to host mentees through AGA-Africa's mentorship programme from the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) who came to Washington and was able to help arrange some tours and some meetings with prosecutors.



### **Atuweni Juwayeyi-Agbermodji, Anti-Money Laundering & Anti-Corruption Compliance Expert and Consultant (former Director of Financial Intelligence Unit, Malawi)**

In 2020, Atuweni Juwayeyi-Agbermodji facilitated sessions on Financial Crime for AGA-Africa. Prior to this, in her tenure as Director of Financial Intelligence

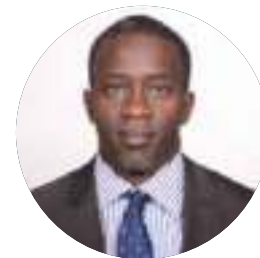
Unit, Malawi, she was instrumental in cementing the collaboration between AGA-Africa and the FIU, Malawi. We spoke to her about her 2020 experience as a facilitator for AGA-Africa's virtual workshops. She noted that Covid-19 has prevented a lot of travel and therefore a lot of interaction. It has brought a new tolerance to using online platforms for training.

She observed that although the human interaction was not there and participants did try to stay engaged because the subject matter was relevant.

Some of the challenges of virtual training she experienced were electronics and technology. "They can never be trusted," she said. "As a facilitator you have to be prepared. You have to have more than one gadget available, so that at any time you can switch if something happens."

She gave us a glimpse of Malawi's triumphs in the fight against transnational crime. "We are slowly beginning to realise the importance of taking the benefit out of crime." She added that Malawi is beginning to take some serious steps towards stemming wildlife crime.

On trainings in 2020, she was very impressed that AGA-Africa, through Gift (Country Coordinator for Malawi), took their suggestions into consideration and gave students a chance to present on Cryptocurrency. Finally, she expressed gratitude to AGA-Africa for trusting her to be a facilitator.



### **Stephen Kiptinness, Senior Partner, Technology & Intellectual Property, Kenya**

Stephen Kiptinness is a seasoned lawyer with vast experience in the area of technology and

telecommunications. He has been facilitating training sessions on Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence with AGA-Africa since September 2019. In 2020, he facilitated virtual training sessions for participants in Kenya, East Africa, Ghana and Nigeria. He also travelled to Nyanza, Rwanda and Kampala, Uganda to conduct in-person trainings in October 2020.

"I risked my life to travel to Uganda and Rwanda for AGA-Africa," he said, tongue-in cheek.

We spoke to him about his 2020 experience with AGA-Africa from transitioning to virtual workshops to travelling during a pandemic and lessons we can learn.

Kiptinness noted that while transition to virtual workshops had been extremely tenuous and the learning curve steep, it was not an excuse not to deliver the content as best you can. However, he added, "You cannot replace an actual class."

On participants' response to the virtual training, he singled out a training where there was over an hour of questions. "There were such robust interactions after the session that I walked out thinking, this is the best training I have ever delivered," he said.

With that said, he would still prefer physical training. "It allows me to look around the room in a far more efficient way than looking at a screen which has 30 to 40 people."

Kiptinness does not think virtual training should be done away with by AGA-Africa. "Those remain absolutely central to the way you continue conducting trainings," he said.

He narrated his experience, travelling and training during Covid, and having to take a Covid-19 test in every country. "There were a lot more concerns around the health risks with Covid outside the country which made me very conscious of the need to have my mask on every time I was in public – including when I was giving my trainings."

His sessions received quite some good feedback. He also had praises for the way AGA-Africa conducted the travel arrangements and the hosting.



### **Dr. Jean Phillipo-Priminta, Chief State Advocate in the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs**

Dr. Jean Phillipo-Priminta is the Chief State Advocate in the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Directorate of Public Prosecutions. The Directorate of Public Prosecutions is the primary institution for the prosecution of criminal cases.

In 2020, Dr. Jean Phillipo-Priminta shared her expertise with participants as a facilitator in 3 virtual workshops on Cryptocurrency and other related subjects organized by AGA-Africa in partnership with the Financial Intelligence Authority and University of Malawi.

She called for AGA-Africa to carry on the conversation on Cryptocurrency because it continues to be a new area for most to grasp. She added that as a build up from the first and second virtual workshops on Cryptocurrency, the Reserve Bank of Malawi organized a workshop around whether Malawi should regulate cryptocurrency or not. "The first and second Cryptocurrency trainings spurred the conversation around cryptocurrency but now from the regulators," she said.

She proposed that there should be at least 2 or 3 training workshops in the year targeting different sectors on cryptocurrency and including asset recovery and money laundering.

On Covid-19, she noted that the main challenge came with the work from home measures. "Trials were put on hold. Courts were only attending to applications to do with bail applications and things that needed urgent attention which affected our delivery of our services," she said.

Dr. Jean admitted that the transition from face-to-face to virtual was sudden. "We weren't very sure we were going to be able to navigate successfully, but the results were amazing at the end of the day," she said. Expectedly there were certain topics that were difficult to deliver successfully virtually. "Face-to-face helps because it gives room for group exercises, case studies. It is easier if you are doing it physically," she said.

She acknowledged that the virtual trainings came in very handy. "Even if we are to go back to the physical meetings, the virtual ones will be a very valuable complement to the physical ones," she said pointing out having to contend with expected technological glitches.

## **Conclusion**

2020 was in many ways a unique year. Covid-19 came to the world and disrupted lives and had the potential of interrupting AGA-Africa programmes. Instead, it became an opportunity to pivot technology and have it emerge as one of our most productive years.

As we hope for a speedy containment to the Covid-19 situation, we will continue to adapt our trainings and programmes as we go. We are acutely aware that transnational crime did not stop in the wake of Covid-19 and we are committed to staying one step ahead of bad actors by delivering timely trainings to our enforcement officers.

In 2020 as in the years before we brought – albeit mostly virtually – subject matter experts from the US and African countries to train investigators, prosecutors, judges, magistrates and other law enforcement officer on the investigation and prosecution of Transnational Crimes such as Human Trafficking, Money Laundering, Cyber-Crime, Counterfeit Drugs, Wildlife Trafficking, Gender-based violence and other cross-border criminal activities.

We are immensely proud of the work we did as chronicled in this Report. AGA-Africa has grown into the premier organisation for training for transnational crime and we look forward to continuing to develop and strengthen both the human and institutional capacity required to combat transnational criminal activities across Africa.

## Next Steps

- Expand our areas of focus to include Management Skills, Anti-Terrorism, Drugs and Drug Interdictions.
- Continue to establish and foster robust relationships with justice and law enforcement agencies and other state and non-state actors in Africa.
- Expand our rich directory of international and regional subject matter experts to facilitate a vibrant exchange of knowledge.
- Build up on the successful tweetathons and social media engagements of 2020 to pivot on social media to expand reach and create awareness of our activities.
- Seek to meet the growing demand for collaboration and partnership in tackling transnational crime.
- Continue to contribute to an exchange of knowledge that can lead to the reduction and prevention of transnational crimes in collaboration with African stakeholders.

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