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# Foreword

## 2021

AGA-Africa stepped into 2021 with renewed energy. 2020 had presented us with unique challenges, which we surmounted despite the challenges that came with Covid-19 restrictions. We continued to soldier on because the work we do is important and necessary.

In 2021, we met with people from all walks of life, from presidents to participants, from heads of departments to officers on the frontline in the fight against transnational crime.

## The Commonwealth Secretariat

We were exceedingly fortunate to partner with the Commonwealth Secretariat for two successful workshops on Cybercrime and Electronic evidence for Magistrates in Kenya. We extend our sincere gratitude to **Dr. Tawanda Hondora**, Head of Rule of Law, Commonwealth Secretariat, for his support and partnership that promises to continue in 2022.

## Heads of States

His Excellency, **President Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo**, President of the Republic of Ghana and Her Excellency, the First Lady **Rebecca**

**Akufo-Addo**, granted our team audience on 8th November 2021. The discussions were invigorating and set the stage for the Cybercrime Conference scheduled for June 2022 in Accra, Ghana.

We were also privileged to have **Jack Mwiimbu**, Minister Home Affairs and Internal Security, deliver the keynote speech on behalf of **His Excellency Hakainde Hichilema**, President of the Republic of Zambia, during a three-day "Asset Recovery and Forfeiture" training organised in collaboration with the National Prosecution Authority of Zambia, from 15th - 17th November 2021.

## Induction Training for Supreme Court Judges in Kenya

In 2021, AGA-Africa hosted a historic week-long Induction Training for Supreme Court Judges in collaboration with the Supreme Court of Kenya and Kenya Judiciary Academy in Mombasa, Kenya. The training took place from 12th -16th October 2021.

The training was attended by, among others, the **Hon. Lady Justice Martha Koome**, Chief Justice and President of the Supreme Court of Kenya, **Hon.**

**Justice Smokin C. Wanjala**, Judge of the Supreme Court of Kenya and the new Director of the Kenya Judiciary Academy, and **Markus Green Esq.**, AGA-Africa Board Member.

**Hon. Justice Anin Yeboah**, Chief Justice and the President of the Supreme Court of Ghana, **Hon. Mr. Justice Musa Dattijo Muhammad** Justice, Supreme Court of Nigeria and **Hon. Justice Healey Potani**, Justice, Supreme Court of Appeal, Malawi, made a special appearance as facilitators.

## Advocacy Meetings

AGA-Africa representatives also paid courtesy calls on **Hon. Dr. Ibrahim Mohammed Awal**, Minister of Tourism Arts and Culture and **Hon. John Yao Agbeko**, Chief Director of the Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture, Ghana on 13th August 2021 and **Hon. Ursula Owusu-Ekufu**, Minister of Communications and Digitalization in Ghana on 16th August 2021. AGA-Africa is keen to explore areas of mutual interest as we expand our reach in Ghana Africa. AGA-Africa representatives paid a courtesy call on **Lemmy Kajoba**, Inspector General of Police, Zambia Police Service, **Fulata Lilian Shawa-Siyuni**, Director of Public Prosecution,

National Prosecution Authority-Zambia and **Dr. Musonda Simayi**, Commissioner, Drug Enforcement Commission (DEC) Zambia on Thursday, 30th September 2021.

### In-Person Training

In 2021, we slowly but steadily began to organize hybrid and in-person events, which came as a refreshing change from the exclusively virtual events we organized in 2020. We look forward to more in-person events if the Covid-19 situation allows.

### Congratulations

We wish to extend hearty congratulations to the **Hon. Lady Justice Martha Koome**, Chief Justice and President of the Supreme Court of Kenya, on her appointment as the first female Chief Justice of Kenya in May 2021. We send good wishes to the Director of Public Prosecutions (Kenya), **Noordin Haji**, for winning the Jurist of the Year Award (JOYA) 2021, as well as Court Of Appeals Judge **Hon. Kathurima M'Inoti** on being appointed a Judge of the East African Court of Justice.

### Thank you

We extend our gratitude to everyone who made our events in 2021 a

success, from our stakeholders development partners to the participants. We cannot forget our leadership team led by Board Member **Markus Green**, International Advisor **John Edozie**, Programme Director and Strategic Advisor **Chukukere Unamba-Oparah**, General Counsel, Attorney General Alliance **David C. Blake**, as well as our dedicated country coordinators, country representatives, and the staff at the Secretariat. Without you, none of the events of 2021 would have been possible.



**Karen White**  
**AGA Executive Director**

### 2022

2022 promises to be a year of expansion and growth. We are confident that this coming year will be even better. We invite you to join us on this great but sometimes difficult journey. We know that united, we can do much more.



# Preamble

We are grateful to have been alive to witness 2021, the year that brought hope in the form of vaccines after Covid-19 changed how we met and gathered and how we worked and lived overall. This allowed us opportunities to meet more often and, most importantly, to meet in person, which is a vital component of our work. We do not take it for granted.

## Participation of US Attorneys General

This year, we were honoured to have the participation of several United States Attorneys General in our programmes. Special mention to **Letitia James**, Attorney General of New York, **Karl Racine**, Attorney General for the District of Columbia, **Aaron Ford**, Attorney General of Nevada, Keith Ellison, Attorney General of Minnesota and **Thomas J. Donovan Jr.**, Attorney General of Vermont. They took the time out of their busy schedules to support our programmes. We are grateful for the vote of confidence they have accorded us and their commitment to helping fight transnational crime on the continent.

## Development Partners

For our successes in 2021, we owe a debt of gratitude to our development partners, the **Anti-Money Laundering and Trafficking of Human Beings Project (AML-THB)**, the **Commonwealth Secretariat** and the **International Centre for Asset Recovery (ICAR)** for partnering with us for events in Kenya and Malawi.

## New Partnerships

At AGA-Africa, we make it our priority to expand our territory. We are actively pursuing new partners. We recognize that we stand a better chance at fighting transnational crime if we rally together and marshal support from key stakeholders in Africa. To this end, AGA-Africa signed a Memorandum of Understanding MoU with the **Director of Public Prosecutions, Malawi** (on behalf of the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs of Malawi) on 25th – 26th June, 2021. We also renewed our capacity-building partnership with the **Kenya Judiciary Academy** through the signing of a 5-year MoU on 12th October 2021 in Mombasa, Kenya. This was during a week-long induction training for Supreme Court judges organized in conjunction with the Supreme Court of Kenya. We also signed

an MoU with the Zambia Police on 16th November 2021 to solidify our relationship. Details of those important events are contained in this document.

## New Areas of Training

Even as we expand our territory, we are aware that transnational crime is a large area that encompasses numerous components. In response to our stakeholders' requests, we are regularly expanding our subject matter areas to include areas that have been identified as needing attention. In 2021, for example, we introduced Prosecution of Electoral Offences, Refugee Law and Human Rights.

## Member Countries

We are exceedingly grateful for the tremendous support, partnership and accommodation we have received from our member countries: Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Nigeria, Rwanda, Seychelles, South Africa, Uganda and Zambia. We applaud the respective governments for their commitment towards stemming transnational crime. We celebrate the deliberate steps they are taking and the strides they have made thus far despite many challenges.

## Going forward

2020 taught us resilience and innovation in a very difficult pandemic year. We continued on that trajectory in 2021, and with the easing of lock-down restrictions and vaccines becoming increasingly available, we were able to have many fruitful engagements, as chronicled in this report.

We invite you to read this as you consider joining us on this important journey. Transnational crime will not be won by a single country or organization regardless of its might and brilliance. It will require all of us, mighty and small, pulling together and committing to this fight. As our destinies are interlinked, so too are our victories.

We take this opportunity to wish you a wonderful and prosperous 2022.



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

# Overview

The 2021 Annual Report is a chronicle of the activities that have taken place in the second year of the pandemic. The report is a detailed account of the 2021 highlights, core mandates and the events undertaken in our 9 member countries: Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Nigeria, Rwanda, Seychelles, South Africa, Uganda and Zambia.

## 2021 Highlights

2021 featured interesting collaborations and sharing of ideas. AGA-Africa continued to leverage technology while at the same time taking opportunities to meet as the Covid-19 restrictions were eased. Notwithstanding the unpredictable nature of Covid-19 and its many variants, AGA-Africa had a series of remarkable and memorable events, as enumerated below.

### ➤ Meeting with His Excellency, President Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, President of the Republic of Ghana and Her Excellency, the First Lady Rebecca Akufo-Addo

AGA-Africa Board Member Markus Green and International Advisor John Edozie had the exceptional opportunity of being granted audience with His Excellency, President Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, President of the Republic of Ghana and Her Excellency, the First Lady Rebecca Akufo-Addo on 8th November 2021. The team from AGA-Africa shared AGA-Africa's mission and mandate as well as the immense work AGA-Africa has undertaken since its inception. They

also presented an overview of the activities held in Ghana and future events planned and anticipated including an upcoming Cybercrime Conference which Markus Green shed light on.

**Markus** explained that AGA-Africa and their global partners were planning a technology and innovation conference scheduled for June 2022, in Accra-Ghana, under the theme **Exploring New Frontiers for Cybersecurity and Africa's Digital Future**.

Both the President and First Lady were impressed by the strides AGA-Africa has made to date.

Mr. Green also paid a courtesy call to **Her Excellency Rebecca Akufo-Addo**, First Lady of Ghana during his visit to Ghana.

### ➤ GUBA (Ghanaian UK Based Achievements) Awards and Courtesy visit to the First Lady of Ghana

AGA-Africa Board Member **Markus Green** attended the GUBA Awards 2021 held on 8th November 2021



Her Excellency Rebecca Akufo-Addo, First Lady of Ghana and Markus Green Esq, AGA-Africa Board Member with Dentaa Amoateng MBE, President and CEO of the GUBA Enterprise and other dignitaries.

in Accra Ghana. The Awards are dedicated to highlighting and rewarding outstanding achievers



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**Ekuful**, Minister of Communications and Digitalization on 16th August 2021.

The team from AGA-Africa included **Markus Green**, AGA-Africa Board Member, **John Edozie**, International Advisor, **Maame Hagan**, Country Coordinator for Ghana and **Caroline Mbabazi**, Country Coordinator for

while celebrating the contribution of black women and raising awareness on maternal mortality. During the ceremony, Markus presented GUBA Nana Yaa Asantewaa the Woman of Distinction Honour award for outstanding achievements in the medical field and for significant contribution to Health Care Delivery to Her Excellency Oheneba (Princess) **Dr. Lesley Akyaa Opoku-Ware**, Ghana's Ambassador to Russia.

### ➤ Advocacy Meetings in Ghana

AGA-Africa in its quest to explore areas of mutual interest and expand

its reach in Ghana, and otherwise in Africa, on 13th August 2021, held fruitful advocacy meetings in Ghana with **Hon. Dr. Ibrahim Mohammed Awal**, Minister of Tourism Arts and Culture and **Hon. John Yao Agbeko**, Chief Director of the Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture. Thereafter the team called on **Akwasi Agyeman** Chief Executive of the Ghana Tourism Authority.

AGA-Africa representatives also paid courtesy calls on **Hon. Kojo Oppong Nkrumah** Minister of Information and **Hon. Ursula Owusu-**

Uganda and Rwanda. Akosua Dentaa Amoateng MBE facilitated the meetings.

### ➤ The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) Kenya launches Excellence Charter

AGA-Africa, represented by **Chukukere Unamba-Oparah**, Programme Coordinator and Strategic Advisor, participated in the launch of the Excellence Charter on 8th June 2021. Developed by the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP), the Charter is aimed at driving fundamental

reforms in public prosecution over the next three years (2021-2023) as well as transforming the ODPP into a prosecution service that is more responsive to the needs of the citizens.

### Virtual Meeting with Chief Justice of Kenya

AGA-Africa held a virtual meeting with **Hon. Lady Justice Martha Koome**, Chief Justice of the Republic of Kenya and President of the Supreme Court on 31st August 2021. AGA-Africa was represented by Board Member **Markus Green**, Programme Director and Country Coordinator for Kenya, **Chukukere Unamba-Oparah** and **John Edozie**, AGA-Africa, International Advisor. **Hon. Justice Kathurima M'Inoti** was also in attendance.

### ►Inauguration of the Kenya Judiciary Academy

AGA-Africa was represented at the inauguration of the Kenya Judiciary Academy premises, handover of the incoming Director of Judiciary Training Institute and the launch of the e-learning platform and website held on 18th October 2021 in Karen.

AGA-Africa's Programme Director **Chukukere Unamba-Oparah** attended the event. The Kenya Judiciary Academy (KJA) is part of the Judiciary of Kenya's strategic vision to improve training for judges, judicial officers and staff in a move that is set towards realizing the constitutional goal of furthering the rule of law and access to justice in Kenya.

The event was also attended by, among others, **Hon. Justice Martha K. Koome**, Chief Justice and President of the Supreme Court of Kenya, **Hon. Paul Kihara**, Attorney General of Kenya.

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The training was attended by **Hon. Lady Justice Martha Koome**, Chief Justice and President of the Supreme Court of Kenya, **Hon. Justice Smokin C. Wanjala**, Judge of the Supreme Court of Kenya as well as the new Director of the Kenya Judiciary Academy, and **Markus Green Esq.**, AGA-Africa Board Member.

AGA-Africa was also honoured to have as facilitators: **Hon. Justice Anin Yeboah**, Chief Justice and the President of the Supreme Court of Ghana, **Hon. Mr. Justice Musa Dattijo Muhammad** Justice, Supreme Court of Nigeria and **Hon. Justice Healey Potani**, Justice, Supreme Court of Appeal, Malawi.





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Front: (L-R) Hon. Paul Ndema, Markus Green Esq., Hon. Chief Justice Martha Koome, Hon. Justice Smokin Wanjala and Dr. Freda Githiru.

Back: (L-R) AGA-Africa Country Coordinators Gift Caroline Chikwakwa (Malawi), Ebelechukwu Eneida (Nigeria), Maame Hagan (Ghana) with AGA-Africa International Adviser John Edozie and Chukukere Unamba-Oparah, AGA-Africa Programme Director and Strategic Advisor.



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Hon. Chief Justice Martha Koome (Centre) with Hon. Justice Anin Yeboah, Chief Justice and the President of the Supreme Court of Ghana, Hon. Mr. Justice Musa Dattijo Muhammad Justice, Supreme Court of Nigeria and Hon. Justice Healey Potani, distinguished delegates, facilitators and participants at the Induction Ceremony





■ (L-R) John Edozie, AGA-Africa International Advisor, Chukukere Unamba-Oparah, AGA-Africa Programme Director and Strategic Advisor, Lillian Mwaniki, AGA-Africa Programme Officer, Hon. Justice Anin Yeboah, Chief Justice and the President of the Supreme Court of Ghana, Maame Hagan, AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for Ghana and Markus Green, AGA-Africa Board Member



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■ Dr. Fred Motiang'i, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government, Kenya speaking at the launch



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Dr. Fred Matiang'i,  
Cabinet Secretary,  
Ministry of Interior and  
Coordination of National  
Government, Kenya  
with Hon. Justice Daniel  
Musinga, Court of Appeal  
and Noordin Mohamed  
Haji, OGW, CBS, Director  
of Public Prosecutions



■  
(Centre) Chukukere  
Unamba-Oparah,  
AGA-Africa Programme  
Director and Strategic  
Advisor at the launch





## ► Launch of Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (Kenya) Policy Document and the Prosecution Training Institute (PTI) Curriculum

On 30th November 2021, AGA-Africa's International Advisor, **John Edozie** and **Chukukere Unamba-Uparah**, AGA-Africa Programme Director and Country Coordinator for Kenya, represented AGA-Africa during the launch of the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions Policy document and the Prosecution Training Institute (PTI) curriculum, which was held in Loresho Ridge, Nairobi, Kenya.

The documents launched were developed in part to provide guidance to prosecutors particularly when handling cases involving children. The event was attended by **Her Excellency Henriette Geiger**, European Union Ambassador to Kenya **Hon. Eric Wafuko**, CAS, Treasury, **Sylvie Bertrand**, UNODC, among other dignitaries.

■ *Distinguished guests at the launch of the Policy Document and the Prosecution Training Institute (PTI) Curriculum*



■ *Noordin Haji, Director of Public Prosecutions, Kenya (left) together with distinguished guests*



## AGA-Africa's Courtesy Call to Zambia

AGA-Africa representatives paid a courtesy call on **Lemmy Kajoba**, Inspector General of Police, Zambia Police Service, **Fulata Lilian Shawa-Siyuni**, Director of Public Prosecution, National Prosecution Authority-Zambia and **Dr. Musonda Simayi**, Commissioner, Drug Enforcement Commission (DEC) Zambia on Thursday, 30th September, 2021.

The AGA-Africa team comprised **Markus Green**, AGA-Africa Board Member, **John Edozie**, AGA-Africa

International Advisor, **Dr. Freda Mwamba-Brazle** and **Moses Mwanza**, AGA-Africa Country Coordinators for Zambia and **Marise Dunlop-Stewart Haefner**, AGA-Africa Country Advisor for Zambia.



(L-R) Deputy Inspector General Milner Muyambango, Markus Green, AGA-Africa Board Member, Dr. Freda Mwamba-Brazle, Lemmy Kajoba, Inspector General of Police, Zambia Police Service, John Edozie, AGA-Africa International Advisor, Marise Haefner and Moses Mwanza, AGA-Africa Country Representative for Zambia

## ► MOU Signings

### *MoU signing with the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Malawi*

AGA-Africa signed an MoU with the Director of Public Prosecutions, Malawi on behalf of the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs of Malawi. This took place during the two-day workshop on “Combating Trafficking in Persons” that took place on 25th – 26th June, 2021 in Malawi.

(L-R) AGA-Africa's International Advisor John Edozie, with Dr. Steven Kayuni, Director of Public Prosecutions, Ministry of Justice Malawi



### *Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) Signing with Kenya Judiciary Academy*

AGA-Africa renewed its capacity-building partnership with the Kenya Judiciary Academy through the signing of a 5-year Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 12th October 2021 in Mombasa, Kenya. This was during a week-long induction training for Supreme Court judges organized in conjunction with the Supreme Court of Kenya.

(L-R) Chukukere Unamba-Oparah, AGA-Africa Programme Director and Strategic Advisor, Hon. Justice Smokin Wanjala, Director of Kenya Judiciary Academy and Judge of the Supreme Court of Kenya, Hon. Justice Martha Koome, Chief Justice and the President of the Supreme Court of Kenya, Markus Green, AGA-Africa Board Member and Dr. Freda Githiru, Deputy Director, Kenya Judiciary Academy



The MoU came at an opportune time as the Judiciary of Kenya was embarking on the process of revamping their judicial education and training of judicial officers. The MoU was signed by **Hon. Justice Smokin Wanjala**, Director of Kenya Judiciary Academy and Judge of the Supreme Court of Kenya on behalf of the Kenya Judiciary Academy and AGA-Africa's Board Member Markus Green Esq. on behalf of AGA-Africa. The MoU signing was witnessed by Hon. Justice Martha Koome, Chief Justice and President of the Supreme Court of Kenya.

(L-R) Hon. Justice Smokin Wanjala, Hon. Chief Justice Martha Koome and Markus Green



**Markus Green** Esq, AGA-Africa Board Member expressed delight in the renewed partnership: "As AGA-Africa, we always stand up for our partners and are more than honoured to partner with the Kenyan Judiciary for this Supreme Court Induction. AGA-Africa is delighted and committed to support the Chief Justice's vision for social transformation through the renewal of our MoU."

■ Markus Green, AGA-Africa Board Member



**Hon. Justice Martha Koome** noted that the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding between JTI and AGA-Africa is coming at an opportune time as the Judiciary is revamping judicial education and training. "It is therefore great to have AGA-Africa on board as the first partner in the journey into a bold future for judicial education in Kenya." She explained that her vision for the Judiciary centred on Social Transformation through Access to Justice, realisation of the dream of establishing an accessible, efficient, expeditious, cost-effective, and fair system of justice was anchored on having an inspired team of judges, judicial officers and Judiciary staff committed to excellence in the delivery of justice.

**Hon. Justice Smokin Wanjala** pointed out that as a result of its geographical location as well as other economic factors, Kenya is a hub for international crimes including terrorism, trafficking, money laundering and cybercrime. This fact creates an essential requirement to intensify and continue the judges and magistrates' sensitisation on this very important topic.

Also present were **Hon. Paul Ndemo**, **Dr. Freda Githiru**, Deputy Director, Kenya Judiciary Academy, AGA-Africa International Advisor **John Edozie** and **Chukukere Unamba-Oparah**, Programme Director and

Strategic Advisor. AGA-Africa's Country Coordinators present were **Gift Caroline Chikwakwa** (Malawi), **Ebelechukwu Eneda** (Nigeria), and **Maame Hagan** (Ghana).



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~Hon. Justice Martha Koome, during the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) Signing with Kenya Judiciary Academy on 12th October 2021



### *Signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Zambia Police Service*

AGA-Africa signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Zambia Police Service on 16th November 2021 at the Taj Pamodzi Hotel in Lusaka, Zambia.

The signing of the MoU was done by

AGA-Africa Board Member **Markus Green Esq.** and **Ronard Misapa**, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs and Internal Security. The event was witnessed by **Doris Chibombe**, Deputy Inspector General of Police Administration and **Dr. Freda Mwamba-Brazle**, AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for Zambia.



■ Standing: (L-R) Markus Green, AGA-Africa Board Member with Ronard Misapa, Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Home Affairs and Internal Security during the MoU signing in Zambia.

Seated: Internal Security, Doris Chibombe, Deputy Inspector General of Police and Dr. Freda Mwamba-Brazle, AGA-Africa Country Coordinator Zambia (Left).



■ Ronard Misapa, Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Home Affairs and Internal Security (centre) together with the team from AGA-Africa

## ➤ AGA-Africa Firsts

### *Prosecution of Electoral Offences Workshop*

The Prosecution of Electoral Offences workshop held on 13th – 15th July, 2021 in collaboration with the National Prosecution Authority, Zambia was a first training of its kind while the Women Judges and Magistrates Mentorship Forum in collaboration with International Association of Women Judges (IAWJ) was the second mentorship programme organized by AGA-Africa but a first webinar of its kind.

### *Women Judges and Magistrates Mentorship Forum: Personality, Purpose and Passion: Pathways to Leadership*

In a unique mentorship programme, AGA-Africa in conjunction with the International Association of Women Judges (IAWJ) – Kenya Chapter, organized a mentorship webinar for **women judges and magistrates** in Kenya on 30th July, 2021. The webinar was geared at empowering women judges and magistrates to enable them to achieve their fullest potential, through access to equal opportunities, and ensuring their active and effective participation in leadership in the Judiciary, and at all levels of decision-making.



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The more the judiciary appointed women, the more they realized what a big asset we were on the bench.

~ Hon. Lady Justice Effie Owuor, Rtd. Judge Court of Appeal Kenya, during the Women Judges and Magistrates Mentorship Forum on 30th July, 2021

## ➤ Exploration of New Areas

In response to stakeholder requests in 2021, AGA-Africa explored areas outside its core mandate as follows:

- Leadership/ Mentorship
- Prosecution of Electoral Offences
- Refugee Law
- Consumer Protection
- Advocacy Skills,
- Management Skills and Human Rights.

The areas are described in detail in the next section.

## ➤ AG Alliance 2021 Annual Meeting

The Attorney General Alliance held its Annual Meeting from 14th – 18th June 2021. The meeting was held in Grand Wailea Maui, Hawaii.



Delegates at AGA's Annual Meeting in Hawaii





■ Participants during a session at AGA's Annual Meeting in Hawaii

### ► Engagement with US Attorneys General

In 2021, AGA-Africa was honoured by the participation of a number of US Attorneys General in our events and programmes. These AGs have been firm and staunch supporters of AGA-Africa programmes since its inception. Here are brief excerpts of what they had to say in the different events and platforms.





**Letitia James, Attorney General of New York**

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I have a great admiration for you all who dedicate your lives to this great service as there is no greater service than this. My office is the closest to the financial sector by virtue of the size and significance of the state.

We always urge investors to be weary of promoters who promise enormous gains to sell miraculous products. Just last month, my office caught a company that scammed its investors of 700 million dollars by promising 10 percent per annum. This was accomplished by working with multiple states to break down these industries. These people need legitimate industries like banks to perpetrate their fraud so we utilize the industries to bring them down.

There is a need for robust education. People's livelihood depends largely on our intervention. I thank you for everything you do and hope to see you all in person when this pandemic is over.

**~ Letitia James, Attorney General of New York, during 'Curbing the Tide of Ponzi Schemes and the Role of the Regulator' Webinar on 2nd – 3rd March 2021 for Nigeria**



**Karl Racine, Attorney General for the District of Columbia**

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Working with AGA-Africa allows for us to recognize and examine what we are doing in the United States to combat transnational crimes, what is working, what is not, and what we can actively do to help those in other continents and countries fight against these issues as well. I really value my office's collaboration with AGA-Africa. It enables us to share knowledge, effectiveness of best practices, and areas of common concern.

I appreciate the symbiotic relationship that your organization and my office have and how we are able to help each other learn best practices and develop new ideas for addressing important issues. For instance, we have learned ideas from you about how to combat human trafficking, such as seizing assets and property to impact the money that flows to traffickers. While we have helped AGA-Africa learn about how we avoid criminalizing the prostitution of children, which is really trafficking, and getting those children the services they need.

From my office's work with AGA-Africa, we have learned that in many African countries, there is a more community-driven approach to family and raising children. You know the traditional proverb, “It takes a village to raise a child,” so it is less about removing children from their nuclear family because there are often others in that village who are able to help care for children facing abuse and neglect.

**~ Excerpt from an interview with Karl Racine, Attorney General for the District of Columbia, for the August 2021 Issue of the AGA-Africa Newsletter**



**Aaron Ford, Attorney General of Nevada**

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Consumer Protection was one of my core pillars when I took office. I wanted to ensure that products were not being manipulated. When Covid struck, a number of conversations were had as to how to deal with the rise in scams and increase in bad actors. In partnership with other state agencies, my officers set out to help protect consumers and strove to educate consumers on what to avoid in the first place.

Phishing scams, especially under the pretext of a warning message from the WHO are on the rise. Such scams can introduce malware and compromise a victim's personal information. Social engineering scams, online gaming scams, product scams have risen during the pandemic. Be wary of online promotions of vaccines any claims that something can cure a wide range of issues. I am delighted to be part of the AGA-Africa organized webinar and looked forward to many more.

**~ Aaron Ford, Attorney General, Nevada speaking during the Financial Consumer Protection Webinar for South Africa 22nd April 2021**



**Keith Ellison, Attorney General of Minnesota**

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Working with AGA-Africa has helped in forming lifelong bonds with people who are dedicated to the same principles we are. We're trying to protect people in our country; African law-enforcement officials are trying to do the same thing. By coming together, we can protect people on both sides of the divide, so relationships are the most important thing. My greatest takeaway from my engagements with AGA-Africa is the sophistication and expertise of African law-enforcement officials. They're very impressive and they know their business. Their willingness to partner and build bridges of communication, cooperation, and understanding is very helpful to me in doing my job.

**~ Excerpt from an interview with Keith Ellison, Attorney General of Minnesota for the December 2021 Issue of the AGA-Africa Newsletter**



**Thomas J. Donovan Jr., Attorney  
General of Vermont**

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I count it an honour to be asked to speak. The subject at hand is what is next with regards to consumer protection and criminal justice. Thank you to AGA-Africa, the speakers and the participants for organizing a very successful conference. There is an explosion of crypto assets and gatherings such as these ones AGA-Africa has organized are timely and critical to combating transnational crime.

The best way to enforce the law is to give people the opportunity to comply with it. When consumers understand what the rules of the game are, they are likely to follow the law. Government can create clear, predictable lines that people can follow. It is good for consumers, business and government integrity and makes it easier to find the bad guys.

**~ Thomas J. Donovan Jr., Attorney General of Vermont, US  
speaking during the Crypto Assets and Emerging Trends Webinar  
for South Africa on 4th May 2021**



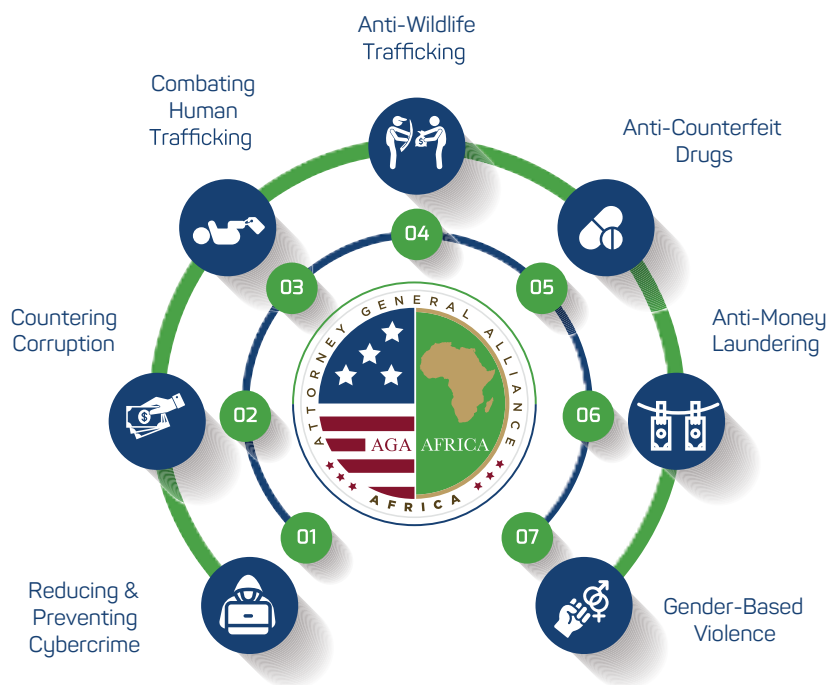
# Core Mandate Areas

In 2021, 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.



*Core Mandate Areas and how they were tackled in 2021.*

In 2021, AGA-Africa undertook the following activities towards stemming human trafficking:

1. Human Trafficking Training Workshop in collaboration with the Judiciary Training Institute (JTI) and the Anti-Money Laundering and Trafficking of Human Beings Project (AML-THB) on 17th – 19th February 2021 Naivasha, Kenya
2. Refugee Law Workshop in partnership with the Judiciary Training Institute (JTI) and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) on 8th – 9th April, 2021 on the GotoMeetings platform
3. Anti-Human Trafficking and Anti-Money Laundering Workshop in conjunction with the Aviation Police and Uganda Civil Aviation Authority on 16th – 17th March, 2021, Entebbe, Uganda



4. Anti-Human Trafficking Workshop With the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs of Malawi on 25th – 26th June 2021, Malawi
5. Anti-Human Trafficking Training in collaboration with the Uganda Aviation Police and Civil Aviation Authority on 8th – 9th November 2021, in Entebbe, Uganda.
6. Crises of Irregular Migration, Human Trafficking and Gender Based Violence and Resettlement of Returnees Webinar in collaboration with the ROOST Foundation on 8th December 2021 on the GotoWebinar platform



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In the last one year, we have rescued over 300 human trafficking victims at the Entebbe International Airport. You can imagine those who have slipped through our hands.

~ SP. Katuzeyo Boaz, Commandant, Aviation Police, Uganda, during the Anti-Human Trafficking and Anti Money Laundering Workshop on 16th March 2021 in Entebbe, Uganda



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Judges may sometimes become part of the human trafficking syndicate by the orders we give. Until we started doing trainings with AGA-Africa, most of us did not have any prior training with human trafficking.

~ Hon. Justice Isaac Lenaola, Chair, Judicial Action Group and President, International Association of Refugee and Migration Judges (IARMJ) during the Judicial Action Group's 5th Annual Meeting from 30th November – 3rd December 2021



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AGA-Africa trainings have provided more opportunities for law enforcement officers to sharpen their intellect and broaden their horizon on investigations and prosecution. This is particularly important because if Law Enforcement Agencies do not carry out proper investigation, there cannot be prosecution and if there is no prosecution, human traffickers will continue to get away with impunity and there will be no protection and justice (which serves as a form of closure) for victims and this means that our efforts would be an exercise in futility.

~ Dame Julie Okah-Donli, Chairperson, United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund for Victims of Trafficking in Persons (UNVTF) and Executive Chairman, Roost Foundation in the June 2021 Issue of the AGA-Africa Newsletter

## Fighting Cybercrime

According to the African Cyberthreat Assessment Report 2021 published by INTERPOL, cybercrime is a global threat, but weak networks and weak security have made Africa especially prone to cyber threats. The report also lists online scams, digital extortion, business email compromise, ransomware and botnets as the top 5 cyberthreats in Africa.

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 2021, AGA-Africa organized vibrant engagements on this emerging subject matter. They were as follows:

1. Non-Technical Digital Forensics and ICT Workshop in partnership with the Drug Enforcement Commission (DEC) on 17th – 19th March 2021 GotoMeeting and DEC Boardroom
2. Technical Digital Forensics and ICT Workshop in collaboration with the Drug Enforcement Commission (DEC) on 30th March – 1st April 2021 on GotoMeeting and DEC Boardroom
3. Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence in collaboration with the Ghana Police on 1st – 4th November 2021, Accra, Ghana
4. Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence in partnership with the Kenya Judiciary Academy on 10th – 12th November and 17th – 19th November 2021, Naivasha, Kenya



~ Hon. Justice Smokin C. Wanjala, Judge of the Supreme Court of Kenya and the Director of the Kenya Judiciary Academy during the Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence Workshop on 17th November 2021



Kenya has been referred to as a playing field for cybercriminals. The ramifications have far-reaching implications beyond the borders, making training crucial.



Training will help in imbuing a new set of investigative skills needed to combat new developments in cybercrime. I wish to thank AGA-Africa for their enormous support in building relevant capacity in IT and digital forensics in the Drug Enforcement Commission officers.

~ Dr. Musonda Simwayi, Commissioner for the Drug Enforcement Commission (DEC), Zambia during the Non-Technical Digital Forensics and ICT Workshop on 17th March 2021



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In the next 4 years, the Commonwealth Secretariat will be working on cybercrime and seeking to raise awareness and engage in capacity building activities.

~ Dr. Tawanda Hondora, Head Rule of Law, Commonwealth Secretariat speaking during the Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence Workshop on 17th November 2021

## 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 2021, AGA-Africa organized the following event towards curbing this menace:

1. Effective Prosecution of Regulatory Crime Workshop with the Food and Drugs Authority on 17th – 19th November 2021, Accra, Ghana
2. Illicit Consumer Goods and Counterfeit Goods Webinar in conjunction with the Department of Mercantile Law, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria (UP) on 18th November 2021



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Illicit goods, for example, recalled substandard products, are stolen and put back into the market. In South Africa for example, at the height of Covid, restriction of sale of non-essential items such as alcohol and cigarettes led to the proliferation of unsafe products with high levels of toxicity. These had direct and indirect consequences; people died from homemade pineapple beer, and there was a significant increase in lung-related illness due to illicit cigarettes

~ Professor Jacolien Barnard, Professor, Department of Mercantile Law, Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria during the Illicit Consumer Goods and Counterfeit Goods Webinar for South Africa on 18th November 2021



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This training is to equip and ensure effective law enforcement and prosecutions, particularly for officers of the Food and Drugs Authority.

~ Markus Green during the Effective Prosecution of Regulatory Crime Workshop 17th – 19th November 2021, Accra, Ghana

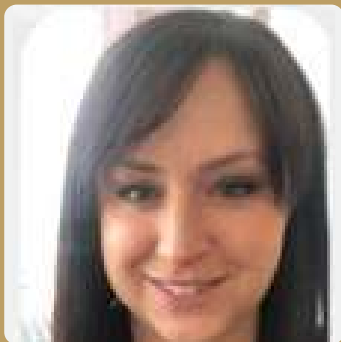
## Anti-Money Laundering and Financial Crimes

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), money laundering by its

very nature 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 2021, AGA-Africa responded to the need expressed for training on this subject. The following events took place:

1. The Role of the Judiciary within the New Insolvency Framework with the National Judicial Institute, Nigeria on 4th – 5th of February 2021 on the GotoWebinar platform
2. Curbing the Tide of Ponzi Schemes and The Role of the Regulator in partnership with the Securities and Exchange Commission on 2nd – 3rd March, 2021 on the GotoWebinar platform
3. Cryptocurrencies and Trade-Based Money Laundering Workshop with the Institute of Legal Practice and Development (ILPD) on 23rd – 25th March 2021 and 19th – 21st April in Nyanza, Rwanda
4. Anti-Human Trafficking and Anti-Money Laundering Workshop in conjunction with the Aviation Police and Uganda Civil Aviation Authority on 16th – 17th March, 2021, Entebbe, Uganda
5. Anti-Money Laundering (AML) and Cybercrime Symposium, Uganda with the Uganda Law Society on 6th – 7th May 2021, Uganda
6. Financial Investigations Workshop in collaboration with the Drug Enforcement Commission (DEC) – Zambia on 26th – 28th May 2021 on the GotoMeetings platform
7. Anti-Money Laundering/Combating Financing of Terrorism Webinar in partnership with the Financial Intelligence Centre, Zambia and the Eastern and Southern Africa Anti-Money Laundering Group (ESAAMLG) on 12th – 14th July, 2021
8. Crypto Assets and Emerging Trends Webinar with the Financial Intelligence Centre, South Africa and the Eastern and Southern Africa Anti-Money Laundering Group (ESAAMLG) on 4th – 5th May 2021 on the GotoMeetings platform
9. Asset Forfeiture for Investigators and Prosecutors Workshop With the Financial Intelligence Authority – Malawi, Ministry of Justice – Directorate of Public Prosecutions – Malawi, and the International Centre for Asset Recovery (ICAR) on 21st – 24th September 2021, Mangochi, Malawi
10. Asset Forfeiture Regime in Malawi – Harnessing the necessary strategies and skills for the effective recovery of tainted property Workshop in partnership with the Ministry of Justice, DPP and International Centre for Asset Recovery (ICAR) on 24th – 25th September 2021, Mangochi, Malawi
11. “Crimes (Red flags) related to New Payment Methods” in collaboration with the Financial Intelligence Authority, Malawi, on 27th – 28th October, 2021, Lilongwe, Malawi
12. Digital Currencies and Crypto Derivatives: Banking, Regulatory and Cybersecurity Issues Webinar in conjunction with the Lagos Business School on 2nd – 3rd November 2021 on the GotoMeetings platform
13. Producing Strategic Intelligence Webinar in collaboration with the Financial Intelligence Centre of South Africa (FIC) on 13th October 2021 on the GotoMeetings platform
14. Asset Recovery/ Forfeiture Workshop in partnership with National Prosecution Authority on 15th – 17th November 2021, Lusaka, Zambia
15. Financial Consumer Protection Webinar in partnership with Department Mercantile of Law, Law Faculty, University of Pretoria on 22nd April 2021 on the GotoWebinar platform



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AGA-Africa continues to be an incredible source for law enforcement agencies focusing on anti-money laundering investigation, prosecution, regulation, and legislation. By bringing together a variety of subject matter experts from locations around the world to share information, discuss trends, and identify best practices, attendees of AGA-Africa workshops are provided a wide breadth of knowledge to draw on when tackling money laundering issues.

~ Rachel Heintz, Assistant Attorney General, Southern Arizona White Collar and Criminal Enterprise Section, Arizona Attorney General's Office in the September 2021 Issue of the AGA-Africa Newsletter



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Asset Recovery is anchored on the principle that dirty hands must not profit. This is rooted in the maxim that blood stained hands must not inherit and that there should be no unjustified enrichment at the expense of others.

~ His Excellency Hakainde Hichilema, President of the Republic of Zambia, in a speech read on his behalf by Jack Mwiimbu, Minister Home Affairs and Internal Security during the Asset Recovery/ Forfeiture Workshop on 15th November 2021 in Lusaka, Zambia



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Illegal wildlife trade is a major transnational crime which generates billions but we seem to be paying less attention to the billions generated. Its trade fuels corruption, threatens biodiversity and can have a significant negative impact on the public health and the economy. To move, hide and launder proceeds, wildlife traffickers exploit the weaknesses they find in the financial and non-financial sectors. We need to collaborate to be effective in disrupting these offences. If we fail to do so that (collaborate) we fail to disrupt organized crime that comes with these offences.”

~ Adv Xolisile Khanyile, Director, Financial Intelligence Centre (South Africa) during the webinar on Illegal Wildlife Trade on 22nd July 2021

## 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 2021:

1. Illegal Wildlife Trade Webinar in partnership With Financial Intelligence Centre, South Africa On 22nd – 23rd July, 2021





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AGA-Africa is the most amazing partner and they have made multiple training events, speaking engagements and equipment donations possible. Our Anti-Wildlife Trafficking classes are unique because they are reality-based trainings that require months of preparation and require incredible logistical support, and AGA-Africa always comes through. Some of these classes include Digital Evidence Recovery, Crime Scene Processing, Time of Death Investigation, Case and Intelligence Management, Informant Handling and Undercover Operations, to name a few. AGA-Africa and WITA are also partnering to save Ranger lives in offering instruction in First Aid and Ranger Safety techniques.

~ Shawn Karns, Executive Director, Wildlife Investigators Training Alliance and Stephanie Durno Karns, Director of Operations, Wildlife Investigators Training Alliance in their interview for the July 2021 Issue of AGA-Africa's Newsletter

## 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. The majority of the victims are women.

To address this heinous and widespread crime, AGA-Africa organized the following events in 2021.

1. Access to Protection Justice and Accountability for Victims of Gender-Based Violence in Ghana Webinar in collaboration with African Women Lawyers Association (AWLA) and Domestic Violence Victim Support Unit (DOVVSU), Ghana Police Service on 14th April 2021 on the GotoWebinar platform
2. Image-Based Sexual Abuse Webinar in partnership with StandTo-

End-Rape (STER) Initiative on 7th December 2021 on the GotoWebinar platform

3. Crises of Irregular Migration, Human Trafficking and Gender Based Violence and Resettlement of Returnees Webinar in collaboration with the ROOST Foundation on 8th December 2021 on the GotoWebinar platform



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In Africa, we have been subjected to Gender-Based Violence all our lives as women. We are saddened by the output we see.”

~ Betty Mould-Iddrisu, the First Female Attorney General of Ghana during the Access to Protection Justice and Accountability for Victims of Gender-Based Violence in Ghana Webinar on 14th April 2021



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Every country should make prevention of gender-based violence a top priority through improved legislation, ensuring victims receive equal protection of the law, strengthening protection from harm, and increasing victim and community safety. This would immediately impact the lives of millions of voiceless and powerless victims of crime. We should encourage victims to report crimes but not blame them if they are too afraid to report or reach out for help. We should also encourage victim and witness participation in investigations and the criminal justice system but at the same time assess and improve that system so it does not oppress the very people it is sworn to defend. Every country should insist on holding offenders accountable no matter who they are.

~ Mark Wynn, Owner/Operator Wynn Consulting AGA-Africa Subject Matter Expert in the December 2021 Issue of the AGA-Africa Newsletter



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The pandemic has in fact created a breeding ground for Ponzi schemes. I remember a young woman who duped my mother of 500 dollars by bringing back 1000 fake dollars. My mother was duped because the girl who duped her looked exactly like me and easily gained her trust.

~ Letitia James, Attorney General of New York, during 'Curbing the Tide of Ponzi Schemes and the Role of the Regulator' Webinar on 2nd – 3rd March 2021 for Nigeria

## 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.





Thank you to AGA-Africa – our forever partners – for once again coming through for this training. In addition to punishment for crimes, confiscation of illicit gains and depriving criminals of their enjoyment and use has proved to be one of the most effective ways of eliminating criminal activity the world over.”

~ **Fulata Lillian Shawa-Siyunyi (SC), Director of Public Prosecutions, Zambia, during the Asset Recovery/ Forfeiture Workshop on 15th November 2021 in Lusaka, Zambia**

## Emerging Areas Explored in 2021

As mentioned in the Highlights, AGA-Africa periodically ventures into emerging areas connected in some respect to transnational crime as it explores the possibility of adopting them into its core mandate. In 2021, AGA-Africa organized a number of events outside its core mandate as follows:

Leadership/ Mentorship, Prosecution of Electoral Offences, Refugee Law, Consumer Protection, Advocacy Skills, Management Skills and Human Rights.

## Leadership/ Mentorship

Together with partners, AGA-Africa acknowledged that there are few existing formal structures for mentorship. A key component of mentorship is the development of skills, capabilities and confidence building. Against this backdrop, AGA-Africa teamed up with various stakeholders to bridge the gap and create a framework where professional mentorship can take place.

1. Women Judges and Magistrates Mentorship Forum: Personality, Purpose and Passion: Pathways to Leadership Webinar in partnership with the International Association of Women Judges – Kenya Chapter on 30th July 2021
2. Induction Training for Supreme Court Judges in Kenya in partnership with the Supreme Court of Kenya and Kenya Judiciary Academy, on 12th – 16th October 2021



We must do our work well because eventually the playing field will be leveled. Learn as much as you can and be an expert in your field. Do not be afraid to be outspoken. Even though you will constantly have to prove yourself, your passion will carry you through. Take down the naysayers by becoming.

~ **Hon. Theresa Holmes-Simmons, Assistant Chief Immigration Judge Arlington, Charlotte, Philadelphia and York Immigration Courts during the Women Judges and Magistrates Mentorship Forum on 30th July 2021**



To improve we have to respond to the community. Every day you contribute to the community; you make the path wider for those coming after you.

~ **Judge Ramona A. González, Presiding Judge La Crosse County Circuit Court during the Women Judges and Magistrates Mentorship Forum on 30th July 2021**

## Prosecution of Electoral Offences

AGA-Africa held the first Prosecution of Election Offences training in partnership with the National Prosecuting Authority of Zambia. The training was in recognition of the need for prosecutors to be skilled, knowledgeable and competent to meet present and future prosecutorial responsibilities was identified in light of the fact that this has not been an area that has been focussed on in the past. The training served to bridge the skills and knowledge gap, to ensure that electoral offences are prosecuted in the Courts of law uniformly. The training also ensured that prosecutors are kept abreast with the current trends in the prosecution of electoral offences in light of the amended and new legislation.

With respect to Prosecution of Electoral Offences AGA-Africa organized the following training:

- Prosecution of Electoral Offences Workshop in partnership with the National Prosecution Authority (NPA) Zambia, on 13th – 15th July, 2021 on the GotoMeetings platform



In the past, prosecutors trainings have not focused on prosecution of electoral offenses. With Zambia going into elections on 12th August 2021, this election is timely. It will provide an opportunity to bridge the gap with skills related to electoral offenses.

~ Mable Bauleni-Nawa, Chief Administrator, National Prosecution Authority Zambia during the Prosecution of Electoral Offences workshop held on 13th – 15th July 2021

## Refugee Law

In its efforts to meet stakeholders requests, AGA-Africa partnered with the then Judiciary Training Institute (now Kenya Judiciary Academy) for a Refugee Law workshop. The motivation behind the unique training was that Kenya is signatory to a number of international treaties applicable to individuals seeking asylum and protection. These international obligations were consolidated through the enactment of the Refugees Act in 2006 which took effect the next year. Since the enactment of the Act, it is in 2021 that the first appeal from the Refugee Appeal Board to the High Court was filed. The appeal is pending for hearing and determination hence the need for urgent capacity building in this subject. The objective of the training was to equip Judges with knowledge on and enhance their skills in applying the principles, law, and policies relating to the protection of refugees.

1. Refugee Law Workshop in partnership with the Judiciary Training Institute (JTI) and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) on 8th – 9th April, 2021 on the GotoMeetings platform



We are all potential refugees.

~ Hon. Justice Kathurima M'Inoti, the then Director, Judiciary Training Institute during the Refugee Law Workshop for Kenyan Judges on 8th April 2021

## 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 center stage. It therefore remains critical to continue exchanging knowledge and ideas to shape policies that protect consumers particularly, the most vulnerable.

Against this backdrop, AGA-Africa organized the following events:

1. Financial Consumer Protection Webinar in partnership with Department Mercantile of Law,



Law Faculty, University of Pretoria on 22nd April 2021 on the GotoWebinar platform

2. Data Privacy Regulation Webinar in partnership with the Department of Mercantile Law, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria (UP) on 29th July, 2021 on the GotoWebinar platform
3. Illicit Consumer Goods and Counterfeit Goods Webinar in

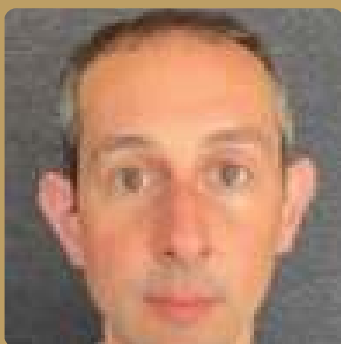
conjunction with the Department of Mercantile Law, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria (UP) on 18th November 2021

### Advocacy Skills

Advocacy Skills are essential towards upholding 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 various stakeholders organized the following:

1. Advocacy Skills and Technique for Virtual Hearing in collaboration with the Federal Ministry of Justice, Nigeria on 13th – 14th April 2021 on GotoWebinar and in Abuja, Nigeria

2. Trial Advocacy Training in partnership with the National Prosecution Authority on 24th – 26th February 2021, Lusaka, Zambia
3. Effective Administration of Criminal Justice in the 'New Normal' Webinar in conjunction with the Nasarawa State Ministry of Justice, Nigeria on 24th – 25th May 2021
4. Effective Prosecution of Regulatory Crime Workshop with the Food and Drugs Authority on 17th – 19th November 2021, Accra, Ghana



The hardest hit area is that of counterfeit Personal Protective Equipment. There is a high demand and low supply and people went out of legitimate supply chains. Unapproved Covid medication, test kits and other consumer protection violations are rife. The funding from the fake PPE kits is channelled into terrorist criminal activity and contraband smuggling among other crimes.

~ Michael Alfonso, Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC), Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), New York Field Office during the Financial Consumer Protection Webinar for South Africa 22nd April 2021



Break the silence of the courtroom with the sound of your voice.

~ Markus Green, AGA-Africa Board Member speaking to advocates during the Trial Advocacy Training on 24th February 2021 in Lusaka, Zambia



The new normal has brought about a paradigm shift in what we were used to in the administration of justice particularly in the prosecution and defense of cases that require our physical presence in the court.

~ Juliet Ibekaku-Nwagwu, Judicial Reforms Adviser, on behalf of Abubakar Malami, SAN, Honourable Attorney-General of the Federation and Minister of Justice during the Advocacy Skills and Technique for Virtual Hearing Webinar on 13th April 2021

## Management Skills

Products and services traded in the markets globally are increasingly sophisticated and complex; the protection of the consumer takes centre stage. Especially in middle income and low income economies with weak laws and the proliferation of counterfeit goods is on the rise. It therefore remains critical to continue exchanging knowledge and ideas to shape policies that protect consumers, particularly the most vulnerable. AGA-Africa organised the following training:

- Management Training in partnership with Office of the Director of Public Prosecution (ODPP), Kenya on 11th – 15th January 2021 on the GotoMeetings platform



Part of the role of a prosecutor is to act in the interest of society in an effective criminal justice system. Previously, the role of a prosecutor did not involve management. We now have managers. Human resource and financial training is essential to ensure we deliver quality justice.”

~ Dorcas Agik Oduor, MBS, OGW, Deputy Director, Public Prosecutions during the Management Skills Training for Kenyan prosecutors on 11th January 2021

## Human Rights

AGA-Africa is a firm supporter of the requirement to uphold human rights by police and other law enforcers in the administration of justice. It remains necessary to enhance officers' competences in managing any issues arising from alleged breaches of fundamental human rights and protection of lives and properties. AGA-Africa intervention included:

1. Webinar on Maintaining security in civil society and ensuring respect for fundamental Human Rights in partnership with the Nigeria Police Force on 30th – 31st August 2021



unequipped police officer. He will not only cause harm to himself but will also be a disaster to the citizenry in which he is charged with the responsibility of protecting.

~ Commissioner of Police Abdul Yari Lafia delivered the keynote speech on behalf of Usman Alkali Baba Inspector General of Police, Nigeria Police during the “Maintaining Public Safety and Ensuring Respect for Fundamental Human Rights” Webinar on 30th August 2021

# Media Coverage

AGA-Africa continued to receive substantial coverage from mainstream media in 2021; an indication of its prominence, expansion and reach in the conversation around transnational crime in the member countries and beyond.



## Social Media

In 2021, AGA-Africa continued to grow its Social Media following. 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 11,000 followers, a significant increase from last year.

### ►Twitter Chat

AGA-Africa hosted a number of Twitter chats including:

The "Impact of Human Trafficking in Africa" under the hashtag #Stophumantrafficking. The chat took place on 7th June 2021.

AGA-Africa also hosted a Twitter discussion around **Asset Recovery** in Africa on 2nd September 2021 and another one on **Anti-Money Laundering** on 30th September 2021. The chats drew lively participation with ideas and opinions on the subject.



On 28th October 2021, AGA-organized yet another chat dubbed 'Stop cybercrime'.



On 25th November 2021, AGA-Africa organized another engaging Twitter chat on Consumer Protection.



AGA-Africa organized the last Twitter chat of 2021 on 29th December 2021 themed Gender-Based Violence.



### ►Instagram Live

In the first of its kind, AGA-Africa hosted an insightful conversation on Human Trafficking on Instagram on 30th July 2021, featuring **Anita Nyanjong**, Regional Coordinator for the Eastern Africa Child Rights Network, and **Evalyn Mboya**, Officer in Charge, Cyber Division, AHTCPU – National Police Service and **Judie Kaberia**, Journalist, Media Trainer, Human Rights and media freedom advocate.

### ►Website

AGA-Africa continued engaging its stakeholders and the public via our website [www.agaafrica.org](http://www.agaafrica.org). The website is now also available in French.

### ►AGA-Africa Newsletter

AGA-Africa re-launched its monthly newsletter with the first issue in May 2021. The newsletter has featured topical issues around AGA-Africa's core mandate areas as well as key subject matter experts. The newsletters have also featured interviews with US Attorney Generals.



## 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.

### ➤ East Africa Law Society (EALS) Annual Conference (Oral Advocacy and Anti-Money Laundering Training)

AGA-Africa participated in the 26th East Africa Law Society Annual Conference on 24th – 26th November 2021, at the Sea Cliff Hotel, Zanzibar.

The conference was attended by Attorney General Emeritus, Hon. Prof. **Githu Muigai**, 6th Attorney General of the Republic of Kenya, President, East Africa Law Society, **Bernard Oundo**, President, East Africa Law Society, and Hon. **Dr. Peter Mathuki**, among others.

AGA-Africa's International Advisor, **John Edozie**, delivered a keynote address as AGA-Africa's regional expert, **Stephen Kiptinness**, Senior Partner, Technology and Intellectual Property Practice, spoke on Rule of Law and Technology.

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A cross-section of participants at the EALS Conference



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L.R Stephen Kiptinness, Senior Partner, Technology and Intellectual Property Practice, John Edozie, International Advisor, AGA-Africa, Caroline Mbabazi, AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for Uganda and Rwanda, Bernard Oundo, President, East Africa Law Society and Chukukere Unamba-Oparah, AGA-Africa Programme Director and Strategic Advisor



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A cross-section of participants at the EALS Conference



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John Edozie, AGA-Africa International Advisor, delivering his keynote address

## Judicial Action Group Annual Meeting



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AGA-Africa pointed the Judiciary of Kenya to a more stable online platform during their first virtual training for High Court Judges in May 2020. It demonstrated that training does not need to be stepped down during Covid.

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

AGA-Africa joined the Judicial Action Group for their fifth annual meeting from Tuesday 30th November to Friday 3rd December 2021.

The meeting themed “Forging Ahead” set the stage for members to explore emerging judicial thought on Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG), climate change litigation, the concept of “Ubuntu”, and the cross-section of business and human rights, as well as the birth of virtual courts and electronic evidence.

The meeting was officially opened by **Hon. Lady Justice Martha Koome**, Chief Justice and President of the Supreme Court of Kenya, with remarks from **Hon. Justice Isaac Lenaola**, Chair Judicial Action Group, AGA-Africa’s International Advisor **John Edozie** and President, International Association of Refugee and Migration Judges (IARMJ) and **Tondani Moyo**, Chair Protimos Trust Africa.

**Tondani Moyo**, Chair, Protimos Trust Africa gave a brief overview of Protimos Trust Africa – an international network whose goal is to arrest injustice by using the rule of law to reduce poverty and promote equitable and sustainable economic prosperity.

On his part, **John Edozie**, AGA-Africa International Advisor, underscored that the transnational crime situation in Africa can be mitigated through cross-border partnerships between governments, international and regional organizations and civil society. “We need everyone on board,” he said.



John Edozie, AGA-Africa International Advisor delivering his keynote address

Judicial Action Group and President, International Association of Refugee and Migration Judges (IARMJ) thanked partners AGA-Africa, Protimos Africa Trust and Rule of Law Expertise (ROLE) for their support.

In her detailed remarks, **Hon. Lady Justice Martha Koome**, Chief Justice



Hon. Justice Isaac Lenaola, Chair, Judicial Action Group and President, International Association of Refugee and Migration Judges (IARMJ)

and President of the Supreme Court of Kenya credited AGA-Africa for pointing the Judiciary to a more stable online platform during their first virtual training for High Court Judges in May 2020. She added, “It demonstrated that training does not need to be stepped down during Covid.”



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Hon. Lady Justice Martha Koome, Chief Justice and President of the Supreme Court of Kenya together with JAG Members, and representatives from AGA-Africa and Protimos Africa Trust

Seated: (L-R) Hon. Justice Zione Ntoba (Malawi), Hon. Justice Charles Hungwe (Zimbabwe), Hon. Justice Isaac Lenaala (Kenya), Hon. Lady Justice Martha Koome (Kenya), Tondani Mayo, Chair Protimos Trust Africa, Hon. Justice Reginald Fynn (Sierra Leone) and Hon. Justice Molefi Makara (Lesotha)

Standing: (L-R) Sneha Shrestha, Legal Assistant, Protimos, Catherine Young, Consultant, Protimos, Hon. Justice Mohammed El Ghannam (Egypt), Chukukere Unamba-Oparah, AGA-Africa Programme Director and Strategic Advisor, John Edozie, AGA-Africa International Advisor, Fiona Darroch our Director of Law, Protimos and Isobel Butler, Director, Protimos





# COUNTRY NARRATIVES

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







# GHANA

## Overview

With a population of over 30 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

### Event: Access to Protection Justice and Accountability for Victims of Gender-Based Violence Webinar

**Date:** 14th April 2021

**Stakeholders:** African Women Lawyers Association (AWLA) and Domestic Violence Victim Support Unit (DOVVSU), Ghana Police Service

### Event: Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence

**Date:** 1st – 4th November 2021, Accra Ghana

**Stakeholder:** Ghana Police

### Event: Effective Prosecution of Regulatory Crime Workshop

**Date:** 17th – 19th November 2021

**Stakeholder:** Food and Drugs Authority

## AGA-Africa 2021 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 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.

### ➤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.

## 2021 Events

### Event: Access to Protection Justice and Accountability for Victims of Gender-Based Violence Webinar

**Date:** 14th April 2021 on the GotoWebinar platform

**Stakeholder:** African Women Lawyers Association (AWLA) and Domestic Violence Victim Support Unit (DOVVSU), Ghana Police Service

AGA-Africa in collaboration with Domestic Violence and Victim Support Unit of the Ghana Police Service and Africa Women Lawyers Association (AWLA) held a one-day webinar themed **Access to Protection, Justice and Accountability for victims of Gender-Based Violence** on 14th April 2021 in Ghana.

The webinar was aimed at exploring the prevalence, characteristics and trends of Gender-Based Violence and sufficiency of legislation and support services as well as the relevance and effectiveness of the investigative and prosecutorial and support agencies and collaborative solutions.

The webinar was officially opened by **Yvonne Attakora-Oboubisa**, Director of Public Prosecutions, Ghana, **Hon. Betty Mould-Idrissu**, Chairperson, African Women Lawyers Association (AWLA) and **Markus Green**, AGA Africa Board Member.

In reiterating the urgency of the event, the Director of Public Prosecutions (Ghana), **Yvonne Attakorah Obuobisa**

noted that sexual based violence has dominated the media landscape in Ghana for several weeks running. "The subject is extremely topical now. There has been a 25% increase in domestic violence cases in some countries. The situation during Covid where people are at home often lends itself to more and more abuse," said **Markus Green**, AGA-Africa Board Member in his opening remarks.

**Betty Mould-Iddrisu**, the First Female Attorney General of Ghana summarized it thus: "In Africa, we have been subjected to Gender-Based Violence all our lives as women. We are saddened by the output we see."

The illuminating discussions were led by **Edna Kuma**, Executive Director-African Women Lawyers Association (AWLA), **Victoria Asieduwaa**, Principal State Attorney, Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Justice, Prosecutions Division, Accra, **Margaret Brew-Ward**, Women's Rights, Advocacy and Campaign Manager, Action Aid-Ghana and **Lydia Muthiani**, Human Rights Lawyer with **Lt. Mark Wynn** (retired), Owner/Operator Wynn Consulting, making a brief presentation.

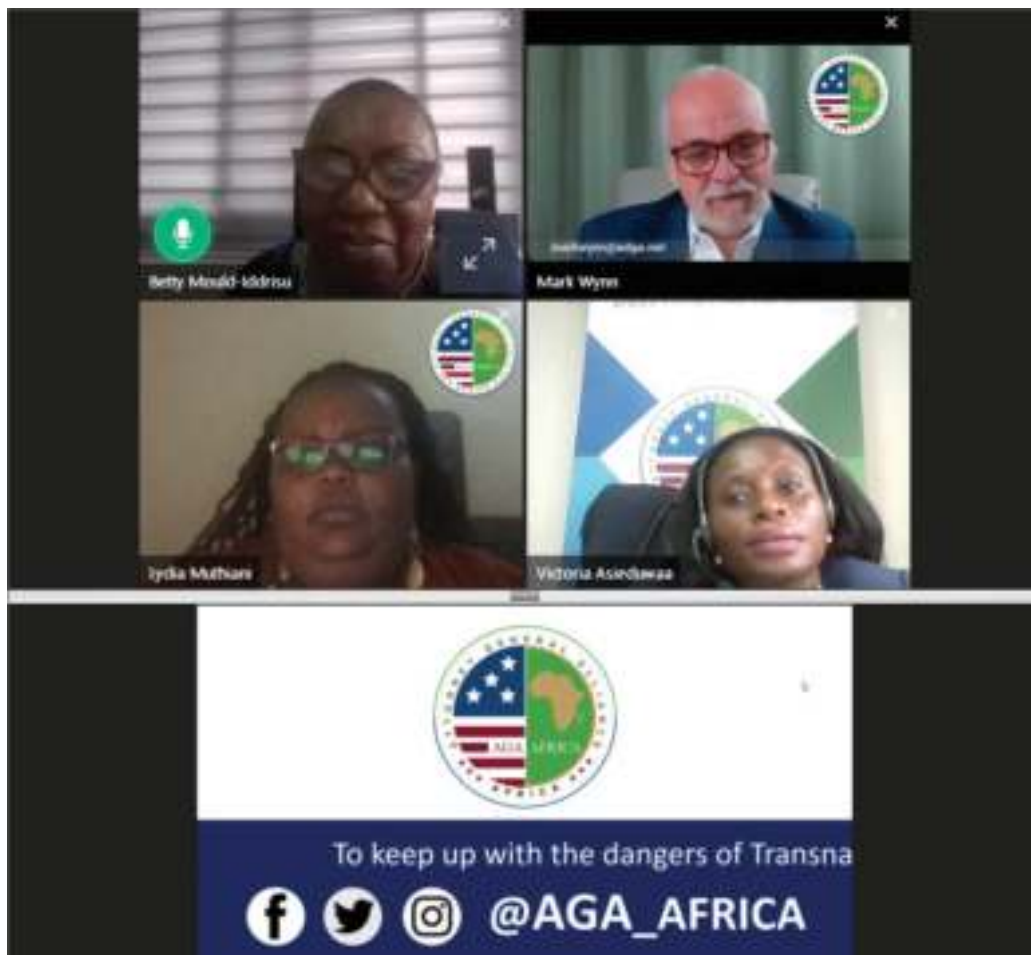
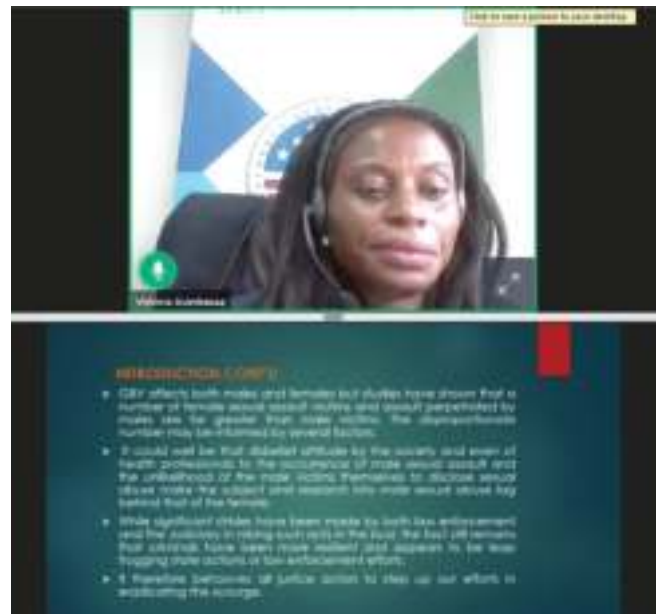
The event was brought to close by **Hon. Betty Mould-Iddrisu** and **Maame Hagan**, AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for Ghana.



► A 2011-2017 data gathered by the Domestic Violence and Victim Support Unit (DOVVSU) of the Ghana Police Service shows that more females continued to suffer from rape and assault with only a handful of the victims being males. Out of 1,862 reported cases of rape, there were only 4 males.

CRIME	NUMBER OF CASES	MALE VICTIMS	FEMALE VICTIMS	MALE SUSPECTS	FEMALE SUSPECTS	UNIDENTIFIED SUSPECTS
Rape	1,862	4	1,858	478	87	481
Sexual Assault	570	1	569	95	15	275
Attempted Rape	49	1	48	10	0	39
Attempted Sexual Assault	22	0	22	1	0	21
Sexual Harassment	12	0	12	3	0	9
Stalking	16	1	15	0	0	16
Unlawful Sexual Intercourse	10	2	8	10	1	8
Unlawful Sexual Intercourse	10	10	0	0	0	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,549</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>2,531</b>	<b>596</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>799</b>







## ➤Event: Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence

**Date:** 1st – 4th November 2021,  
Accra Ghana

**Stakeholder:** Ghana Police Service

AGA-Africa in collaboration with the Criminal Investigation Department and Cybercrime Unit, Ghana Police Service held a four-day workshop titled “Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence”.

The workshop objective was to train cybercrime investigators and prosecutors within law enforcement agencies on the Cybersecurity Law (Act 1038) of Ghana. This enhanced the capacity, knowledge and skills of law enforcement officers to mount effective investigation and gather credible evidence for successful prosecution of cybercrimes.

The keynote addresses were delivered by **Markus Green Esq**, AGA-Africa Board Member and **Frederick Kwadwo Agyei**, Deputy Director General Ghana Police on behalf of COP **Isaac Ken Yeboah**, Director General Criminal Investigation Department, Ghana Police Service.

**Frederick Kwadwo Agyei** observed that Ghana’s economic and professional operations have become increasingly reliant on digital technology. “Unfortunately for us some criminal elements have taken advantage of the pervasiveness to perpetrate crime. Some of these crimes have become possible due to human errors, social engineering, unpatched software and use of malicious software, among others.”

**Alexander Oppong**, Principal Consultant e-Crime Bureau, representing Acting Director General of Cyber Security Authority **Dr. Albert Antwi-Boasiako**, noted that all over the world, cybercrimes have become a growing problem demanding huge investments to develop the skills of police and other personnel. “Cybercrimes are national security threats. As they increase in number so too must the police increase in skills to deal with them,” he said.

The highly informative and interactive sessions were facilitated by our subject matter experts: **Dr. Herbert Gustav Yankson**, Assistant Commissioner of Police, Director Cybercrime Unit, Ghana Police Service, **Justice Afia Serwah Asare-Botwe**, Justice, High Court of Ghana, **Stephen Kiptinness** Senior Partner, Technology and Intellectual Property, **Dr. Bright Gameli Mawudor**, Cyber Security Services, Internet Solutions Kenya and Founder of the Cyber Security collective Africahackon, **Alex Osunga**, Cyber Security Professional, @iLabAfrica and **Alexander Oppong**, Principal Consultant e-Crime Bureau.

AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for Ghana **Maame Hagan** moderated the sessions and brought the four-day event to a successful close.



A group photo of distinguished guests together with workshop participants, facilitators



**Seated:** (L-R) Dr. Herbert Gustav Yankson, Assistant Commissioner of Police, Director Cybercrime Unit, Ghana Police Service, Assistant Commissioner of Police, Alexander Oppong, Principal Consultant e-Crime Bureau, Frederick Kwadwo Agyei, Deputy Director General, CID, Markus Green, AGA-Africa Board Member, Maame Hagan, AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for Ghana, AGA-Africa and Chukukere Unamba-Oparah, Programme Director and Strategic Advisor  
**Back:** Stephen Kiptinness, Senior Partner, Technology and Intellectual Property Practice, Alex Osunga, Cyber Security Professional, @iLabAfrica and Dr. Bright Mawudor, Head of Cyber Security Services, internet solutions



A cross section of participants at the workshop



Dr. Herbert Gustav Yankson, Assistant Commissioner of Police, Director Cybercrime Unit presenting a certificate to a participant during the closing ceremony



Participants receiving certificates after the workshop



## ➤ Event: Effective Prosecution of Regulatory Crime Workshop

**Date:** 17th – 19th November 2021

**Stakeholder:** Food and Drugs Authority

AGA-Africa in collaboration with the Food and Drug Authority of Ghana, held an informative three-day workshop titled “**Effective Prosecution of Regulatory Crime**” from 17th - 19th November, 2021.

The workshop was aimed at creating awareness among law enforcement officers from the Food and Drugs Authority, Security Agencies, the Attorney General's Office, and the Judiciary on the modern trends in Pharmaceutical Crime investigations, intelligence gathering and evidence handling. This would in turn enhance their knowledge and skills on issues of regulatory crime and the capacity to conduct effective prosecution of the crimes.

The workshop was officially opened by **Markus Green**, AGA-Africa Board Member.

**Markus Green** spoke briefly about the devastating consequences of counterfeit medicine. He spoke of the need for law enforcement to adapt to the changing trends in order to stay ahead of the criminals and to address the gaps in the legal and regulatory framework.

“Whereas many countries in Africa are seemingly increasing legislation for the regulating of business activities, there are still gaps in the legal and regulatory frameworks, weaknesses in law enforcement

capacities and insufficient internal and international cooperation,” he said.

The highly informative and engaging sessions were facilitated by seasoned subject matter experts: **Prof Justice Sir Dennis Dominic Adjei**, Justice, Court of Appeal Ghana, **Dennis Otieno Odera**, Head of Crime Investigation and Enforcement Unit, Pharmacy and Poisons Board, Kenya, **Dr. Herbert Gustav Yankson**,

Assistant Commissioner of Police, Director Cybercrime Unit, Ghana Police Service, **Supt. David Hukportie**, Director Drug Law Enforcement Unit of the CID, Ghana and **Vigil Prah-Ashun**, Pharmacist at Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Centre for Tobacco Products.

AGA-Africa Board Member **Markus Green Esq.** brought the successful workshop to a close.

A group photo of workshop participants



A cross section of the workshop participants during the workshop





■ Participants speaking during the workshop





# 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

### Event: Management Training

**Date:** 11th – 15th January 2021

**Stakeholder:** Office of the Director of Public Prosecution (ODPP)

### Event: Human Trafficking Training Workshop

**Date:** 17th – 19th February 2021 Naivasha, Kenya

**Stakeholder:** The Judiciary Training Institute (JTI) (now Kenya Judiciary Academy) and the Anti-Money Laundering and Trafficking of Human Beings Project (AML-THB)

### Event: Refugee Law Workshop

**Date:** 8th – 9th April, 2021

**Stakeholders:** Judiciary Training Institute (JTI) and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

**Event:** Women Judges and Magistrates Mentorship Forum: Personality, Purpose and Passion: Pathways to Leadership

**Date:** 30th July 2021

**Stakeholder:** International Association of Women Judges – Kenya Chapter

**Event:** Induction Training for Supreme Court Judges in Kenya

**Date:** 12th – 16th October 2021

**Stakeholder:** Supreme Court of Kenya and Kenya Judiciary Academy

**Event:** Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence

**Date:** 10th – 12th November and 17th – 19th November 2021

**Stakeholders:** Kenya Judiciary Academy and the Commonwealth Secretariat

### Event: Judicial Action Group Annual Meeting

**Date:** 30th November 2021 – 4th December 2021

**Hosts:** JAG and Protimo Trust

## AGA-Africa 2021 Stakeholders

- Kenya Judiciary Academy (KJA) formerly Judiciary Training Institute (JTI)
- Prosecutors Training Institute (PTI) in the Office of the Director of Public Prosecution (ODPP)
- The Anti-Money Laundering and Trafficking of Human Beings Project (AML-THB)
- The Commonwealth Secretariat
- The Judicial Action Group

## Stakeholder Profiles

### ➤ Kenya Judiciary Academy (KJA)



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. In 2021, JTI transitioned to the Kenya Judiciary Academy (KJA).

### ➤ 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.

### ►The Anti-Money Laundering and Trafficking of Human Beings Project (AML-THB)



The Anti-Money Laundering and Trafficking of Human Beings Project (AML-THB) exists to increase the national capacity in anti-money laundering and countering illicit financial flows, increase awareness and understanding of the modus operandi of criminal networks regarding the use of financing of operations and destination of illicit financial flows and improved coordination between national agencies in the region, and better inclusion into the international networks and best practices.

### ►United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)



UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, is a global organization dedicated to saving lives, protecting rights and building a better future for refugees, forcibly displaced communities and stateless people.

### ►The Commonwealth Secretariat



The Commonwealth Secretariat is the intergovernmental organisation that supports member countries to

achieve the Commonwealth's aims of development, democracy and peace.

### ►The Judicial Action Group



The Judicial Action Group works with the judiciary and a number of different judicial organisations to grow the Judicial Action Group (JAG) by inviting senior judges with unimpeachable reputations to join the group. Their partnership with ROLE UK and the Department for International Development, (DfID) has allowed the group to begin its work on a range of topical concerns within African judiciaries – dialogue, dissemination and thought leadership are the themes of their emerging discussions and plans.

### 2021 Events

#### ►Event: Management Training

**Date:** 11th – 15th January 2021 on the GotoMeeting platform

**Stakeholder:** Office of the Director of Public Prosecution (ODPP)

AGA-Africa in collaboration with the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP)-Kenya, organized a 5-day Management Skills Training virtual workshop. This was the second Management Skills Training and it came on the heels of a similar successful training held in collaboration with the National Prosecution Authority of Zambia in September 2020.

The workshop was aimed at equipping ODPP officers in senior management in leadership, motivation, supervision, and teamwork.

The workshop was officially opened by **Markus Green** Esq, AGA-Africa Board Member with remarks from **Dorcas Agik Oduor**, MBS, OGW, Deputy Director, Public Prosecutions on behalf of **Noordin Haji**, Director, ODPP.

**Markus Green** noted that one might have all the knowledge but is ineffective in management and as a consequence justice may not be served. "We teach lawyers to be great lawyers but somehow we expect these lawyers to magically be great managers, too," he said.

Speaking on behalf of the **Noordin Haji**, Director, Public Prosecutions, **Dorcas Agik Oduor** acknowledged AGA-Africa's collaboration in the e-learning project and the prosecutors' performance indicators conceptual framework. "We are grateful for the AGA-Africa partnership that is in line with our charter for capacity building."

The facilitators for the training were **Anne Calle**, Leadership Coach, San Diego County District Attorney's Office, **Jerrilyn Malana**, Chief of Human Resources for the San Diego County District Attorney Office, Tracy Prior, Chief Deputy of the Family Protection Division and **Dr. Henry Musoma**, Professor, Educational Leadership and Administration Texas Christian University.

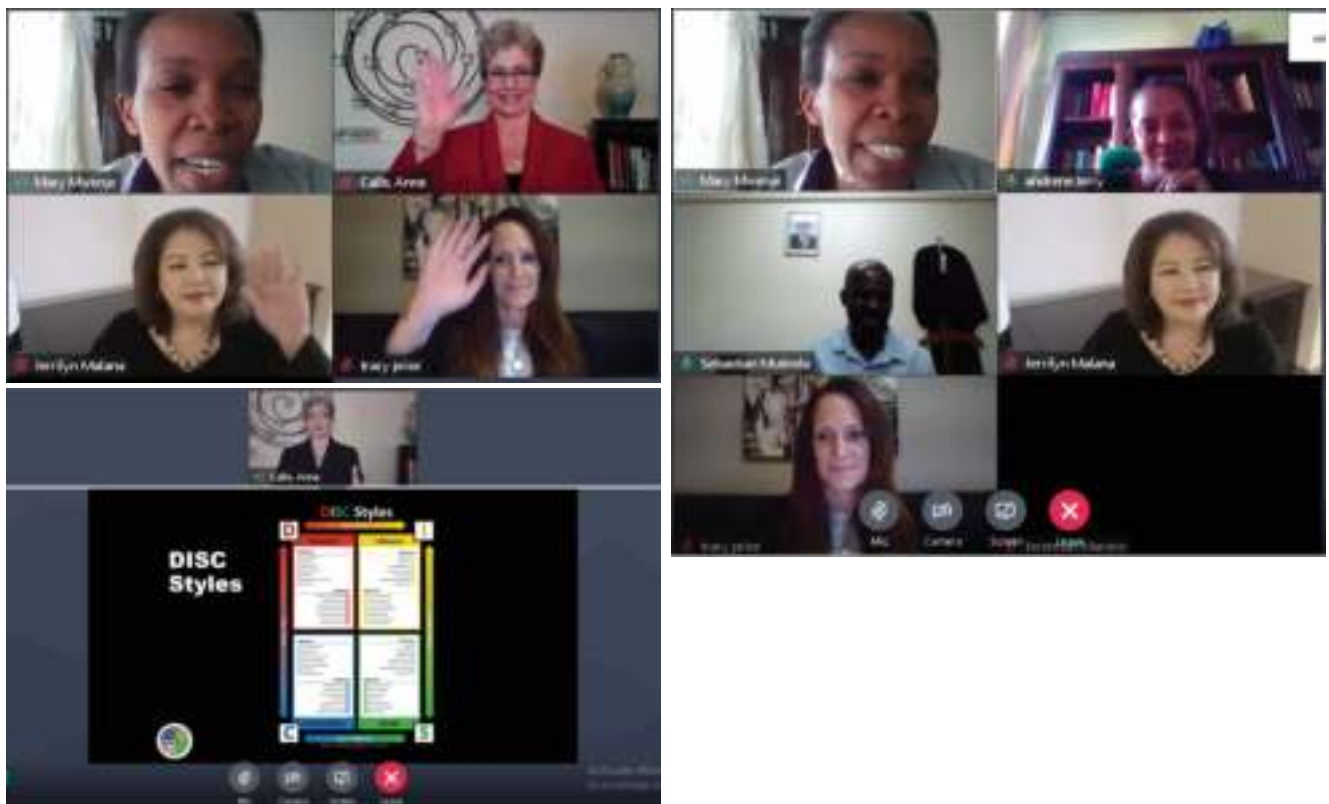
The training included various management themes including the

Dominance, Influence, Compliance and Steadiness Assessment; Emotional Intelligence; Operational Excellence in the workplace; Managing Prosecutors: The Duty and Honor of Leadership; Accountability and difficult conversations; and

Living in the Moment: The Power of Being Present.

The insightful and captivating workshop was brought to a close by **Dr. Freda Mwamba-Brazle**, Managing Partner, Innovatus Zambia and

AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for Zambia and **Rodah Ogoma**, Director, Prosecutors Training Institute.





## ➤ Event: Human Trafficking Training Workshop

**Date:** 17th – 19th February 2021 at the Great Rift Valley Lodge, Naivasha - Kenya

**Stakeholders:** Judiciary Training Institute (JTI) and the Anti-Money Laundering and Trafficking of Human Beings Project (AML-THB)

In keeping with its mandate to stem human trafficking, AGA-Africa in conjunction with the Judiciary Training Institute (JTI) and the Anti-Money Laundering and Trafficking of Human Beings Project (AML-THB) organized a 3-day training for Magistrates themed 'Human Trafficking' on 17th-19th February, 2021.

Drawing from best practice and prosecutorial experience in other established jurisdictions, the training involved candid discussions amongst the participants exploring all relevant applicable legislation recommending means of implementation as well as the importance of National, Regional and International cooperation.

The training was officially opened by **Markus Green**, AGA-Africa Board Member, with keynote addresses from **Hon. Mr. Justice Kathurima M'Inoti**, Director Judiciary Training Institute via video link and **Frédéric Bayard**, Project Director EUTF AML-THB in the GHoA Project who was present at the venue.

Joining the workshop virtually, **Markus Green** emphasized the extreme importance of the topic as it cuts across the very fabric of humanity. "The notion of exploiting

a human being and using them over and over for profit is the greatest humanitarian crisis of our lifetime," he said.

Speaking from Naivasha, Frédéric noted that whereas magistrates were typically at the end of the conversation, they do have an educational role by taking heavier sentences in such cases. He emphasized the need for an integrated approach with regards to training.

**Hon. Justice Kathurima M'Inoti** acknowledged the invaluable support of AGA-Africa and the Anti-Money Laundering and Trafficking of Human Beings (AML-THB). He noted that human trafficking was a serious crime, and notwithstanding the efforts to combat the crime Kenya has made, it is still ranked in Tier 2 out of a possible 4.

Distinguished facilitators from the US were **Hon. Sean D. Wallace**, Judge, Circuit Court, Seventh Circuit of Maryland, **Justin McNabney**, Deputy Chief, Human Trafficking Response Unit and **Raffaella Belizaire**, Assistant District Attorney, Manhattan, NY who joined the workshop virtually.

Talented subject matter experts from Kenya were **Jacqueline Njagi**, Head, Sexual and Gender-Based Violence, Division Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, **Stephen Kiptinness**, Senior Partner, Technology and Intellectual Property, **Anita Nyanjong**, Advocate, High Court of Kenya, **Evelyn Mboya**, Officer In-charge, Cyber Division, at the Directorate of Criminal Investigations-Anti-Human

Trafficking and Child Protection Unit, **David Gitau**, Detective Constable, Directorate of Criminal Investigations and **Sophie Otiende**, Regional Operations Manager-Africa, Liberty Shared.

The training included themes such as: Introduction and Overview of the Concept of Trafficking in Persons, Legal Framework on Human Trafficking, Inter-Agency Co-operation and Collaboration, An International Perspective on Victim Protection and the Role of the Court, Investigations and Evidence in Human Trafficking Cases, Threat Picture of Human Trafficking in Kenya, Victim Protection and Assistance during Trial, Inter agency cooperation and collaboration, Financial Investigations in Human Trafficking, Collection, Analysis, Preservation, Admissibility and Place of Digital and Electronic Evidence, among others.

The insightful and captivating training was brought to a close by **David C. Blake**, General Counsel, Attorney General Alliance, **Dr. Freda Mugambi**, Deputy Director, JTI and **Frédéric Bayard**, Project Director EUTF AML-THB in the GHoA Project.

In closing David C. Blake, **General Counsel**, Attorney General Alliance, termed the training as both enlightening and challenging. He termed human trafficking as an incredibly important subject and acknowledged the complexity of cases as demonstrated in the presentations.



Workshop participants, facilitators and representatives from AGA-Africa and the Anti-Money Laundering and Trafficking of Human Beings (AML-THB)



(L-R) Chukukere Unamba-Oparah, Dr. Freda Githiru and Frédéric Bayard



A section of participants during Raffaella Belzaira session



Participants during the opening ceremony



Chukukere Unamba-Oparah and Lillian Mwaniki presenting a certificate to a participating magistrate



Dr. Freda Githiru during the opening ceremony



Participants during the opening ceremony



Hon. Joe Omido receiving a certificate from Frédéric Bayard accompanied by Alma Wanyama and Dr. Freda Githiru

## ➤ Event: Refugee Law Workshop

**Date:** 8th – 9th April 2021 on the GotoMeetings platform

**Stakeholders:** Judiciary Training Institute (JTI) and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

To equip judges with essential knowledge on this subject, AGA-Africa in collaboration with the Judiciary Training Institute (JTI) organized a two-day virtual training for judges on Refugee Law from 8th – 9th April, 2021.

The two-day training brought together both High Court and Court of Appeal judges of Kenya and was aimed at equipping them with knowledge and skills required in applying the principles, law, and policies relating to the protection of refugees.

The workshop was attended by Hon. Justice **Isaac Lenaola**, President, International Association of Refugee and Migration Judges (IARMJ), **Hon. Justice Kathurima M’Inoti**, Director, Judiciary Training Institute and Markus Green, AGA-Africa Board Member.

In his opening, **Markus Green** gave a special recognition to JTI’s Deputy Director Dr. Freda Githiru, Director **Hon. Justice Kathurima M’Inoti**, Director, Judiciary Training Institute and **Hon. Justice Isaac Lenaola**, President, International Association of Refugee and Migration Judges (IARMJ) as well as **Kodek Makori**, Ag. Commissioner, Refugee Affairs Secretariat, Ministry of Interior

and Coordination of National Government for their involvement in putting together the workshop.

**Hon. Justice Isaac Lenaola** stated that the workshop was a culmination of both formal and informal conversations around the areas of Refugee Law that required urgent addressing. “The subject of refugee law required more focused attention than it is presently receiving,” he said

**Hon. Justice Kathurima M’Inoti** noted poignantly that we are all potential refugees as he listed a number of prominent persons who were at one point refugees including renowned scientist Albert Einstein, US Congress Woman Ilhan Abdullahi Omar, Ayaan Hirsi Ali former MP in the Netherlands, among others.

The training sessions were facilitated by seasoned facilitators: **Hon. Justice Isaac Lenaola**, President, International Association of Refugee and Migration Judges (IARMJ), **Hon. Theresa Holmes-Simmons**, Assistant Chief Immigration Judge Arlington, **Charlotte, Philadelphia** and York Immigration Courts, **Hon. Justice John Mativo**, Judge, High Court of Kenya, **Prof. Elizabeth Schmelzel**, Adjunct Professor, George Mason University, **Alice Wangari Mwanzia**, Advocate, High Court of Kenya, **Daniel Kamphuis**, Senior Integrity Officer, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Representation Office, Nairobi, **Yamini Pande**, Senior Protection Officer, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Representation Office, Nairobi and **Thomas Kibunja**, Protection Officer, Refugee Affairs Secretariat.









➤ **Event: Women Judges and Magistrates Mentorship Forum: Personality, Purpose and Passion: Pathways to Leadership**

**Date:** 30th July 2021

**Stakeholder:** International Association of Women Judges – Kenya Chapter

AGA-Africa in collaboration with the International Association of Women Judges (IAWJ), Kenya Chapter organised a **Women Judges and Magistrates Mentorship Forum** themed: Personality, Purpose and Passion: Pathways to Leadership on 30th July 2021.

The webinar was aimed at empowering women judges and magistrates to achieve their fullest potential by ensuring their full and effective participation at all levels. The webinar discussions also focused on providing a platform for increased support and interaction among women judicial officers to enhance decision-making and to better prepare them for leadership roles.

**Hon. Lady Justice Agnes Murgor**, President, IAWJ-Kenya Chapter officially opened the training followed by remarks from **Kim Robinson** AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for South Africa.

**Hon. Lady Justice Agnes Murgor** remarked that mentorship was an important pillar in the International Association of Women Judges Strategic Plan of 2007-2021. “The mentorship skills are necessary to help women ascend to leadership,”

she said as she expressed gratitude to AGA-Africa for joining the Association to kick off the mentorship journey.

“Women all over the world are taking their rightful places in positions of influence yet men continue to dominate, in courtrooms, academia, politics, law firms, in the judiciary occasioning the need for an intervention - a structured mentorship programme where women can learn from each other,” said **Kim Robinson**.

The discussions were led by **Hon. Judge Ramona A. Gonzalez**, Presiding Judge, La Crosse County Circuit Court, Wisconsin U.S., **Hon. Theresa Holmes Simmons**, Assistant Chief Immigration Judge, Arlington, Charlotte, Philadelphia and York Courts U.S., **Hon. Lady Justice Effie Owuor**, Retired Judge, Court of Appeal Kenya, and **Hon. Lady Justice Jessie Lesiit**, Judge, Court of Appeal, Kenya.

The moderator for this training was **Ebelechukwu Enedah**, AGA-Africa Country Coordinator Nigeria and Partner, PUNUKA Attorneys and Solicitors. The webinar was brought to a close by **Hon. Lady Justice Hellen Wasilwa**, Judge, Employment and Labour Relations Court, Kenya.





### ➤ Event: Induction Training for Supreme Court Judges in Kenya

**Date:** 12th –16th October 2021

**Stakeholder:** Supreme Court of Kenya and Kenya Judiciary Academy

AGA-Africa hosted a historic week-long Induction Training for Supreme Court Judges in collaboration with the Supreme Court of Kenya and Kenya Judiciary Academy in Mombasa, Kenya. The Induction Training took place from 12th –16th October 2021.

The training was attended by **Hon. Lady Justice Martha Koome**, Chief Justice and President of the Supreme Court of Kenya, **Hon. Justice Smokin C. Wanjala**, Judge of the Supreme Court of Kenya and Director of the Kenya Judiciary Academy and **Markus Green Esq.** AGA-Africa Board Member.

AGA-Africa was also honoured to have as facilitators: **Hon. Justice Anin Yeboah**, Chief Justice and the President of the Supreme Court of Ghana, **Hon. Mr. Justice Musa Dattijo Muhammad** Justice, Supreme Court of Nigeria and **Hon. Justice Healey Potani**, Justice, Supreme Court of Appeal, Malawi.

“The Supreme Court has the Jurisdiction for preserving the pristine authority of the constitution and the judiciary can guard its autonomy and independence through the constitution,” said **Hon. Justice Kwasi Anin-Yeboah**, Chief Justice of Ghana.

In his remarks **Hon. Justice Musa Dattijjo Muhammad**, Supreme Court, Nigeria, asserted, “The Supreme Court provides a guide for all lower courts for interpretation and enforcement of rule of law. It ensures uniformity and discipline during dispensation of judgments.”

**Hon. Justice Healey Potani**, Supreme Court Malawi, observed that Kenya is the pioneer in resolving election disputes in Africa, following the landmark annulment of the 2017 Presidential elections. He added, “An election is not an event. It is a cycle including voter registration, campaigns, vote counting, results and announcement. Disputes can occur during any point of the cycle hence the need for proper jurisprudence from across the continent on how to handle these disputes.”

### ➤ Event: Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence

**Dates:** 10th – 12th November and 17th – 19th November 2021

**Stakeholders:** Kenya Judiciary Academy and the Commonwealth Secretariat

AGA-Africa in partnership with the Kenya Judiciary Academy (KJA) and the Commonwealth Secretariat organized two sets of workshops themed “**Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence Training for Magistrates**” on 10th – 12th November and 17th – 19th November 2021, respectively.

The objective of the training was to equip magistrates with critical

tools and knowledge on handling cybercrime cases and electronic evidence and how to identify if the evidence presented in court is credible, compliant and respectful of human rights. This would enhance their capacity in adjudicating cybercrime cases.

The first training was attended by **Hon. Justice Smokin C. Wanjala**, Judge of the Supreme Court of Kenya and the Director of the Kenya Judiciary Academy, **Markus Green**, AGA-Africa Board Member (virtually), **Jonathan Ratel**, Legal Adviser (Criminal Justice Systems) Governance and Peace Directorate with AGA-Africa International Advisor, **John Edozie** and **Chukukere Unamba-Oparah**, Programme Director and Strategic Advisor present at the venue. The magistrates were also joined by 3 representatives from the Judiciary Training Institute Somalia.

In the first set of trainings, **Markus Green** spoke to the global nature of cybercrime as he reiterated that magistrates are on the front line hence needed the necessary tooling. He noted that in Kenya, Cybercrime accounts for losses worth billions. “The judiciary is a key piece of the criminal justice system,” he said.

**Jonathan Ratel**, Legal Adviser (Criminal Justice Systems) Governance and Peace Directorate noted that Cybercrime is a top priority for not just the Commonwealth Secretariat, but a great many International Organizations. He noted that organizations spending more time on cyberspaces created opportunities for bad actors.

**Hon. Justice Smokin C. Wanjala** recognized AGA-Africa’s continued partnership, which culminated with a renewal of their partnership via the renewal of their MoU during the Supreme Court Induction Training held in October 2021. “KJA looked forward to continued partnership,” he said.

The second training was officially opened by **Markus Green** Esq, AGA-Africa Board Member, **Hon. Justice Smokin Wanjala** SCJ, Director Kenya Judiciary Academy and Supreme Court of Kenya Judge and **Dr. Tawanda Hondora**, Head of Rule of Law, Commonwealth Secretariat, Commonwealth Secretariat delivered keynote speeches during the opening.

In the second set of trainings, **Hon. Justice Smokin C. Wanjala** noted that Kenya has been referred to as a playing field for cybercriminals. He added that the ramifications have far reaching implications beyond the borders making the training crucial.

In his remarks, **Dr. Tawanda Hondora**, Head Rule of Law, Commonwealth Secretariat disclosed that in the next 4 years, the Commonwealth Secretariat would be working on cybercrime and seeking to raise awareness and engage in capacity building activities.

“The topic at hand has routinely been identified as an area that requires attention,” **Markus Green**, AGA-Africa Board Member said. He added that magistrates are at the front line, the centre of the storm and this was an opportunity to add to their ever evolving tool boxes.



The highly informative and interactive sessions were facilitated by subject matter experts: **Jonathan Ratel**, Legal Adviser (Criminal Justice Systems), Governance and Peace Directorate, The Commonwealth Secretariat, **Stephen Kiptinness**, Senior Partner, Technology and Intellectual Property, **Dr. Isaac Rutenberg**, Director, Centre for Intellectual Property, Information

Technology Law (CIPIT), Strathmore Law School, **Evelyn Mboya**, Officer In-charge, Cyber Division, Anti-Human Trafficking and Child Protection Unit (AHTCPU), Directorate of Criminal Investigations, **Shakirudeen Alade**, Programme Assistance, Cyber Capability Programmes, the Commonwealth Secretariat **Dr. Bright Gameli Mawudor**, Cyber Security Services, Internet Solutions

Kenya and Founder of the Cyber Security collective Africahackon and **Alex Osunga**, Cyber Security Professional, @iLabAfrica.

**Hon. Catherine Mburu**, Lead Magistrate at Kenya Judiciary Academy brought the two sets of trainings to a close.



■ Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence training participants, facilitators with representatives from the Commonwealth Secretariat, AGA-Africa and the Kenya Judiciary Academy

Dr. Tawanda Hondora, Head Rule of Law, Commonwealth Secretariat speaking at the opening ceremony



Jonathan Ratel Legal Adviser (Criminal Justice Systems), Governance and Peace Directorate, the Commonwealth Secretariat



Dr. Freda Githiru Director, Judicial Education and Curriculum Development Kenya Judiciary Academy





A cross section of the participants during the Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence training

## Other events

### ➤ Renewal of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Judiciary of Kenya

AGA-Africa entered a new capacity building agreement with the Judiciary of Kenya after signing an MoU to extend the partnership for another 5 years. The signing took place during the **Induction Training for Supreme Court Judges** on 12th October 2021, at Serena Hotel, Mombasa Kenya.

AGA-Africa Board Member **Markus Green Esq.** and the Director of Kenya Judiciary Academy, (KJA), and Supreme Court **Hon Justice, Dr. Smokin Wanjala** signed on behalf of AGA-Africa and the Kenya Judiciary Academy, respectively.

The signing was witnessed by Kenya's Chief Justice and President

of the Supreme Court **Hon. Lady Justice Martha Koome**, AGA-Africa's International Advisor, John Edozie, AGA-Africa's Programme Director and Strategic Advisor, **Chukukere Unamba-Oparah** and **Dr. Freda Githiru**, Deputy Director, Kenya Judiciary Academy.

### ➤ Judicial Action Group Annual Meeting

AGA-Africa joined the Judicial Action Group for their fifth annual meeting from Tuesday 30th November to Friday 3rd December 2021.

The meeting themed "Forging Ahead" set the stage for members to explore emerging judicial thought on Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG), climate change litigation, the concept of "Ubuntu", and the cross-section of business and human rights, as well as the

birth of virtual courts and electronic evidence.

The meeting was officially opened by **Hon. Lady Justice Martha Koome**, Chief Justice and President of the Supreme Court of Kenya with remarks from **Hon. Justice Isaac Lenaola**, Chair Judicial Action Group, AGA-Africa's International Board Member **John Edozie** and President, International Association of Refugee and Migration Judges (IARMJ) and **Tondani Moyo**, Chair Protimos Trust Africa.



# MALAWI

## Overview

Malawi is 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 Lilongwe, hosts a population of

over 19 million people. Malawi is a predominantly agricultural nation with tea and tobacco as its top exports.



## Events in Malawi at a glance

### Event: Anti-Human Trafficking Workshop

**Date:** 25th – 26th June 2021

**Stakeholder:** Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs of Malawi

### Event: Asset Forfeiture for Investigators and Prosecutors Workshop

**Date:** 21st – 23rd September 2021

**Stakeholders:** Financial Intelligence Authority (Malawi), Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Directorate of Public Prosecutions (Malawi) and the International Centre for Asset Recovery (ICAR)

### Event: Asset Forfeiture Regime in Malawi – Harnessing the necessary strategies and skills for the effective recovery of tainted property Workshop

**Date:** 24th – 25th September 2021

**Stakeholders:** Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Directorate of Public Prosecutions (Malawi) and the International Centre for Asset Recovery (ICAR)

### Event: Crimes (Red flags) related to New Payment Methods

**Date:** 27th – 28th October, 2021

**Stakeholder:** Financial Intelligence Authority, Malawi

## AGA-Africa 2021

### Stakeholders

- Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs of Malawi
- Financial Intelligence Authority (FIA) Malawi
- Directorate of Public Prosecutions, Malawi
- International Centre for Asset Recovery (ICAR)

### Stakeholder Profiles

#### ➤ Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs of Malawi



The Ministry of Justice of Malawi

provides legal advice and services to the government's ministries and departments, as well as the general public. The ministry represents the Government of Malawi in civil litigation cases and prosecutes criminal cases on behalf of the State, drafts legislation, and vets agreements and treaties on behalf of the government. The Directorate of Public Prosecutions is a department in the Ministry.

#### ➤ Financial Intelligence Authority (FIA)



The Financial Intelligence Authority

(FIA) is established under Section 3(1) of Financial Crimes Act (FCA) as the principal national agency responsible for preventing and combating financial crimes. It started its operations in 2006 as a Financial Intelligence Unit before it changed name and was given fresh and additional mandates in 2017.

### The International Centre for Asset Recovery (ICAR)



The International Centre for Asset Recovery (ICAR) is dedicated to strengthening and supporting the capacities of developing and transition countries to recover stolen public assets.

## 2021 Events

### ➤ Event: Anti-Human Trafficking Workshop

**Date:** 25th – 26th June 2021

**Stakeholder:** Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs of Malawi

To equip investigators and prosecutors with knowledge and effective tools to investigate and prosecute human trafficking in Malawi, AGA-Africa in collaboration with the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs of Malawi organized a two-day workshop on Combating Trafficking in Persons Workshop on 25th - 26th June 2021 in Malawi.

The workshop was aimed at equipping investigators and



prosecutors in Malawi with the knowledge and skills required to identify cases of Human Trafficking while sharing information on current trends and good practices that can be drawn from anti-trafficking activities of regional, sub-regional and international organizations

The workshop was officially opened by **Dr. Steven Kayuni**, Director of Public Prosecutions on behalf of the Hon. Titus Mvalo, Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Malawi, **Hon. Justice Isaac Lenaola**, Supreme Court Judge of Kenya, **His Lordship Justice A. Chipeta, SC** and **Markus Green Esq.**, AGA Africa Board Member.

Dr. Steven Kayuni observed that Malawi is a destination of a complicated Trafficking in Persons (TIP) business but does not have enough resources to deal with the problem. "There is also more need for coordination of agencies to end this act," he said.

In his remarks, His Lordship Justice A. Chipeta, SC noted that in its effort to combat these offences, Malawi has had to scale up efforts to combat

the scourge through workable strategies using the 4P Paradigm of Partnership, Prosecution, Prevention and Protection.

"One would have imagined human trafficking must have reduced with the pandemic. It has not," **Hon. Justice Isaac Lenaola** said in his remarks, adding that women and children are especially vulnerable.

**Markus Green** acknowledged that human trafficking is near and dear to the mission of AGA-Africa. "Individuals being held against their will is an incredibly disheartening practice," he said. "We are all connected. If we can rescue a girl in Malawi, we can impact another in Minnesota."

The workshop sessions were facilitated by **Carolina Holderness**, Chief, Human Trafficking Response Unit and Deputy Chief of the Special Victims Bureau, New York County District Attorney's Office, **Hon. Justice Violet Palikena-Chipao**, Judge, High Court of Malawi, **Dr. Jean Phillip-Priminta**, Chief State Advocate, Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Directorate of

Public Prosecutions, **Dzikondianthu Malunda**, Acting Chief State Advocate –Mzuzu, Office of the Directorate of Public Prosecutions, Malawi, **Andrew Salamba**, Senior Assistant Chief State Advocate, Directorate of Public Prosecutions, Malawi, **Eunice Ndingo**, Senior State Advocate, Ministry of Justice, Malawi, **Joel Immanuel Matonga**, Senior Legal Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Malawi, **Stephen Kiptinness**, Senior Partner, Technology and Intellectual Property, Kenya, **Evalyne Mboya**, Officer In-charge, Cyber Division, Directorate of Criminal Investigations-Anti-Human Trafficking and Child Protection Unit (AHTCPU) and **Sophie Otiende**, Regional Operations Manager-Africa, Liberty Shared.



**Hon. Justice Isaac Lenaola**, Judge of the Supreme Court of Kenya

A group photo of AGA-Africa representatives, workshop facilitators and participants







■ John Edazie, AGA-Africa International Advisor



■ ← Dr. Jean Phillip-Priminta, Chief State Advocate, Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Directorate of Public Prosecutions



■ His Lordship Justice of Appeal A. Chipeta, SC



■ ↓ A cross section of workshop participants

## ➤ Event: Asset Forfeiture for Investigators and Prosecutors Workshop

**Date:** 21st – 23rd September 2021

**Stakeholders:** Financial Intelligence Authority (Malawi), Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Directorate of Public Prosecutions (Malawi) and the International Centre for Asset Recovery (ICAR)

AGA-Africa in collaboration with the Financial Intelligence Authority (Malawi), Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Directorate of Public Prosecutions (Malawi) and the International Centre for Asset Recovery (ICAR) held an informative three-day workshop dubbed “**Asset Forfeiture for Investigators and Prosecutors**” from 21st – 23rd September, 2021.

The workshop was aimed at enhancing the capacity of law enforcement investigators and prosecutors in the identification of proceeds and contributing factors of crime. This would assist them to conduct and prosecute financial investigations effectively as well as enabling them to efficiently identify, trace, preserve, and secure property that is subject to confiscation.

The workshop was officially opened by **Markus Green Esq.**, AGA-Africa Board Member. **Vincent Chipeta**, Acting Director General of the Financial Intelligence Authority made brief remarks followed by a keynote speech by **Willie Hofmeyr**, retired Deputy National Director of Public Prosecutions, NPA, South Africa.

In his remarks, **Vincent Chipeta**,

Acting Director General, Financial Intelligence Authority of Malawi put it succinctly: “Asset forfeiture is critical hence the need to equip law enforcement stakeholders with the adequate skills that will assist in identification and recovery of proceeds of corruption in Malawi.”

“For Asset Forfeiture to be done effectively there is need for partnership among various stakeholders including government, private sector and law enforcement,” said **Willie Hofmeyr**, retired Deputy National Director of Public Prosecutions, NPA South Africa.

**JP Willemse**, Senior Financial Investigator, noted that if you can follow the money in any given organization, you will be at the top or near the top of the organization. He added, “Because money is evidence, intelligence, liability and an investigative tool. We need to apply the same theory when it comes to Money Laundering.”

In her presentation, **Dorcas Oduor**, EBS, OGW, Secretary, Public Prosecutions and Principal Deputy to the Director of Public Prosecutions Kenya noted thus: “Criminal prosecution is a learning process, and nobody is an expert in this field, everyone continues learning, because criminals are always steps ahead.”

The highly informative and engaging sessions were facilitated by our seasoned subject matter experts: **Dorcas Oduor**, EBS, OGW, Secretary, Public Prosecutions and Principal Deputy to the Director of Public Prosecutions, Kenya, **Willie Hofmeyr**, retired Deputy National Director of

Public Prosecutions, NPA, South Africa, Dr. **Christopher Ndzengu**, Regional Head of the Asset Forfeiture Unit (AFU) – NPA, South Africa, **Julius N. Muraya** Deputy Director – Civil Litigation, Asset Recovery and Legal Support, Ethics and Anti-corruption Commission, Kenya, **JP Willemse**, Senior Financial Investigations Specialist, Basel Institute on Governance, International Centre for Asset Recovery, **Andrew Dornbierer**, Asset Recovery Specialist for the Basel Institute on Governance, **Rachel Heintz**, Assistant Attorney General (AAG), Southern Arizona White Collar and Criminal Enterprise Section, Arizona Attorney General’s, **Scott Blake**, Assistant Attorney General (AAG), Office of the Arizona Attorney General, **Carolynne Lamptey**, Independent Consultant – Senior Lawyer, Human Rights Law and International Asset Recovery, **Margaret Chitundu**, Deputy Chief State Advocate (DCSA)/Director Head of Asset Forfeiture Department – NPA, Zambia, **Dzikondianthu Malunda**, Acting Chief State Advocate – Mzuzu, Office of the Directorate of Public Prosecutions, Malawi, **Andrew Salamba**, Senior Assistant Chief State Advocate, Directorate of Public Prosecutions, Malawi, **John A.B. Minofu**, Analyst, Financial Intelligence Authority, Malawi and **Edwin Mtonga**, Legal Counsel for the Financial Intelligence Authority (FIA) – Malawi and **Collins Chitsime**, Anti-Money Laundering and Asset Recovery Practitioner, Financial Intelligence Authority Malawi.

**Chukukere Unamba-Oparah**, AGA-Africa Programme Director brought the successful workshop to a close.





Markus Green, Esq. AGA-Africa Board Member



Dr. Steven Kayuni, Ph.D., Director of Public Prosecutions, Malawi



Gift Caroline Chikwakwa, AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for Malawi



A group photo of the AGA-Africa representatives, facilitators and the workshop participants



A group photo of the AGA-Africa representatives, facilitators and the workshop participants



Dorcas Oduor, EBS, OGW, Secretary, Public Prosecutions and Principal Deputy to the Director of Public Prosecutions Kenya





■ Martha Chizuma, Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Malawi



■ Participant receiving a certificate during the closing ceremony

➤ **Event: Asset Forfeiture Regime in Malawi – Workshop on Harnessing the necessary strategies and skills for the effective recovery of tainted property**

**Date:** 24th – 25th September 2021

**Stakeholders:** Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Directorate of Public Prosecutions (Malawi) and the International Centre for Asset Recovery (ICAR)

To equip lawyers with essential skills, AGA-Africa collaborated with the Ministry of Justice – Directorate of Public Prosecutions Malawi on an insightful two-day workshop titled “**The Asset Forfeiture Regime in Malawi – Harnessing the Necessary Strategies and Skills for the Effective Recovery of Tainted Property**”. The workshop took place on 24th-25th September, 2021.

The objective of the workshop was to provide lawyers from law enforcement agencies and all competent authorities with the knowledge required in the preparation of applications for civil and conviction-based forfeiture while equipping them with the necessary skills required to identify, trace, preserve, and secure property that is subject to both civil and criminal forfeiture and the methods of asset recovery.

The workshop was officially opened by **Markus Green Esq**, AGA-Africa Board Member followed by brief welcome remarks from **Dr. Steven Kayuni**, Director of Public Prosecutions, Ministry of Justice, Malawi and **Martha Chizuma**, Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau. **Willie Hofmeyr**, retired Deputy National Director of Public Prosecutions, NPA, South Africa delivered the keynote speech.

“Criminal forfeiture has always been in place, but possibly as a system in the country we don’t do it very well in terms of civil forfeiture,” said **Dr. Steven Kayuni**. “We have to put our heads together and see how best we can move forward with the huge expertise from our colleagues available in this workshop.”

**Martha Chizuma** admitted that Malawi has been greatly affected by plundering of public resources. “We currently have the best environment that we have not had for a long time, not only to fight but also to recover the proceeds of crime. And therefore it’s on us to reclaim our relevance as law enforcing agencies,” she added.

The workshop sessions were facilitated by subject matter experts: **Dorcas Oduor, EBS, OGW**, Secretary, Public Prosecutions and Principal Deputy to the Director of Public Prosecutions, Kenya, **Willie Hofmeyr**,

retired Deputy National Director of Public Prosecutions, NPA, South Africa, **Dr. Christopher Ndzengu**, Regional Head of the Asset Forfeiture Unit (AFU), NPA, South Africa, **Julius N. Muraya**, Deputy Director, Civil Litigation, Asset Recovery and Legal Support, Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission, Kenya, **Carolyn Lamptey**, Independent Consultant, Senior Lawyer, Human Rights Law and International Asset

Recovery, **Margaret Chitundu**, Deputy Chief State Advocate (DCSA) Director Head of Asset Forfeiture Department, NPA, Zambia, **Dzikondianthu Malunda**, Acting Chief State Advocate, Mzuzu, Office of the Directorate of Public Prosecutions, Malawi, **Andrew Salamba**, Senior Assistant Chief State Advocate, Directorate of Public Prosecutions, Malawi, **Clement Maulidi**, Prosecutor, Ministry of Justice - Director of

Public Prosecutions, Malawi, and **Liness Chikankheni**, Legislative Counsel, Ministry of Justice, Malawi.

The workshop was officially closed by **Gift Chikwakwa**, AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for Malawi.



A group photo of the AGA-Africa representatives, facilitators and workshop participants



(L-R) John Edozie, AGA Africa International Advisor, Margaret Kapambwe-Chitundu, Deputy Chief State /Director, Head of Asset Forfeiture Department, NPA-Zambia, Willie Hofmeyr, retired Deputy National Director of Public Prosecutions, NPA South Africa, Dorcas Oduor, EBS, OGW, Secretary, Public Prosecutions and Principal Deputy to the Director of Public Prosecutions Kenya, Chukukere Unamba-Oparah AGA-Africa Programme Director and Strategic Advisor, Markus Green Esq, AGA-Africa Board Member, Vincent Chipeta, Acting Director General, Financial Intelligence Authority of Malawi and Gift Caroline Chikwakwa, AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for Malawi



Willie Hofmeyr, retired Deputy National Director of Public Prosecutions, NPA South Africa



Markus Green, AGA-Africa Board Member



A cross section of the workshop participants

### ➤Event: Crimes (Red flags) related to New Payment Methods

**Date:** 27th – 28th October, 2021

**Stakeholder:** Financial Intelligence Authority, Malawi

AGA-Africa in collaboration with the Financial Intelligence Authority, Malawi, held an informative and high profile three-day workshop from 27th – 28th October, 2021 titled “Crimes (Red flags) related to New Payment Methods”.

The workshop was aimed at equipping participants with the knowledge and expertise required to identify the red flag-indicators that may help detect financial crimes and increase the quality of suspicious transaction reports. This would translate to successful asset recovery and enhance the fight against Money Laundering and Financial Crimes by law enforcement

officials in Malawi.

The workshop was officially opened by **Markus Green Esq**, AGA-Africa Board Member. **Anita Makhambo** delivered a keynote speech on behalf of **Vincent Chipeta**, Acting Director General of the Financial Intelligence Authority.

In his opening, **Markus Green** made a clarion call: “Financial institutions and law enforcement agencies should be equipped with the necessary skills to identify and assess risks, identify red flags, report suspicious transactions, disrupt illicit financial flows and investigate crimes emanating from the new payment methods.”

Speaking on behalf of **Vincent Chipeta**, Acting Director of Financial Intelligence Authority Malawi, **Anita Makhambo**, acknowledged that technological advancement was here to stay and that there will be new payment methods introduced

from time to time. “The training is important as Malawi is striving to accelerate uptake of financial inclusion products and services to ensure that most persons are not excluded from the formal financial systems.”

The highly informative and engaging sessions were facilitated by our seasoned subject matter experts: **David C. Blake**, General Counsel, Attorney General Alliance, **Rachel Heintz**, Assistant Attorney General (AAG), Southern Arizona White Collar and Criminal Enterprise Section, Arizona Attorney General’s, **Liya Banda Tembo**, Director, Legal and Policy, Financial Intelligence Centre, Zambia, **Zara Daphne Liabunya**, Compliance and Prevention Manager, Financial Intelligence Authority, Malawi, **Julius Njihia Ngugi**, Anti-money Laundering Specialist and Lecturer, Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology,



**Merium Chithila**, Operations Analysis Manager, Financial Intelligence Authority, Malawi, **Patrick Milanzi**, Senior Compliance Analyst, Financial Intelligence Authority, Malawi, **Noluthando Matshaya**, Client Operations Specialist, Allan Gray Investment Management Company, **Collin Brian Sukali Chitsime**, Anti-Money Laundering and Asset Recovery Practitioner.

**Gift Caroline Chikwakwa**, AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for Malawi brought the workshop to a close.

Group photo of workshop participants together with representatives from AGA-Africa and the Financial Intelligence Authority, Malawi



Group photo of workshop facilitators together with representatives from AGA-Africa and the Financial Intelligence Authority, Malawi



A cross-section of workshop participants



Gift Caroline Chikwakwa, AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for Malawi



Patrick Milanzi, Senior Compliance Analyst, Financial Intelligence Authority, Malawi





Workshop participants display their certificate

## Other events

### ➤ New Partnerships

#### *MoU signing with the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Malawi*

AGA-Africa signed an MoU with the Director of Public Prosecutions, Malawi on behalf of the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs of Malawi. This took place during the two-day workshop on “Combating Trafficking in Persons” that took place on 25th – 26th June, 2021 in Malawi.



# 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 211 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

**Event:** The Role of the Judiciary within the New Insolvency Framework

**Date:** 4th –5th February 2021

**Stakeholder:** National Judicial Institute, Nigeria

**Event:** Curbing the Tide of Ponzi Schemes and the Role of the Regulator

**Date:** 2nd – 3rd March 2021

**Stakeholder:** Securities and Exchange Commission

**Event:** Advocacy Skills and Technique for Virtual Hearing

**Date:** 13th – 14th April 2021

**Stakeholder:** Federal Ministry of Justice, Nigeria

**Event:** Effective Administration of Criminal Justice in the 'New Normal' Webinar

**Date:** 24th –25th May 2021

**Stakeholder:** Nasarawa State Ministry of Justice, Nigeria

**Event:** Webinar: Maintaining security in civil society and ensuring respect for fundamental Human Rights

**Date:** 30th– 31st August 2021

**Stakeholder:** Nigeria Police Force

**Event:** Digital Currencies and Crypto Derivatives: Banking, Regulatory and Cybersecurity Issues Webinar

**Dates:** 2nd –3rd November 2021

**Stakeholder:** Lagos Business School

**Event:** Image-Based Sexual Abuse Webinar

**Date:** 7th December 2021

**Stakeholder:** Stand To End Rape (STER) Initiative

**Event:** Crises of Irregular Migration, Human Trafficking and Gender Based Violence and Resettlement of Returnees Webinar

**Date:** 8th December 2021

**Stakeholder:** ROOST Foundation

## AGA-Africa 2021 Stakeholders

- The National Judicial Institute
- The Security and Exchange Commission (SEC)
- Nasarawa State Ministry of Justice
- Nigeria Police
- Lagos Business School
- Stand To End Rape (STER) Initiative

### Stakeholder Profiles

#### ►The National Judicial Institute



The Institute serves as the principal focal point of judicial activities relating to the promotion of efficiency, uniformity, and improvement in the quality of Judicial Services in the superior and inferior courts of Nigeria.

#### The Security and Exchange Commission (SEC)



The Commission is the apex regulatory organization for the Nigerian capital market; and the Investment and Securities Act mandates the Commission to regulate investment schemes in whatever form and act in the public interest having regard to the protection of investors and maintenance of a fair and orderly market.

### ➤ Nasarawa State Ministry of Justice



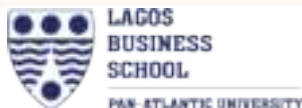
Nasarawa State Ministry of Justice is the State's agency in charge of administration of Justice.

### ➤ Nigeria Police



Headed by the Inspector General, the Nigeria Police is the principal law enforcement and the lead security agency in Nigeria. It is operationalized by the 1999 constitution as the national police of Nigeria with exclusive jurisdiction throughout the country.

### ➤ Lagos Business School



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.

### ➤ Stand To End Rape (STER) Initiative



Stand To End Rape (STER) Initiative is a youth-led social enterprise advocating against sexual violence, providing prevention mechanisms, and supporting survivors with

psychosocial services. The Initiative advocates for rape survivors who can't speak about their ordeal due to stigmatization, by enlightening the community on the need to end rape and victim-blaming.

### 2021 Events

#### ➤ Event: The Role of the Judiciary within the New Insolvency Framework

**Date:** 4th –5th February 2021 on the GotoWebinar platform

**Stakeholder:** National Judicial Institute, Nigeria

AGA-Africa in conjunction with the National Judicial Institute, Nigeria, organized a 2-day webinar themed 'The Role of the Judiciary within the New Insolvency Framework created by the Companies and Allied Matters Act 2020' on 4th –5th of February 2021.

The objective of the webinar was to achieve capacity building from the thought-provoking discussions amongst the judicial officers.

The webinar was officially opened by **Ebelechukwu Enedah**, AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for Nigeria.

In her opening, **Ebelechukwu Enedah** affirmed that the webinar was very important in view of the new Companies and Allied Matters Act 2020 (CAMA 2020) and the role of the judiciary within the new insolvency framework created by the Act as she encouraged the attendees to participate fully in the webinar.

Gracing the illuminating discussions were: **Prof G. Ray Warner**, St. John's University, USA,

**Prof. Bolanle Adebola**, University of Reading, UK, **John Ukegbu ESQ**, Attorney-at-Law, Jersey City, New Jersey office, **Dr Samuel Etukakpan**, former Team Lead, PEBEC, **Antonia Menezes**, Senior Financial Sector Specialist, World Bank, **Hon. Elizabeth S. Stong**, US Bankruptcy Judge, **David C. Blake**, General Counsel, Attorney General Alliance, **Anthony Idigbe SAN**, Senior Partner, PUNUKA Attorneys and Solicitors, **Alhaji Garba Abubakar**, Registrar-General, Corporate Affairs Commission Nigeria, **Hon Justice Nnamdi Dimgba**, Federal High Court, Nigeria, **Dr. Tunde Popoola**, Managing Director, CRC Credit Bureau Limited, **Amaechi Nsofor**, Partner Grant Thornton, **Prof Fidelis Oditah QC**, SAN, Principal Partner Fidelis Oditah and Co. and **Martha Fulford**, Colorado's First Assistant Attorney UCCC Administrator, Colorado Attorney General's Office.

The webinar included various themes: Overview of Insolvency Regimes – Creditor and Debtor Friendly, Corporate, Personal and Consumer; The Role of the Bankruptcy Court and Parties in Making the Choices: Judicial or Administrative Sanctioned Procedure, Restructure or Liquidate; Improving Consumer Credit and Preventing Predatory Lending and Consumer Bankruptcy; Issues in Approving Restructuring and Re-Organisation Plans.

The insightful and captivating webinar was brought to a close by **David C. Blake**, General Counsel, Attorney General Alliance.





### ➤ **Event: Curbing the Tide of Ponzi Schemes and The Role of the Regulator**

**Date:** 2nd – 3rd March, 2021 on the GotoWebinar platform

**Stakeholder:** Securities and Exchange Commission

AGA-Africa in collaboration with the Securities and Exchange Commission, the regulatory organization for the Nigerian capital market, organized a webinar designed to address Ponzi schemes in Nigeria on 2nd – 3rd March, 2021. The objective of the training was to achieve capacity building, educate, train and equip participants with knowledge from the thought-provoking discussions on the different types of Ponzi schemes that are expected to become prevalent in this era of increased use of cyberspace.

The training which was attended by **Letitia James**, Attorney General of New York was officially opened by **Markus Green**, AGA-Africa Board Member, with opening statements from **Zainab Shamsuna**, Minister of Finance, Budget and National Planning represented by the Permanent Secretary, **Aliu Mohammed**, **Abubakar Malami**, SAN, Hon. Attorney General of the Federation and Minister of Justice represented by **Abiodun Aikomo** (Special Adviser to the Attorney General), **Lamido Yuguda**, Director-General of SEC, Nigeria and **Ibrahim Babaginda**, Chairman, House of Representatives Capital Market.

In her remarks, **Letitia James** urged investors to be wary of promoters

who promise enormous gains to sell miraculous products.

In his speech read by **Abiodun Aikomo**, Attorney General **Abubakar Malami** commended the organizers for putting the training together. “There have been several Ponzi schemes since Charles Ponzi’s scheme in the early 1920s,” he said. “The Internet now helps Ponzi schemes more as they have a wider reach.”

**Zainab Shamsuna**, represented by **Aliu Mohammed**, pointed out that Ponzi schemes have become a source of concern to policy makers. “The government of His Excellency, President Muhammadu Buhari (the President of Federal Republic of Nigeria) is bent on ensuring the protection of our economy as seen in the Finance Act which seeks to aid regulators to create a more robust economic system.”

**Lamido Yuguda** affirmed that the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) has a statutory duty to educate investors on the economy. He acknowledged that the webinar has that aim and aids the Commission’s quest to educate the regulators and stakeholders. “Ponzi schemes undermine the regulatory efforts at growing the capital market and reduce the investors’ interest in the capital market in Nigeria.”

**Ibrahim Babaginda** observed that Ponzi schemes are similar to pyramid schemes and called it a ‘special type of fraud’ where the schemers are paid by the subsequent investors adding that they are on the rise.

In his remarks, **Markus Green**

acknowledged that the pandemic caused a lot of harm to businesses and with it made illegal businesses such as Ponzi schemes a huge market.

The distinguished facilitators were: **Letitia James**, Attorney General of New York, **Terry Davis**, Self-Employed Financial Crime, Investigations and Anti-Money Laundering Consultant, **David C. Blake**, General Counsel, Attorney General Alliance, **Moin A. Yahya**, Professor of Law, University of Alberta, **Dr. Musonda Simwayi**, Commissioner for the Drug Enforcement Commission (DEC) of Zambia, **James Manyonge**, Director, Legal and Compliance, Financial Reporting Centre of Kenya **Tope Omojokun**, President, Fund Managers Association of Nigeria (FMAN), **Chief Anthony Idigbe**, SAN, Senior Partner, Punuka Attorneys and Solicitors, **Dr. Jean Phillip-Priminta**, Chief State Advocate, Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Directorate of Public Prosecutions.

The training included themes such as: Overview of Ponzi Schemes: A Critical Analysis of a Ponzi Scheme, Making a Case for Regulatory Action Against Operators of Illegal Ponzi Scheme, Detection and Prosecution of Ponzi Schemes – Unbundling the Schemes, Consequences for Investors in a Ponzi Scheme – Educating the Investing Public.



Markus Green, AGA-Africa Board Member





■ Ebelechukwu Eneidah AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for Nigeria and Partner, PUNUKA Attorneys and Solicitors

■ A cross-section of the workshop attendees

### ►Event: Advocacy Skills and Technique for Virtual Hearing

**Date:** 13th – 14th April 2021 on GotoWebinar and at the Sheraton Hotel, Abuja

**Stakeholder:** Federal Ministry of Justice, Nigeria

AGA-Africa in collaboration with the Federal Ministry of Justice, Nigeria held a two-day webinar on Advocacy Skills and Technique for Virtual Hearing from 13th – 14th April, 2021 in Nigeria. The two-day webinar was tailored towards addressing the issues of the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the administration of justice, how it has forever changed the “normal” which now requires policy changes on how to implement effective and efficient virtual court hearing system in Nigeria.

The webinar was officially opened by **Markus Green**, AGA-Africa Board Member and **Juliet Ibekaku-Nwagwu**, Judicial Reforms Adviser, on behalf of Abubakar Malami, SAN, Honourable Attorney-General of the Federation and Minister of Justice, Nigeria.

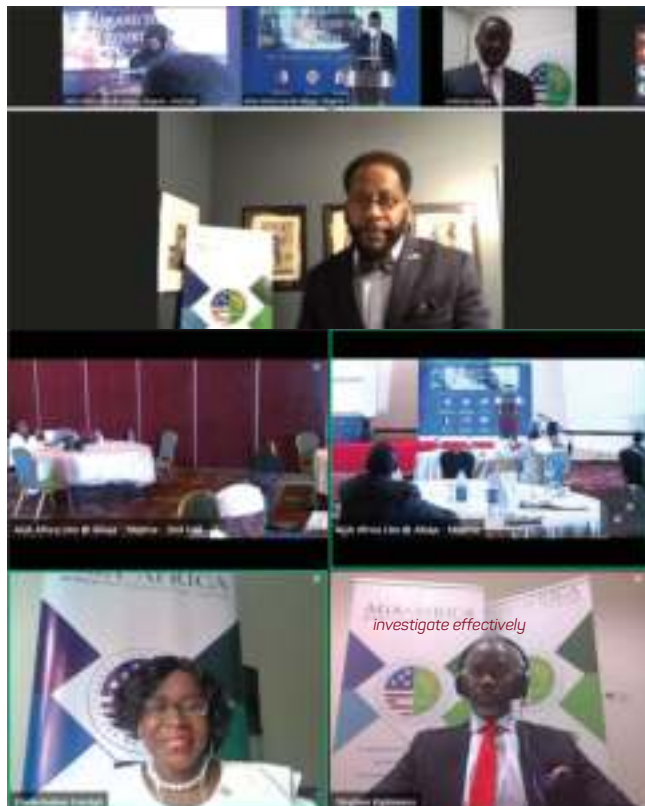
**Juliet Ibekaku-Nwagwu** observed that the new normal has brought about a paradigm shift in what we were used to in the administration of justice, particularly in the prosecution and defence of cases that require our physical presence in the court.

**Markus Green** attested to the fact that Covid-19 measures have caused courts to adapt in their dispensation of justice: “They may have altered the pace but they have not altered our ability to do our work.”

The webinar sessions were led by Olubunmi Salami, Assistant Polk County Attorney, Des Moines, Iowa, **Natalae Velez**, Owner, Natalae Velez Consulting, **Chief Anthony Idigbe**, SAN, Senior Partner, Punuka Attorneys and Solicitors and **Stephen Kiptinness**, Senior Partner, Technology and Intellectual Property.







### ➤ Event: Effective Administration of Criminal Justice in the “New Normal” Webinar

**Date:** 24th –25th May 2021 on the GotoWebinar platform  
**Stakeholder:** Nasarawa State Ministry of Justice, Nigeria

The situation created by the need for “social distancing” necessitated the two-day webinar themed “Effective Administration of Criminal Justice in the *New Normal*”. The webinar was organized by AGA-Africa in partnership with Nasarawa State Ministry of Justice, Nigeria took place on 24th – 25th May 2021.

The two-day webinar was aimed at supporting the work of the Nasarawa State Government, law enforcement agencies and prosecutors to investigate effectively and prosecute criminal cases in the State while addressing the Covid-19 crisis which has a potentially far-reaching, long-term negative impact on criminal justice and public prosecution.

Gracing the event were **Dr. Abdulkarim Abubakar Kana**, Attorney General and Commissioner of Justice Nasarawa

State on behalf of **Engineer Abdullahi Alhaji Sule**, Nasarawa State Governor, Hon. Aisha Aliyu, Judge of High Court of Justice, Nasarawa State and **Markus Green**, AGA-Africa Board Member.

**Dr. Abdulkarim Abubakar Kana** noted this was a very important discussion. "It comes at a time when our country is faced with the most serious, most disturbing issues surrounding crime, and the administration of criminal justice," he said.

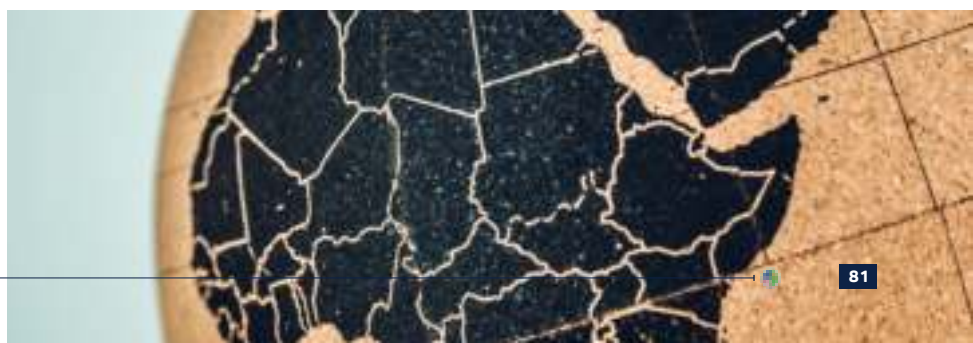
In her remarks, **Judge Aisha Aliyu** stated that the workshop came at a time when they have adopted ways of keeping safe while ensuring that administration of justice does not come to a complete stand still. "Trainings like these are never too much and have become more desirable in the face of surging criminality," she added.

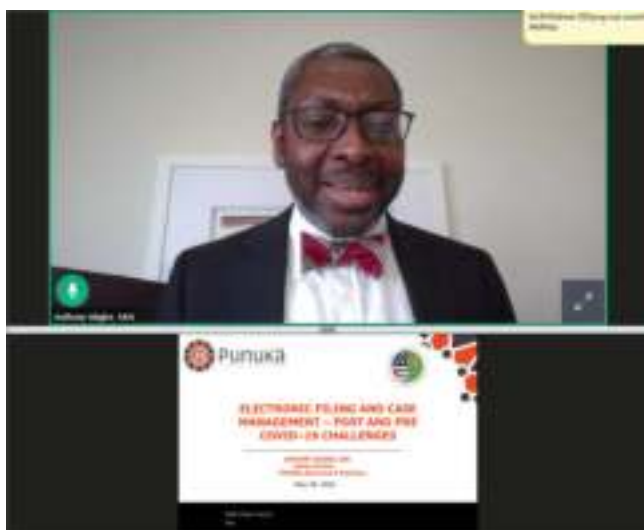
**Markus Green** acknowledged that Covid-19 will continue to change how procedures in administration of criminal law in court around the world are being conducted. He added, "Covid-19 has had significant impact on other stages of criminal justice proceedings such as preliminary investigations procedures, the assessment of collected evidence, and securing forensics data."

The sessions were facilitated by **Hon. Kashim Zannah**, Honourable Justice at High Court of Justice, **Hon. Yahaya Yakubu Shafa**, Judge Nasarawa State Revenue Court and Secretary of Justice Sector Reform Team, **Wendy L. Patrick**, J.D., M.Div, Ph.D., Deputy District Attorney, San Diego, California, **Melba Pearson**, Esq., Director of Policy

and Programs, Florida International University, Center for Administration of Justice, **Dr. Danjuma Gwatana Shigaba**, Senior Lecturer, Deputy Dean, Faculty of Law, Nasarawa State University, Keffi, **Barr. Ishaka Mudi Dikko**, SAN, Senior Advocate of Nigeria, **Fola Arthur-Worrey**, Private Legal Practitioner and Consultant on

Security Funding and Governance, **Chief Anthony Idigbe**, Senior Partner, Punuka Attorneys and Solicitors and **Stephen Kiptinness**, Senior Partner, Technology and Intellectual Property, Kenya.





### ►Event: Webinar: Maintaining security in civil society and ensuring respect for fundamental Human Rights

**Date:** 30th – 31st August 2021 on the GotoWebinar platform

**Stakeholder:** Nigeria Police Force

AGA-Africa in collaboration with the Nigerian Police held a two-day webinar from 30th - 31st August, 2021 titled “**Maintaining Public Safety and Ensuring Respect for Fundamental Human Rights**”.

The webinar was aimed at equipping participants with in-depth knowledge required to enhance their competences in managing any issues arising from alleged breaches of fundamental human rights and protection of lives and properties during civil unrest.

The training was officially opened by Markus Green Esq, AGA-Africa Board Member. Commissioner of Police Abdul Yari Lafia delivered the keynote speech on behalf of Usman Alkali Baba, Inspector General of Police, Nigeria Police.

In his remarks, **Markus Green** affirmed that the security of life and property are the primary purpose of any government. “When you think about law enforcement you think about balance - balance in ensuring individuals follow the law but at the same time respecting their human rights.”

Commissioner of **Police Abdul Yari Lafia** noted that an untrained police officer is an unequipped police officer. “He will not only cause harm to himself but will also be a disaster to the citizenry in which he is charged with the responsibility of protecting,” he added.

The informative sessions were facilitated by subject matter experts: **Thomas Galati**, Chief of Intelligence, NYPD, **John Hart**, Executive Officer, Intelligence Bureau, **William Roberts**, Intelligence Analyst, Intelligence Bureau, **Manal Jamal**, Intelligence Analyst, Intelligence Bureau, **CP Adbuyari Lafia**, Commissioner of Police, Training, Nigeria Police, Mwabi Kaluba, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Malawi Police Service, **Chief Anthony Idigbe SAN**, Senior Partner, PUNUKA Attorneys and Solicitors and



**Fola-Arthur Worrey**, Private Legal Practitioner, Consultant on Security Funding and Governance.

AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for Nigeria and Partner, PUNUKA Attorneys and Solicitors **Ebelechukwu Enedah** moderated the sessions and brought the successful two-day event to a close.

■ Distinguished guests, representatives from AGA-Africa and the Nigeria Police



■ Abdul Yari Lafia Commissioner of Police



■ Ebelechukwu Enedah AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for Nigeria and Partner, PUNUKA Attorneys and Solicitors

■ A cross section of the participants



■ Workshop participants pose for a group photo



■ Workshop participants pose for a group photo



➤ **Event: Digital Currencies and Crypto Derivatives: Banking, Regulatory and Cybersecurity Issues Webinar**

**Dates:** 2nd –3rd November 2021 on the GotoWebinar platform

**Stakeholder:** Lagos Business School

AGA-Africa in collaboration with the Lagos Business School and Fintech Association Nigeria (FINTECHNGR) held a two-day webinar from 2nd -3rd November, 2021 titled **"Digital Currencies and Crypto Derivatives: Banking, Regulatory and Cybersecurity"**.

The webinar was aimed at creating a platform for sharing knowledge of the intrinsic banking, regulatory and cybersecurity issues in both digital currency and crypto-assets/derivatives. This would equip participants with essential knowledge required in the investigation and prosecution of cybercrime and cryptocurrency related crimes in Nigeria.

The training was officially opened by **Markus Green Esq.** AGA-Africa Board Member with keynote speeches from **Victor Banjo**, Director Executive Education, Lagos Business School, **Ade Bajomo**, President of FINTECH Association, Nigeria and **CSE Dein Whyte**, Public Service on behalf of **Abdulasheed Bawa**, Chairman Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC).

In his opening remarks, **Markus Green**, AGA-Africa Board Member asserted that digital currencies and crypto derivatives are part of the emerging currencies and new payment methods that are gaining acceptance in recent times. "The Covid-19 Pandemic has escalated the use of these currencies. This webinar provides an ideal platform to expose participants to the intrinsic banking, regulatory and cybersecurity issues in both digital currency and crypto assets and derivatives," he said.

**Victor Banjo**, Director Executive Education, Lagos Business School, attested to the fact that with the virtual assets gaining major popularity, there are concerns around safety and security of the transactions. "This webinar provides a platform to share thought provoking discussions on how to close gaps that criminals can use to exploit investors," he added.

**CSE Dein White** on behalf of **Abdulasheed Bawa**, Chairman EFCC Nigeria said that crypto currencies and their regulation is a critical and challenging area for regulators and law enforcement in the digital, financial sector. "As regulators we are working on strategies to formulate a robust system that will assist in proper regulation within this ecosystem," he said.

"Money has been digitalized

worldwide and more countries are moving towards e-currencies and contactless payments," said **Ade Bajomo**, President of FINTECH Association, Nigeria. He added that digital currencies have a lot of unknowns and challenges associated with them, hence there is need to tread carefully and find ways to integrate them into the financial ecosystem in a healthy and sustainable way.

The subject matter experts who facilitated the informative sessions were: **David C. Blake**, General Counsel, Attorney General Alliance, **Prof. Olawale Ajai**, Professor of Legal, Social, and Political Environment of Business, Lagos Business School, **Jimoh Musa**, Director, Payment System Management Department, Central Bank of Nigeria, **Adedayo Adebajo** Digital Transformation: Block chain specialist and M.D Jelurida Africa, **Kombe Kaponda**, Financial Markets Infrastructure (FMI) Networks and Security Specialist, Central Banker, ICT Networks and Security Solutions Engineer, Digital Frontiers Institute and **Dein Whyte**, Public Service, Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, Nigeria.

AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for Nigeria and Partner, PUNUKA Attorneys and Solicitors Ebelechukwu Enedah moderated the sessions and brought the successful two-day event to a close.

### ➤ Event: Image-Based Sexual Abuse Webinar

**Date:** 7th December 2021 on the GotoWebinar platform

**Stakeholder:** StandTo-End-Rape (STER) Initiative

In collaboration with Stand to End Rape (STER) Initiative, AGA-Africa held a webinar on 7th December 2021 titled **“Trend, Pattern or Crime: A Critical Appraisal of Image-Based Sexual Abuse in the 21st Century”**.

The webinar was aimed at providing a platform for thought-provoking discussions among human rights activists, law officers, law enforcement agencies, the judiciary, lawyers, government (federal and states) ministries and the general public on the legislation on image-based sexual violence with a view to engender the necessary reforms required to create a robust legislation that covers all forms of image-based sexual abuse and include civil and criminal remedies to the victims.

The webinar was officially opened by AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for Nigeria and Partner, PUNUKA Attorneys and Solicitors **Ebelechukwu Enedah**.

Among the remarks made: “It is high time we criminalize the stigmatization of Image Based Sexual Abuse (IBSA) against victims and that it should be considered as part of Sexual Based Gender Based Violence crimes,” said **Dame Julie Okah-Donli**, Chairperson, United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund for Victims of Trafficking in Persons (UNVTF).

**Amy Stephens**, Executive Leader/ Government Affairs Catalyst added thus: “We need more collaboration and cooperation between civil organizations and law enforcement to ensure effective prosecution of sexual offences and that offenders do not get away.”

“Image-Based Sexual Abuse is inadequately prosecuted. We need to raise awareness, expose barriers to effective prosecution and share strategies that may help to hold these offenders accountable,” affirmed **Miiko Anderson**, Certified Legal Criminal Specialist and Senior Deputy District Attorney for Fresno County District Attorney’s Office.

The highly informative sessions were facilitated by experienced subject matter experts: **Dame Julie Okah-Donli**, Chairperson, United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund for Victims of Trafficking in Persons (UNVTF)

and Founder of ROOTS Foundation, **Miiko Anderson**, Certified Legal Criminal Specialist and Senior Deputy District Attorney for Fresno County District Attorney’s Office, **Amy Stephens**, Executive Leader/ Government Affairs Catalyst and Senior Advisor, Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Rita Uzoma Okolo, Legal Practitioner and Founder, Urio Foundation, **Khadijah El-Usman**, Lead, Anglophone West-Africa, Paradigm Initiative, **Benjamin Nwosu**, Head of Chambers at OFY Lawyers and Human Rights Lawyer and **Richard A. Aborisade**, PhD Associate Professor, Criminology and Victimology, Department of Sociology, Faculty of Social Sciences, Olabisi Onabanjo University.

**Isioma Nnenna Alexis Idigbe**, Head Media, Entertainment and Intellectual Property Law, PUNUKA Attorneys and Solicitors, moderated the sessions.







AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for Nigeria and Partner, PUNUKA Attorneys and Solicitors **Ebelechukwu Enedah** brought the successful webinar to a close.

### Other Events

#### ➤ Crises of Irregular Migration, Human Trafficking and Gender-Based Violence and Resettlement of Returnees Meeting

AGA-Africa partnered with ROOST Foundation and Policy House on a town hall meeting to discuss Crises of Irregular Migration, Human Trafficking and Gender-Based Violence and Resettlement of Returnees on 8th December 2021 in Abuja Nigeria.

AGA-Africa's country coordinator for Nigeria **Ebelechukwu Enedah** opened the event with **Chief Anthony Idigbe SAN** delivering the keynote speech. The event had participants from various organizations including, Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development, UN Women, Nigeria Police Nigeria Immigration Services, International Organization for Migration, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, members of the media, public and private sector.





# RWANDA

## Overview

Occupying an area of 26,338 km<sup>2</sup>, Rwanda is arguably the most pro-women country in the world, boasting a significant number of women occupying influential

positions. Rwanda is one of the most progressive countries in Africa. With Kigali as its capital, Rwanda is home to over 13 million people.



## Events in Rwanda at a glance

### Event: Cryptocurrencies and Trade-Based Money Laundering Workshop

**Date:** 23rd – 25th March 2021 and 19th – 21st April in Nyanza, Rwanda, ILPD Campus, Nyanza  
**Stakeholder:** Institute of Legal Practice and Development (ILPD)

### AGA-Africa 2021 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 having 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.

### 2021 Events

#### ➤ Event: Cryptocurrencies and Trade-Based Money Laundering Workshop

**Date:** 23rd – 25th March 2021 and 19th – 21st April in Nyanza, Rwanda, ILPD Campus, Nyanza

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

To create more awareness on cryptocurrencies, AGA-Africa in collaboration with the Institute of Legal Practice and Development (ILPD) held a two day workshop on Cryptocurrencies and Trade-Based Money Laundering from 23rd – 25th March 2021 and 19th – 21st April 2021 in Nyanza, Rwanda.

The workshops were aimed at deepening the participants' understanding of cryptocurrencies and trade-based money laundering by enhancing their capacity to identify and investigate trade-based illicit activities and its risks as well as facilitating coordination and exchange of information among stakeholder agencies in the fight against these crimes in Rwanda.

The 23rd – 25th March 2021 workshop was officially opened by **Caroline Mbabazi**, AGA-Africa

Country Coordinator for Rwanda and Uganda, **Markus Green**, AGA-Africa Board Member and Dr. Didas M. Kayihura, Rector, Institute of Legal Practice and Development (ILPD).

**Caroline Mbabazi** expressed gratitude to the team in ILPD for their partnership. On his part, **Markus Green** affirmed that increased use of technology had brought challenges in the administration of justice. "This includes cryptocurrencies like Bitcoin whose regulation largely is still not well understood," he said.

**Dr. Didas M. Kayihura** appreciated AGA-Africa's style of facilitation that is not lecturing but more on sharing knowledge and acknowledged the impact it has had on the Institute. He also thanked the Rwanda Investigations Bureau for their participation.

The workshop sessions were facilitated by **Jessica Mila Schutzman**, Director, Financial and Cyber Investigations Ulster County District Attorney's Office, **Steven A. Block**, Partner, Thompson Hine LLP (Former Federal Prosecutor and Deputy Chief, US Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Illinois), **Rachel Heintz**, Assistant Attorney General (AAG), Southern Arizona White Collar and Criminal Enterprise Section, Arizona Attorney General's Office, Prof. Moin A. Yahya, Professor of Law, University of Alberta, **Stephen Kiptinness**, Senior Partner, Technology and Intellectual Property, **Kombe Kaponda**, ICT Networks and Security Solutions Engineer, **Dr. Bright Gameli Mawudor**, Cyber Security Services, Internet Solutions Kenya and Founder of the Cyber Security



collective Africahackon, **Eunice M Maingi**, Projects Coordinator IT Security, Lead, Blockchain Research, Strathmore University.



■ Caroline Mbabazi AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for Rwanda and Uganda

■ Group photo of workshop participants, facilitators and representatives from AGA-Africa



■ A cross-section of workshop participants



■ Dr. Bright Gameli Mawudor, Cyber Security Services, Internet Solutions

Following a successful first workshop, AGA-Africa organised a second workshop on 19th – 21st April in Rwanda. The workshop attracted various stakeholders including, law enforcement, investigators, prosecutors, and representatives of financial institutions.

The workshop discussions were led by **Jessica Mila Schutzman**, Director, Financial and Cyber Investigations Ulster County District Attorney's Office, **Steven A. Block**, Partner, Thompson Hine LLP (Former Federal Prosecutor and Deputy Chief, US Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Illinois), **Rachel Heintz**, Assistant Attorney General (AAG), Southern Arizona White Collar and Criminal Enterprise

Section, Arizona Attorney General's Office, **Munyaneza Nkwya** Eric, National Prosecutor, Rwanda, **Dr. Jean Philipo-Priminta**, Chief State Advocate, Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Directorate of Public Prosecutions, **Kombe Kaponda**, ICT Networks and Security Solutions Engineer, Bank of Zambia, Kenneth Muhangi, Managing Partner, KTA Advocates and **Dr. Bright Gameli Mawudor**, Cyber Security Expert, Internet Solutions Kenya and Founder of the cybersecurity collective Africahackon.



Munyaneza Nkwaya Eric, National Prosecutor, Rwanda



Markus Green, AGA-Africa Board Member

Workshop participants, facilitators and representatives from AGA-Africa



A cross section of participants





# SEYCHELLES

## Overview

With an estimated population of slightly under 100,000, the Republic of Seychelles is an island country made up of 115 islands in the Indian

Ocean at the eastern edge of the Somali Sea, stretching to 1,500 kilometres east of mainland Africa. Victoria is its largest city.





## Events in Seychelles at a glance

### Event: Request for Technical Assistance

**Subject:** Virtual Asset Framework

**Stakeholder:** The Seychelles National Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism Committee (the NAC)

### ➤ Request for Technical Assistance for Virtual Asset Framework by the Seychelles National Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism Committee (the NAC)

In March 2021, the Seychelles National Anti-Money Laundering

and Countering the Financing of Terrorism Committee (the NAC) - under the Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Trade of the Republic of Seychelles requested AGA-Africa to provide technical assistance to support Seychelles in developing its legal framework to regulate Virtual Asset (VA), Virtual Assets Services (VAS), and Virtual Assets Services Providers (VASPs) operating from or within Seychelles for anti-money laundering and combating the financing of terrorism (AML/CFT) purposes.

Specifically, the assistance is sought in connection with assessing the VA, VAS and VASPs Policy framework being developed and legislation and/or regulations, including related provisions in criminal law, financial

law and related secondary legislation.

AGA-Africa is keen to partner with Seychelles towards supporting its regulatory efforts in the fight against transnational crime.

Talks are at an advanced stage with **Dorcas Agik Oduor**, MBS, OGW, Deputy Director, Public Prosecutions, **David Blake**, General Counsel, Attorney General Alliance, **Dr. Isaac Rutenberg**, Director, Centre for Intellectual Property, Information Technology Law (CIPIT), Strathmore Law School and **Jessica Mila Schutzman**, Director, Financial and Cyber Investigations Ulster County District Attorney's Office assisting with the project.



# SOUTH AFRICA

## Overview

Home of the world's most iconic freedom fighter, 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 over 60 million people.



## Events in South Africa at a glance

### Event: Financial Consumer Protection Webinar

**Date:** 22nd April 2021

**Stakeholder:** Department Mercantile of Law, Law Faculty, University of Pretoria

### Event: Crypto Assets and Emerging Trends Webinar

**Date:** 4th -5th May 2021

**Stakeholders:** Financial Intelligence Centre, South Africa and the Eastern and Southern Africa Anti-Money Laundering Group (ESAAMLG)

### Event: Illegal Wildlife Trade Webinar

**Date:** 22nd – 23rd July 2021

**Stakeholder:** Financial Intelligence Centre, South Africa

### Event: Data Privacy Regulation with University of Pretoria

**Date:** 29th July 2021

**Stakeholder:** The Department of Mercantile Law, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria (UP)

### Event: Producing Strategic Intelligence Webinar

**Date:** 13th October 2021

**Stakeholder:** Financial Intelligence Centre (FIC), South Africa

### Event: Illicit Consumer Goods and Counterfeit Goods Webinar

**Date:** 18th November 2021

**Stakeholder:** Department of Mercantile Law, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria (UP)

Many staff members are recognised, both nationally and internationally, as excellent researchers and teachers. As part of the Department's vision to prepare well-rounded individuals who are able to play an active role in the commercial world, the Department offers a wide range of subjects and courses at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

### ►The Financial Intelligence Centre (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 Financial Intelligence Centre exists to apply measures outlined in the Financial Intelligence Centre Act, 2001 (Act 38 of 2001), which are intended to make the financial system intolerant to abuse. The FIC does this by working towards fulfilling its mandate of assisting in identifying the proceeds of crime, combating money laundering, the financing of terrorism and the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

### ►The Eastern and Southern Africa Anti-Money Laundering Group (ESAAMLG)



The Eastern and Southern Africa Anti-Money Laundering Group (ESAAMLG) is a regional body subscribing to

## AGA-Africa 2021 Stakeholders

- Department Mercantile of Law, Law Faculty, University of Pretoria
- Financial Intelligence Centre of South Africa
- The Eastern and Southern Africa Anti-Money Laundering Group (ESAAMLG)

## Stakeholder Profiles

### ►University of Pretoria, Law Faculty



The University of Pretoria is a public university that has been around for more than 100 years. UP's Department of Mercantile Law is the largest department in the Faculty of Law and has 22 full-time lecturers. The Department has a proud tradition in excellent teaching and research.



global standards to combat money laundering and financing of terrorism and proliferation. Its 19 Member Countries are: Angola, Botswana, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Kenya, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, Seychelles, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe and includes a number of regional and international observers such as AUSTRAC, Commonwealth Secretariat, East African Community, FATF, IMF, SADC, United Kingdom, United States of America, UNODC, World Bank and World Customs Organization. The United Kingdom and United States of America have been cooperating and supporting nations of the organization since it was established in 1999.

## 2021 Events

### ➤Event: Financial Consumer Protection Webinar

**Date:** 22nd April 2021 on the GotoWebinar platform

**Stakeholder:** Department Mercantile of Law, Law Faculty, University of Pretoria

To help mitigate the financial consumer protection issues during the pandemic, AGA-Africa in collaboration with the Department of Mercantile Law, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria (UP) held a one-day webinar themed Financial Consumer Protection on 22nd April 2021 in South Africa.

The webinar was designed to bring up critical discussions of the scams in the financial sector and financial consumer protection during Covid-19

pandemic. The discussions included a broader perspective of the illegal and/or unfair commercial practices as well as fraudulent and deceptive activity that negatively affect the financial wellbeing of consumers.

The webinar was attended by **Aaron Ford**, Attorney General, Nevada and officially opened by AGA-Africa Board Member, **Markus Green**, with **Prof. Jacolien Barnard**, Associate Professor, Department Mercantile of Law, Law Faculty, University of Pretoria and **Mercy Buku**, AML/CFT Legal and Risk Management Consultant, Banking and Digital Financial Services Sector from Kenya co-moderating the event.

**Aaron Ford** observed the rise in phishing scams, especially under the pretext of a warning message from the WHO in the Covid era. He cautioned that such scams can introduce malware and compromise a victim's personal information. He listed social engineering scams, online gaming scams, product scams as those that have risen during the pandemic.

**Professor Jacolien Barnard** pointed out that no one can tell when the pandemic might end hence the need

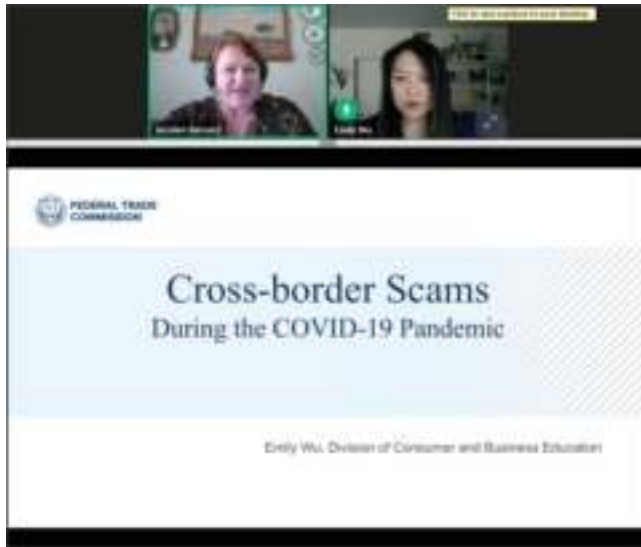
for a conversation around Financial Consumer Protection that goes beyond investment scams.

In his remarks, **Markus Green** observed that consumers are financially and psychologically vulnerable and this situation is broader than the typical financial scams necessitating the conversation.

The regional subject matter experts were **Andisa Potwana**, Member, National Consumer Tribunal (NCT) and **Mercy Buku**, AML/CFT Legal and Risk Management Consultant, Banking and Digital Financial Services Sector. Their counterparts from the US were: Aaron Ford, Attorney General, Nevada, **Emily Wu Esq.**, Attorney, Division of Consumer and Business Education, Federal Trade Commission, Los Angeles, CA, Michael Panzera Esq, Attorney, Office of International Affairs, United States Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and **Michael Alfonso**, Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC), Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), New York Field Office.

The webinar was officially closed by **Kim Robinson**, AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for South Africa.





### ► Event: Crypto Assets and Emerging Trends Webinar

**Date:** 4th -5th May 2021

**Stakeholders:** Financial Intelligence Centre, South Africa and the Eastern and Southern Africa Anti-Money Laundering Group (ESAAMLG)

To address these emerging trends, AGA-Africa in collaboration with the Financial Intelligence Centre, South Africa and the Eastern and Southern Africa Anti-Money Laundering Group-ESAAMLG held a two-day webinar themed **"Crypto Assets and Emerging Trends"** on 4th -5th May, 2021 in South Africa.

The two-day webinar was tailored towards understanding the trails created when value moves through the use of crypto assets, the tools available to law enforcement as well as enhancing an understanding of the value of other digital information such as open-source intelligence to law enforcers across Africa.

The webinar was attended by **Thomas J. Donovan Jr.**, Attorney General of Vermont, US and **Adv. Ouma Rabaji-Rasethaba**, Deputy National Director of Public Prosecutions, South Africa and officially opened by **Markus Green**, AGA-Africa Board Member, and **Kim Robinson**, AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for South Africa.

Attorney General **Thomas J. Donovan Jr.** proposed that the best way to enforce the law is to give people the opportunity to comply with it as he also expressed doubt that people actually know the rules of crypto currencies. "When consumers understand what the rules of the game are, they are likely to follow the law. Government



can create clear, predictable lines that people can follow. It is good for consumers, business and government integrity and makes it easier to find the bad guys," he said.

**Pieter Smit**, delivered apologies from **Adv Xolisile Khanyile**, Director, Financial Intelligence Centre, South Africa. He noted that crypto assets are a new development. He underscored that the purpose of the webinar is to understand a little more about how crypto assets work (and not resign to fate), with a focus of familiarizing with the basic concepts and tools available to law enforcement and how law enforcement can collaborate with industry players.

**Adv Ouma Rabaji-Rasethaba** congratulated AGA-Africa and FIC for a fantastic job on a topic that is both current and necessary. "It comes at a time when South Africa needs to make an impact, bring back the stolen money that has left South African shores," she said. She added that the workshop has empowered them further as law enforcement in South Africa. She praised AGA-Africa for succeeding in its mission of bringing together highly qualified local and international experts on such an important topic and wished they could have another session, quite soon to gain traction and implement what they have learnt as engaging will give officers confidence and inspire them to move forward.

"Bad actors are using cryptocurrency to conceal funds, to launder funds, and all sorts of negative aspects of this to pay attention to and the

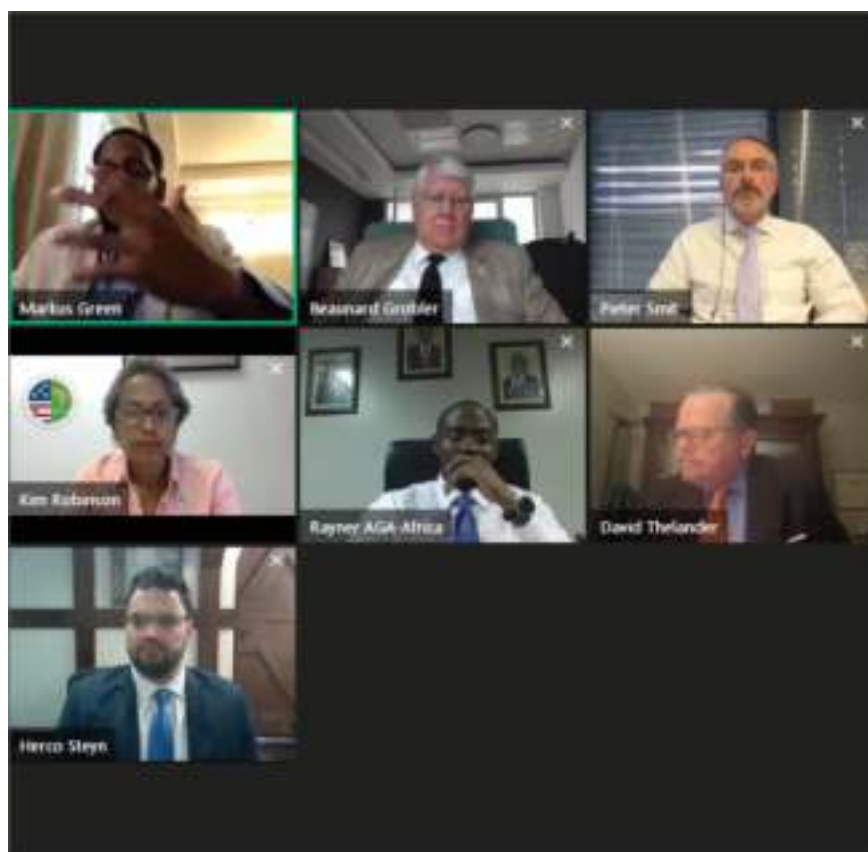
time is now," said **Markus Green**. He added that criminal enterprises exist primarily to make money – illegally, and to find ways to launder it and make it look legitimate.

The facilitators were **Beaunard Grobler**, Open-Source Information Specialist, Financial Intelligence Centre of South Africa, **David J. Thelander**, Board Member, Distributed Ledger Governance Association, Vermont, US, **J.C. Boggs**, Partner, King and Spalding, Washington DC, US, **Katherine Kirkpatrick**, Partner, King and Spalding, Chicago, Illinois, US,

**Michael Brian**, Partner, King and Spalding, Los Angeles, California, US and **Herco Steyn** Senior Fintech Specialist, South African Reserve Bank.

The webinar was moderated by **Rayner Mugyezi**, Lawyer, Kampala Associated Advocates and **Pieter Smit**, Executive Manager, Financial Intelligence Centre.

The 2 days of robust conversations were brought to close by **Adv. Ouma Rabaji-Rasethaba**, Deputy National Director of Public Prosecutions, South Africa and **Thomas J. Donovan Jr.**, Attorney General of Vermont, US.







### ➤ Event: Illegal Wildlife Trade Webinar

**Date:** 22nd – 23rd July 2021

**Stakeholder:** Financial Intelligence Centre, South Africa

AGA-Africa in collaboration with the Financial Intelligence Centre, South Africa, held a two-day webinar on Illegal Wildlife Trade from 22nd – 23rd July 2021.

The webinar was aimed at providing the participants with in-depth knowledge on how to plan a financial investigation into a wildlife trafficking syndicate, how to link illegal proceeds to predicate crimes in the illegal wildlife trade as a basis for asset forfeiture as well as proving a critical insight on how to “follow-the money” to

identify the higher-level members of illegal wildlife trade networks and supply chains.

The webinar was officially opened by **Kim Robinson**, AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for South Africa with the keynote address delivered by **Advocate Xolisile Khanyile**, Director, Financial Intelligence Centre, South Africa.

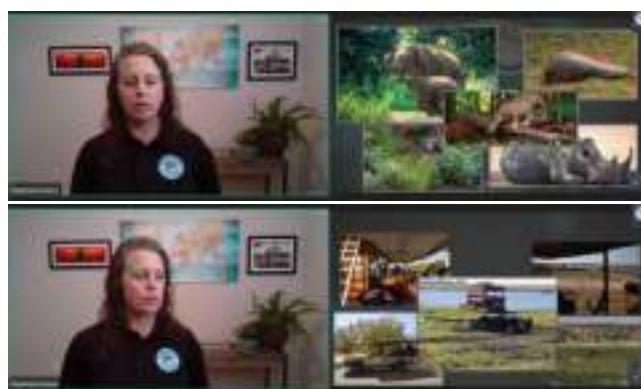
“Wildlife crimes threaten the natural heritage of Africa and they threaten the natural heritage of every single African. They cost the continent millions of dollars in lost tax revenues. Everyone in the criminal justice value chain must enhance their knowledge to identify and prosecute these crimes,” stated **Kim Robinson**.

**Adv Xolisile Khanyile** noted that the topic was very pertinent to the current times. “Illegal wildlife trade is a major transnational crime which generates billions but we seem to be paying less attention to the billions generated,” she said.

The webinar sessions were facilitated by **John Cruden**, Principal, Beveridge and Diamond (Former Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, US Department of Justice), **Maxwell Ntuthuko Mashiyane**, Senior Analyst, Monitoring and Analysis Division, Financial Intelligence Centre, South Africa, **Gerald Byleveld**, Head, Financial Crime Compliance and Group Money Laundering Reporting Officer, Investec, **Shawn Karns**, Criminal Investigator and President, WITA, **Stephanie Durno Karns**, Wildlife Biologist and Project Coordinator, WITA, and **Jim Karani**, Wildlife Crime Consultant and General Counsel, Lawyers For Animal Protection In Africa.

The webinar was moderated by **Lize van Schoor**, Senior Legal and Policy Advisor, Financial Intelligence Centre, and Pieter Smit, Executive Manager, Financial Intelligence Centre, South Africa.

AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for South Africa Kim Robinson brought the successful two-day webinar to a close.



### ►Event: Data Privacy Regulation with University of Pretoria

**Date:** 29th July 2021

**Stakeholder:** the Department of Mercantile Law, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria (UP)

AGA-Africa in collaboration with the Department of Mercantile Law, University of Pretoria (UP), held a webinar on "Data Privacy Regulation: Covid-19 and Beyond" on 29th July 2021.

The webinar was aimed at facilitating critical discussions on the current developments of data privacy regulation while combating the challenges brought upon by the Covid-19 pandemic in South Africa, United States, Ghana and Kenya. The discussions were also aimed at providing critical solutions to enhance effective data privacy regulation and enforcement in these countries.

The training was attended by **Prof. Jacolien Barnard**, Associate Professor, Department of Mercantile Law, University of Pretoria and **John Ukegbu, Esq.**, Senior Staff Attorney, New Jersey Office, Northeast, New Jersey Legal Service (NNJLS), United States, with a special appearance by **Frances Nicotra**, President, Hudson County Bar Association.

**Prof. Jacolien Barnard** expressed delight to be part of the partnership that fosters bringing ideas and people together especially during these tough Covid times.

**John Ukegbu** spoke about Data Privacy as it affects today and going forward. He thanked AGA-Africa and the University of Pretoria for organizing the webinar, noting the timeliness for Africa considering what the world is going through.

In her remarks **Frances Nicotra** expressed eagerness to ally and partner with AGA-Africa in the areas of mutual interest.

**Kim Robinson** observed that noted that more people are buying and selling on the internet and on social media platforms and there is a need for more comprehensive global regulation around data privacy. "Of particular concern are vulnerable consumers: the elderly, low income consumers who are often swindled more easily than other consumers," she said.

The discussions were led by seasoned subject matter experts **Dr. Isaac M. Rutenberg**, Director, Centre for Intellectual Property and Information Technology Law (CIPIT), Strathmore Law School, Kenya, **Prof.**

**Sylvia Papadopoulos**, Associate Professor, Department of Mercantile Law, University of Pretoria, South Africa, **Kimathi Kuenyehia**, Managing Partner, Kimathi and Partners, Ghana, **Khushbu Patel**, Quality Assurance Specialist, Hill Holiday, United States, **Dr. Patrick Lebene Adonoo**, Director Regulatory And Compliance, Data Protection Commission, Ghana, while **Prof. Jacolien Barnard**, Professor, Department of Mercantile Law, Law Faculty, University of Pretoria and **John Ukegbu, Esq.** Senior Staff Attorney, New Jersey Office, Northeast New Jersey Legal Service (NNJLS), United States moderated the sessions.

AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for South Africa **Kim Robinson** brought the successful webinar to a close.

### ➤Event: Producing Strategic Intelligence Webinar

**Date:** 13th October 2021

**Stakeholder:** Financial Intelligence Centre (FIC), South Africa

AGA-Africa collaborated with the Financial Intelligence Centre of South Africa (FIC) to host an informative webinar dubbed "Producing Strategic Intelligence" on 13th October, 2021.

The webinar was aimed at providing a platform for the participants to share and exchange knowledge on strategic analysis on suspected Covid-19 related financial crimes and to produce valuable typologies, trends, patterns and indicators. These will assist financial institutions in improving their reporting of

suspicious transactions and law enforcement agencies in the investigation and prosecution of these crimes.

The webinar was officially opened by **Markus Green Esq.**, AGA-Africa Board Member followed by brief remarks from **Adv Xolisile Khanyile**, Director of Financial Intelligence Centre of South Africa.

**Markus Green** noted that the Financial Intelligence Unit's role is not just to gather intelligence, but also to provide context. "Strategic intelligence allows FIUs to decipher patterns, to draw conclusions to prevent money laundering, financing of terrorism, proliferation of weapons of mass destruction," he said, adding that the aspect of providing interpretation is what sets it apart as strategic intelligence.

**Adv Xolisile Khanyile** counted the Financial Intelligence Centre lucky to have the opportunity for such a training. "We can't be attending sessions and still remain the same," she said. She reiterated the need to look at best practices. She reiterated that the webinar will go a long way in developing the right skills in the area of strategic intelligence.

The webinar session was facilitated by subject matter expert **Celeste Van der Westhuizen**, Senior Strategic Intelligence Analyst Financial Intelligence Centre of South Africa followed thereafter by a panel discussion featuring **Juan Zarate**, Chairman and Cofounder Financial Integrity Network and moderated by **Jamil Jaffer**, Founder and Executive



Director, National Security Institute; Director, National Security Law and Policy Program; Assistant Professor of Law.



The sessions were moderated by **Pieter Alberts**, Monitoring and Analysis Department at Financial Intelligence Centre of South Africa.

The training was brought to a close by AGA-Africa Representative **Norma Tyili** on behalf of **Kim Robinson**, AGA-Africa Country Representative, South Africa.

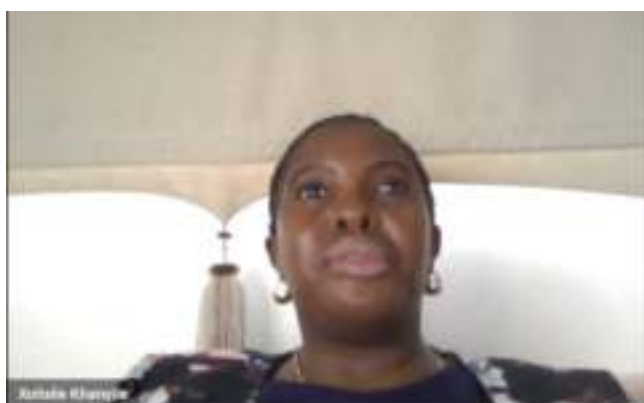
### ►Event: Illicit Consumer Goods and Counterfeit Goods Webinar

**Date:** 18th November 2021

**Stakeholder:** Department of Mercantile Law, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria (UP)

AGA-Africa in collaboration with the Department of Mercantile Law, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria (UP) South Africa held a webinar titled “**Illicit Consumer Goods and Counterfeit Goods**” on 18th November 2021.

The webinar was aimed at equipping the participants with knowledge and awareness of the adverse impact of counterfeit and illicit consumer goods upon consumers, the public health and safety concerns, the national



security implications, and the overall negative impact upon the economy and provide a platform for engagement and co-operation to mitigate the trade.

The webinar was opened by **Norma Tyili**, AGA-Africa Representative, South Africa, followed by brief welcome remarks from **Professor Jacolien Barnard**, Professor, Department Mercantile of Law, Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria.

**Professor Jacolien Barnard** kicked off the webinar by welcoming all the panellists and attendees. She noted that the webinar had excellent specialists in this area, from the US, Kenya and South Africa.

On behalf of AGA-Africa, **Norma Tyili** read the words of welcome on behalf of Board Member **Markus Green**. In his remarks, Markus emphasised that it remains critical to continue exchanging knowledge and ideas to shape policies that protect consumers, particularly the most vulnerable.

The informative sessions were facilitated by subject matter experts **Jim Hennelly**, Special Agent, Attorney General's Office, Phoenix, Arizona, **Ira Rheingold** Executive Director and General Counsel, National Association of Consumer Advocates (NACA), **Kari Kammel**, Assistant Director, Education and Outreach for the Anti-Counterfeiting and Product Protection (A-CAPP) Center, **Michael Lamont**, Associate, Adams and Adams Attorneys, **Elina Mrari**, Senior Inspector and Regional Manager, Eldoret, Anti-Counterfeit

Authority, and **Professor Jacolien Barnard**, Professor, Department Mercantile of Law, Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria.

**John Ukegbu Esq.** Senior Staff Attorney, New Jersey Office,

Northeast New Jersey Legal Service (NNJLS), United States moderated the sessions.

AGA-Africa Representative for South Africa **Norma Tyili** brought the successful and informative webinar to a close.





# UGANDA

## Overview

Famously known as 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

### Event: Anti-Human Trafficking and Anti-Money Laundering Workshop

**Date:** 16th – 17th March 2021

**Stakeholders:** Aviation Police and Uganda Civil Aviation Authority

### Event: Anti-Human Trafficking Training

**Date:** 8th – 9th November 2021, Entebbe, Uganda

**Stakeholders:** Uganda Aviation Police and Civil Aviation Authority

## AGA-Africa 2021

### Stakeholders

- The Civil Aviation Authority and Aviation Police
- The Uganda Law Society (ULS)

### Stakeholders Profiles

#### ➤The Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) and Aviation Police



The Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) was established by an Act of Parliament (Cap 354) in 1991 with the main objective of promoting the safe, regular, secure and efficient use and development of civil aviation inside and outside Uganda.

#### ➤Uganda Law Society (ULS)



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.

## 2021 Events

### ➤Event: Anti-Human Trafficking and Anti-Money Laundering Workshop

**Date:** 16th – 17th March 2021 Protea Hotel, Entebbe, Uganda

**Stakeholder:** Aviation Police and Uganda Civil Aviation Authority

AGA-Africa in collaboration with the Aviation Police and the Uganda Civil Aviation Authority held a two-day workshop on **Anti-Human Trafficking and Anti Money Laundering** from 16th – 17th March, 2021 in Entebbe, Uganda.

The two-day workshop was aimed at supporting the fight against cross-border crime in Uganda, by equipping the participants with essential skills required to identify the various types of Money Laundering crimes and trends around the globe while equipping them with essential skills in the fight against Money Laundering and Human Trafficking in Uganda.

In attendance was **Emmanuel Barungi**, General Manager, Entebbe International Airport, **SP. Katuzeyo**

**Boaz**, the Commandant, Aviation Police and **Markus Green**, AGA-Africa Board Member.

**Emmanuel Barungi**, General Manager, Entebbe International Airport noted that the event was so timely. "We are riddles with many challenges directly related to Human Trafficking and Money Laundering. The issue of Human Trafficking is on the increase despite our efforts to fight it," he said.

**Markus Green**, AGA-Africa Board Member noted that human trafficking and money laundering were two issues that are joined at the hip. "Human trafficking is our greatest challenge as human beings coupled with money laundering to legitimize the proceeds of the horrific crime," he said.

In his remarks, **SP. Katuzeyo Boaz**, the Commandant, Aviation Police asserted that human trafficking and money laundering are some of the key problems they are facing at the airport. "In the last one year, we have rescued over 300 human trafficking victims at the Entebbe International Airport. You can imagine those who have slipped through our hands."

Seasoned subject matter experts who facilitated the workshop sessions were: **Mike Bailey**, Former US Attorney, District of Arizona, **Justin McNabney**, Deputy Chief, Human Trafficking Response Unit, **Rachel Heintz**, Assistant Attorney General (AAG), Southern Arizona White Collar and Criminal Enterprise Section, Arizona Attorney General's Office, **Mercy Buku**, AML/CFT Legal and Risk Management

Consultant, Banking and Digital Financial Services Sector, **Anita Nyanjong**, Advocate, High Court of Kenya, **Peter Mugisha**, State Attorney, Office of the Directorate of Public Prosecutions, **Mohamed Daghar**, Regional Coordinator, Eastern Africa at Institute for Security Studies and **Bazanya Fayid**, human rights and commercial transactions litigation lawyer.



### ►Event: Anti-Human Trafficking Training

**Date:** 8th – 9th November 2021, Entebbe, Uganda

**Stakeholders:** Uganda Aviation Police and Civil Aviation Authority

AGA-Africa in collaboration with the Aviation Police and the Civil Aviation Authority, Uganda organized a workshop on “anti-human trafficking” from 8th -9th November, 2021.

The workshop was aimed at enhancing the knowledge and skill levels of law enforcement agencies, regulators (Uganda Civil Aviation Authority), investigators and prosecutors in the investigation and prosecution of human trafficking crimes as well as boosting

their understanding on the risks trafficking crimes poses across the continent.

The training was officially opened by **Caroline Mbabazi**, AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for Uganda, and with a keynote speech from SP Boaz Katuzeyo, Commandant, Uganda Aviation Police.

Caroline Mbabazi called on participants to take full advantage of the training to equip themselves with tools to defeat this horrific crime.

**SP. Katuzeyo Boaz**, Commandant, Aviation Police thanked AGA-Africa for their continued support in this second training, despite the challenging times of the Covid-19 pandemic. "It is only through these kinds of collaboration that we can be able to defeat transnational crimes," he said. "While Uganda has a number of laws and regulations in preventing human trafficking in persons, we continue to see syndicates taking advantage of the loopholes in our existing laws and our enforcement mechanisms at the airport"

The workshop sessions were facilitated by: **Carolina Holderness**, Chief, Human Trafficking Response Unit and Deputy Chief, Special Victims Bureau, New York County District Attorney's Office, **Joseph Kyomuhendo** Chief State Attorney, Office of the Director of Public Prosecution, Uganda, **Nalubega Rosemary Yvonny**, Acting Commissioner, in Charge of Sexual Offenses and Children Cases CID, Uganda, **Natalae Velez**, Owner, Natalae Velez Consulting, **Anita Nyanjong'**, Advocate, High Court

of Kenya, and Mohamed Daghar, Regional Coordinator Eastern Africa | ENACT.

**Brian Kambaho Karogo**, Advocate, Arcadia Advocates, brought the workshop to a close on behalf of **Caroline Mbabazi**, AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for Uganda.

### Other events

#### ➤ Uganda Law Society hosts AML and Cybercrime Symposium, Uganda

AGA-Africa participated in the Anti-Money Laundering and Cybercrime

Symposium hosted by the Uganda Law Society that took place on 6th – 7th May 2021 in Uganda. The Symposium was attended by **Hon. Florence Nakiwala Kiyingi**, Minister of State for Youth and Children Affairs, **Pheona Wall**, Uganda Law Society President, **Markus Green**, AGA-Africa Board Member, **Moses Okwalinga**, CEO, Uganda Law Society and **Kenneth Kipaalu**, Chairperson Young Lawyers' Committee.

■ Caroline Mbabazi, AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for Rwanda and Uganda



■ A cross section of participants







A group photo of workshop participants



Participants speaking at the workshop



# 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

### Event: Trial Advocacy Training

**Date:** 24th – 26th February 2021

**Stakeholder:** National Prosecution Authority

### Event: Non-Technical Digital Forensics and ICT Workshop

**Date:** 17th – 19th March 2021

**Stakeholder:** Drug Enforcement Commission (DEC)

### Event: Technical Digital Forensics and ICT Workshop

**Date:** 30th March – 1st April 2021

**Stakeholder:** Drug Enforcement Commission (DEC)

### Event: Financial Investigations Workshop

**Date:** 26th – 28th May 2021

**Stakeholder:** Drug Enforcement Commission (DEC) – Zambia

### Event: Anti-Money Laundering/Combating Financing of Terrorism Webinar

**Date:** 12th – 14th July 2021

**Stakeholders:** Financial Intelligence Centre, Zambia and the Eastern and Southern Africa Anti-Money Laundering Group (ESAAMLG)

### Event: Prosecution of Electoral Offences Workshop

**Date:** 13th – 15th July 2021

**Stakeholder:** National Prosecution Authority (NPA) Zambia

### Event: Asset Recovery/ Forfeiture Workshop

**Date:** 15th – 17th November 2021

**Stakeholder:** National Prosecution Authority (NPA) Zambia

34 of 2010. It is the body that prosecutes cases that have been investigated by the different wings in the Government of Zambia.

### ➤ Drug Enforcement Commission (DEC)



The Drug Enforcement Commission is a department under the Ministry of Home Affairs established to prevent and control illegal cultivation, production, trafficking and abuse of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and money laundering activities. This mandate is drawn from the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, Chapter 96 and the Prohibition and Prevention of Money Laundering Act No. 14 of 2001 (as amended by Act No. 44 of 2010) of the Laws of Zambia.

### ➤ The Financial Intelligence Centre (FIC)



Established in 2010, the 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.

## AGA-Africa 2021 Stakeholders

- National Prosecution Authority (NPA)
- Financial Intelligence Centre
- Drug Enforcement Commission (DEC)
- The Eastern and Southern Africa Anti-Money Laundering Group (ESAAMLG)

## Stakeholder Profiles

### ➤ National Prosecution Authority (NPA) of Zambia



National Prosecution Authority of Zambia is an autonomous institution created by a statute – the National Prosecution Authority Act number



## ►The Eastern and Southern Africa Anti-Money Laundering Group (ESAAMLG)



The Eastern and Southern Africa Anti-Money Laundering Group (ESAAMLG) is a regional body subscribing to global standards to combat money laundering and financing of terrorism and proliferation. Its 19 member countries are: Angola, Botswana, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Kenya, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, Seychelles, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe and includes a number of regional and international observers such as AUSTAC, Commonwealth Secretariat, East African Community, FATF, IMF, SADC, United Kingdom, United States of America, UNODC, World Bank and World Customs Organization. The United Kingdom and United States of America have been cooperating and supporting nations of the organization since it was established in 1999.

### 2021 Events

#### ►Event: Trial Advocacy Training

**Date:** 24th – 26th February 2021, Bonanza, Golf Estate, Lusaka  
**Stakeholder:** National Prosecution Authority

AGA-Africa partnered with the National Prosecution Authority of Zambia bringing together State advocates to share knowledge on the tools and techniques used in Trial

Advocacy on 24th – 26th February 2021.

The training objective was to reinforce, sharpen and increase the participants' skills in trial advocacy while incorporating international best practice.

The training was officially opened by **Markus Green**, AGA-Africa Board Member, with keynote addresses from **Fulata Lillian Shawa-Siyuni**, the Director of Public Prosecutions.

**Fulata Lillian Shawa-Siyuni** asserted that the ever changing face of crime continuously confronts Zambia ferociously. "There is always a need for us as prosecutors to evolve and improve our capacities to face criminals. One of the key areas is advocacy."

**Markus Green** urged advocates to continue to protect victims of crime. He put it succinctly: "Break the silence of the courtroom with the sound of your voice."

Distinguished facilitators from the US were **Olu Salami**, Assistant Polk County Attorney, Des Moines, Iowa and **Natalae Velez**, Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking Consultant.

The regional experts were Lady **Justice Catherine Phiri**, Judge at the High Court of Zambia, **Justice Timothy Kataneka**, Judge at the High Court of Zambia, **Bako Chipola**, Deputy Chief State Advocate, National Prosecution Authority, Copperbelt Province-Zambia and **Monica Mwanza**, Head of

General and Appeals Department, National Prosecution Authority.

The training included themes such as: identifying and maintaining the theory of the case; trial advocacy from a judge's perspective in examining witnesses; effective trial advocacy and how ethical errors can ruin your case; modern trial advocacy and how to be best prepared for your case; effective examination in chief; trial advocacy from a judge's perspective while making effective submissions (oral and written); imperatives for a virtual court hearing; the nuts and bolts of effective trial advocacy; practical case review for tactical insights; examination in chief; cross examination and re-examination and practical case review for best practices; examination in chief, cross examination and re-examination.

The insightful and captivating training was brought to a close by **Moses Mwanza** on behalf of **Dr. Freda Mwamba- Brazle**, Managing Partner, Innovatus Zambia and AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for Zambia.



**Fulata Lillian Shawa-Siyuni**, Director of Public Prosecutions, Malawi



A group photo of workshop facilitators, participants and representatives from AGA-Africa and NPA



Mable Bauleni-Nawa, Madam Fulata Lillian Shawa-Siyuni, Moses Mwanza, Lady Justice Catherine Phiri, Gina Nyampachila Nyalugwe with a participant





Madam Fulata Lillian Showa-Siyuni (Left) with workshop participants



A cross section of workshop participants



Participants receiving their certificate during the closing ceremony

### ➤ Event: Non-Technical Digital Forensics and ICT Workshop

**Date:** 17th – 19th March 2021  
**GotoMeeting and DEC Boardroom**  
**Stakeholder:** Drug Enforcement Commission (DEC)

To equip law enforcement officers with the necessary skills in this rapidly-changing technological

environment, AGA-Africa in collaboration with the Drug Enforcement Commission (DEC) held a two-day workshop **Non-Technical Digital Forensics and ICT** from 17th – 19th March, 2021 in Zambia. The two-day workshop was aimed at strengthening the capacity of the Anti-Money Laundering Investigators on the basics of Digital Forensics and First Responder skills.

Gracing the workshop was **Dr. Musonda Simwayi**, Commissioner for the Drug Enforcement Commission (DEC), Zambia, **Ronnet Mbolela** Chanda, Deputy Commissioner, Drug Enforcement Commission and **Markus Green**, AGA-Africa Board Member.

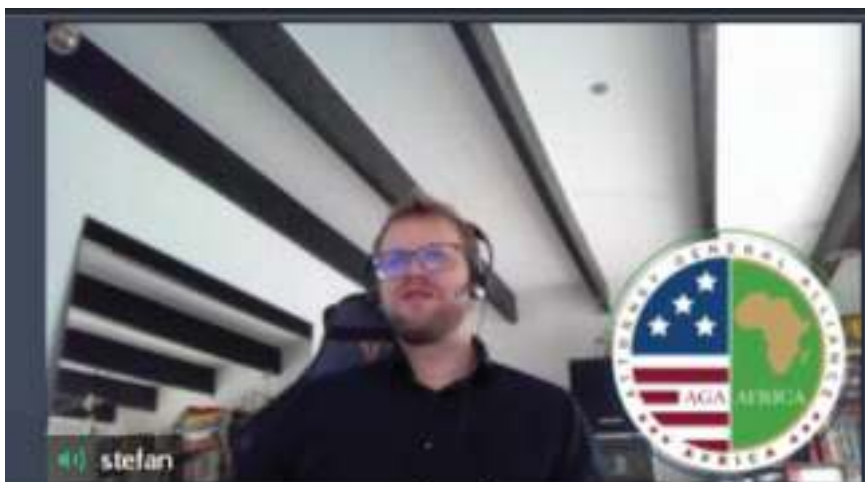
**Dr. Musonda Simwayi** affirmed that the training would help in imbuing a



new set of investigative skills needed to combat new developments in cybercrime. He also thanked AGA-Africa for their enormous support in building relevant capacity in IT and digital forensics in the DEC officers.

On his part, **Markus Green** expressed delight at the opportunity to work with the Drug Enforcement Commission (DEC) once again. He referred to **Dr. Musonda Simwayi** as a true advocate of AGA-Africa.

The illuminating discussions were led by **Daniel Pietragallo**, Senior Assistant Attorney General in the Financial Fraud Unit of the Colorado Attorney General's Office, **Tara Swaminatha**, Principal, Zeroday Law, **Michael Garnsey**, Computer Forensics Investigator, **Kombe Kaponda**, ICT Networks and Security Solutions Engineer, **Stefan Englbrecht**, Lead Investigator, Verizon VTRAC Team, **Swetha Balla**, Principal Consultant at Crypsis, a Palo Alto Networks company, **Alex Osunga**, Cyber Security professional at iLabAfrica, **Chansa Chibwe**, Assistant Commissioner, Deputy Head, Anti-Money Laundering Investigations Unit, Drug Enforcement Commission and **Mathias Kamanga**, Senior Investigations Officer, Head, Public Relation Unit, Drug Enforcement Commission.





### ➤ Event: Technical Digital Forensics and ICT Workshop

**Date:** 30th March – 1st April 2021 on GotoMeeting and DEC Boardroom

**Stakeholder:** Drug Enforcement Commission (DEC)

AGA-Africa in collaboration with the Drug Enforcement Commission (DEC) held a three-day workshop on **Technical Digital Forensics and ICT** from 30th March – 1st April, 2021 in Zambia. The workshop was

aimed at strengthening the capacity of the Anti-Money Laundering Investigators on the basics of Digital Forensics and First Responder skills.

The workshop was officially opened by **Dr. Musonda Simwayi**, Commissioner for the Drug Enforcement Commission (DEC), Zambia, **Chansa Chibwe**, Assistant Commissioner, Deputy Head Anti-Money Laundering Investigations Unit, Drug Enforcement Commission and **Markus Green**, AGA-Africa Board Member.

**Dr. Musonda Simwayi** referenced the new law on cybercrime that has further empowered the Commission to enforce the law on cybercrime. “Drug Enforcement Commission is positioning itself strategically to fight against cybercrime,” he said adding that the essence of the training is to transform and strengthen their capacity in an effort to cripple cybercrime.

**Markus Green** referred to Zambia as one of AGA-Africa’s central partners in this effort in bringing training and conversations around transnational crimes. He gave special recognition to **Dr. Musonda Simwayi**, Commissioner Drug Enforcement Commission (DEC) Zambia for his tremendous support.

**Chansa Chibwe** noted that AGA-Africa focuses on the rule of law in combating transnational crime, noting that this is something that cuts across borders. “We are all together in this fight,” she added.

The illuminating discussions were led by **Joseph Kaluzi**, Senior Assistant Commissioner, Anti-Drug Operations Department, Drug Enforcement Commission (DEC) Zambia, **Daniel Pietragallo**, Senior Assistant Attorney General in the Financial Fraud Unit of the Colorado Attorney General’s Office, **Michael Garnsey**, Computer Forensics Investigator, **Kombe Kaponda**, ICT Networks and Security Solutions Engineer, **Dr. Bright Gameli Mawudor**, Cyber Security Services, Internet Solutions Kenya and Founder of the cybersecurity collective Africahackon, **Alex Osunga**, Cyber Security Professional at @



iLabAfrica, **John Wachira**, Cyber Security Professional and **Mathias Kamanga**, Senior Investigations Officer, Head, Public Relations Unit, Drug Enforcement Commission.

**Joseph Kaluzi**, Senior Assistant Commissioner, Anti-Drug Enforcement Department, DEC, Zambia and **Moses Mwanza**, AGA-

Africa Programmes Officer for Zambia brought the insightful three-day workshop to a close.







### ➤ Event: Financial Investigations Workshop

**Date:** 26th – 28th May 2021 on GotoMeeting and DEC Boardroom

**Stakeholder:** Drug Enforcement Commission (DEC) – Zambia

In its efforts towards curbing Money Laundering, AGA-Africa in collaboration with the Drug Enforcement Commission (DEC) – Zambia organized a three-day workshop themed “**Financial Investigations**” from 26th – 28th May 2021.

The three-day workshop was aimed at providing essential knowledge that will assist in the prevention and disruption of Money Laundering, associated predicate offences, the financing of proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and terrorism financing activity as well as providing competencies that will deprive criminals of their illicit proceeds and terrorists of the resources needed to finance their activities.

Keynote addresses were delivered by **Dr. Musonda Simwayi**, Commissioner, Drug Enforcement Commission (DEC), **Ronnet Mbolela Chanda**, Deputy Commissioner, **Markus Green**, AGA-Africa Board Member, **Chansa Chibwe**, Assistant Commissioner, Deputy Head Anti-Money Laundering Investigations Unit (DEC), and **Dr. Freda Mwamba-Brazle**, Managing Partner, Innovatus Zambia and AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for Zambia.

In her remarks, Dr. Freda Mwamba-Brazle noted that the training provided an ideal platform to discuss and share knowledge and ideas on how to identify and trace proceeds of crime, terrorist funds and other funds that maybe subject to confiscation.

Speaking on behalf of Director **Dr. Musonda Simwayi**, **Ronnet Mbolela Chanda** commended AGA-Africa on the invaluable support in building relevant capacity through training of DEC officers. “The Commission has noted with concern the complexity of financial criminal activities being perpetrated in both the public and private sectors in Zambia, hence this workshop would provide an excellent platform for the DEC officers to gain the relevant skills and knowledge to help curb this vice,” she said.



The discussions were led by seasoned subject matter experts **Scott Blake**, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Arizona Attorney General and **Rachel Heintz**, Assistant Attorney General, Southern, Arizona White Collar and Criminal Enterprise

Section, Arizona Attorney General's Office, **James Manyonge**, Director, Legal and Compliance, Financial Reporting Centre, Kenya, **Steven Sumbukeni**, Chief Investigations Officer under the Anti, Money Laundering Investigations Unit, Drug

Enforcement Commission (DEC) Zambia, **Mathias Kamanga**, Senior Investigations Officer, Head Public Relations Unit, Drug Enforcement Commission (DEC) Zambia.



## ►Event: Anti-Money Laundering/Combating Financing of Terrorism Webinar

**Date:** 12th – 14th July 2021

**Stakeholders:** Financial Intelligence Centre, Zambia and the Eastern and Southern Africa Anti-Money Laundering Group (ESAAMLG)

AGA-Africa in collaboration with the Financial Intelligence Centre, Zambia and the Eastern and Southern Africa Anti-Money Laundering Group (ESAAMLG), held a three-day webinar on “Understanding of the Anti-Money Laundering/Combating Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT) Requirements for Virtual Assets (VAs) and Virtual Assets Service Providers (VASPs) for Regulators/ Supervisors” from 12th – 14th July, 2021 in Zambia.

The three-day webinar was aimed at providing the participants with an in-depth understanding of Virtual Assets (VAs) and Virtual Asset Service Provider (VASPs), their different forms and how they operate, including threats and vulnerabilities.

The webinar was officially opened by **Dr. Freda Mwamba Brazle**, Managing Partner, Innovatus Zambia and AGA-Africa Country Coordinator, Zambia, with keynote addresses by **Mary Chirwa**, FIC Zambia Director and **Joseph Jagada** ESAAMLG Secretariat Representative.

For context, FIC’s Director **Mary Chirwa**, asserted that the new global standards are intended to prevent virtual assets and virtual

assets service providers from being misused for transactions of links to crime including money laundering and terrorist financing.

**Joseph Jagada** ESAAMLG Secretariat Representative noted this: “Some of our member countries failed to comply with the FATF recommendations mainly due to lack of understanding of virtual assets and to what extent they can be vulnerable to money laundering and abuse, financing of terrorism.

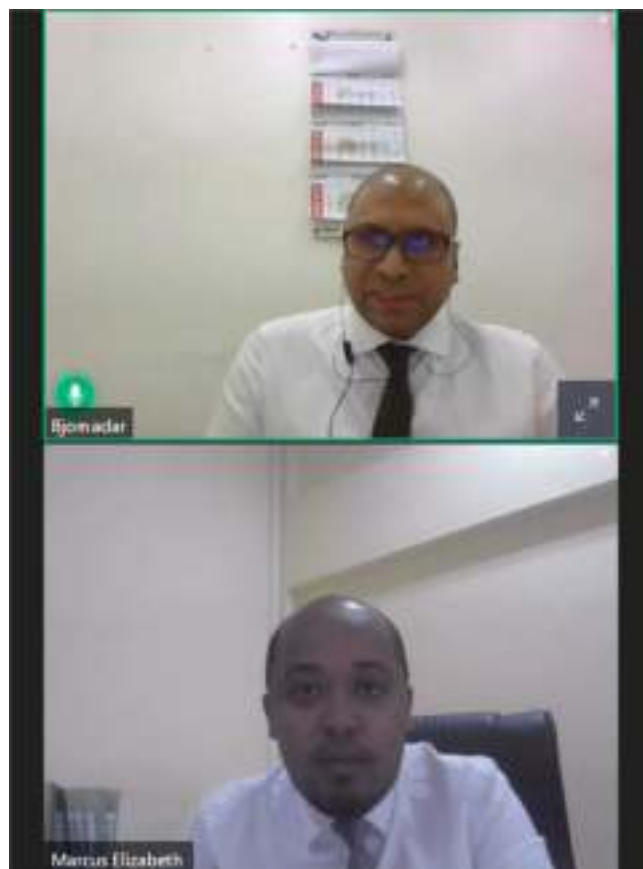
**Freda Mwamba-Brazle** observed that financial innovation’s distinct features have also created new opportunities for money launderers, terrorist financiers and other criminals to launder their proceeds of financial illicit activities.

The webinar sessions were facilitated by **Kombe Kaponda**, ICT Networks and Security Solutions Engineer, **Anand Ramaswamy**, International Computer Hacking and Intellectual

Property Attorney Advisor, Sub Saharan Africa, **Sanjeev Bhasker** Attorney Advisor, Digital Currency Initiative, Money Laundering and Asset Recovery Section, United States Department of Justice, **Kirk Peifer**, Program Manager, IRS Criminal Investigation Division Cyber Crimes, **Samuel Kiragu**, Coordinator of Financial Services Programs, Nova Scotia Community College, Canada, **Michael Ilishibo**, Digital Forensic Analyst, Zambia Police Service, **Mercy Buku** AML/CFT Legal and Risk Management Consultant, Banking and Digital Financial Services Sector, **Marcus Elizabeth**, Policy Analyst at Seychelles Ministry of Finance, Trade and Investment, **Sulakshana Gigabhoy Sauhoboa**, State Counsel, Attorney General’s Office Mauritius, **Diphat Tembo**, Certified Anti Money Laundering Specialist, Association of Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialists (ACAMS) and **Amon Chitsva**, Head Research and Policy Payment Systems at Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe.









### ➤ Event: Prosecution of Electoral Offences Workshop

**Date:** 13th – 15th July 2021

**Stakeholder:** National Prosecution Authority (NPA) Zambia

To equip prosecutors with requisite knowledge and skills, AGA-Africa in partnership with the National Prosecution Authority (NPA) Zambia held a three-day webinar on Prosecution of Electoral Offences from 13th – 15th July, 2021 in Zambia.

The three-day webinar was aimed at building the capacity of prosecutors in the management of electoral cases to ensure that the best evidence is brought to court as well as increasing the public confidence in the electoral process and in the prosecution of electoral offences.

Keynote addresses were delivered by **Fulata Lillian Shawa-Siyunyi**, Director of Public Prosecutions, Zambia, **Mable Bauleni-Nawa**, Chief Administrator, National Prosecution Authority Zambia and **Dr. Freda Mwamba-Brazle** Managing Partner, Innovatus Zambia and AGA-Africa Country Coordinator, Zambia, among others.

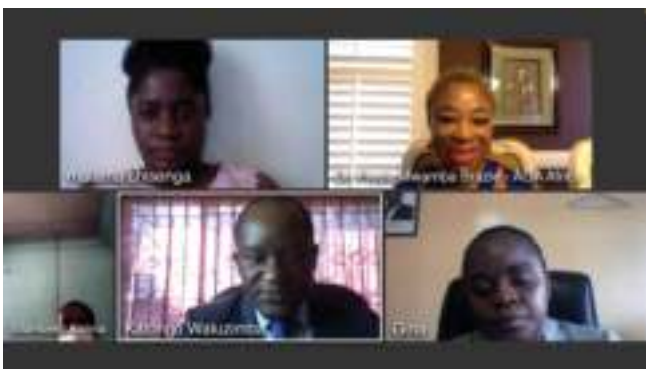
In her remarks, **Fulata Lillian Shawa-Siyunyi** appreciated AGA-Africa's collaboration in the very first Prosecution of Electoral Offences workshop. She noted it was necessitated by experiences learnt from the 2016 election. She appreciated the pivotal role of inter-agency collaboration. "We need to engage stakeholders adequately if we are to succeed," she said.

Mable Bauleni-Nawa expressed her heartfelt appreciation to AGA-Africa for the role the organisation

has played in making the training a reality. "In the past, prosecutors' trainings have not focused on prosecution of electoral offenses. With Zambia going into elections on 12th August 2021, this training is timely," she said, adding that it will provide an opportunity to bridge the gap with skills related to electoral offences.

**Dr. Freda Mwamba-Brazle** implored participants to learn as much as they could in the first training of its kind. The workshop sessions were facilitated by **Dr. Steven W. S. Kayuni**, Director of Public Prosecutions, Ministry of Justice, Malawi, **Charlton T. Howard III**, State Prosecutor, Maryland, US, **Victor Mule**, Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions, Office of the DPP, Kenya, **Andrea W. Trento**, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Litigation Division of the Maryland Attorney General's Office, **Hon. Mr. Justice Chalwe Farai Ralph Mchenga**, Deputy Judge President of the Court of Appeal, Zambia, **Philip V. Apruzzese**, Director, Combatting Upstate Financial Fraud Schemes (CUFFS) Initiative, Office of the New York State Attorney General, **Triza Kutambe Phiri-Lungu** Manager, Legal Electoral Commission of Zambia and **Wezzy Mbula**, Legal Officer, Zambia Police Service Headquarters, Lusaka, Zambia.

The workshop was moderated by **Gina Nyampachila Nyalugwe** Deputy Chief State Advocate (Provincial Attorney), National Prosecution Authority, Central Province and **Katongo Ian Waluzimba**, Deputy Chief State Advocate (Provincial Attorney), National Prosecution Authority, Southern Province.



### ➤ Event: Asset Recovery/ Forfeiture Workshop

**Date:** 15th – 17th November 2021

**Stakeholder:** National Prosecution Authority (NPA) Zambia

AGA-Africa collaborated with the National Prosecution Authority of Zambia, for an informative three-day training titled **“Asset Recovery / Forfeiture”** from 15th - 17th November, 2021.



The training was aimed at building the capacity of the investigators and prosecutors on how to effectively apply the Forfeiture of Proceeds of Crime Act No. 19 of 2010 of Zambia in the performance of their duties. This was done through equipping them with knowledge and skills on preparation of applications for restraining orders and confiscation orders that will assist them in the identification, investigation, seizure, prosecution and adjudication of asset recovery cases.

The workshop was officially opened by **Markus Green Esq.** AGA-Africa Board Member followed by brief welcome remarks from **Fulata Lillian Shawa-Sigunyi (SC)**, Director of Public Prosecutions, Zambia with **Jack Mwiimbu**, Minister Home Affairs and Internal Security delivering the keynote speech on behalf of **His Excellency Hakainde Hichilema**, President of the Republic of Zambia.

In his speech read on his behalf by **Jack Mwiimbu**, Minister Home Affairs and Internal Security, **H. E. President Hakainde Hichilema** maintained that Asset Recovery is anchored on the principle that dirty hands must not profit. "This is rooted in the maxim that blood stained hands must not inherit and that there should be no unjustified enrichment at the expense of others."

"Criminals continually get seduced by the financial allure of criminal gains and continue to show impunity despite the deterrent measures put in place," said **Mulambo Hamakuni Haimbe**, Minister of Justice, Zambia said during the opening ceremony.

**Fulata Lillian Shawa-Sigunyi** expressed her appreciation to AGA-Africa whom she termed the National Prosecution Authority Zambia's forever partners, for once again coming through. She added, "In addition to punishment for crimes, confiscation of illicit gains and depriving criminals of their enjoyment and use, has proved to be one of the most effective ways of eliminating criminal activity the world over."

**Markus Green** affirmed that asset recovery is an extremely important component of a well-functioning working, criminal justice system.

The workshop sessions were facilitated by subject matter experts: **Hon. Mr. Justice Chalwe Farai Ralph Mchenga**, SC, Deputy Judge President of the Court of Appeal, **Mary Chirwa**, Director General, Financial Intelligence Centre (FIC) Zambia, **Dorcas Oduor, EBS, OGW**, Secretary, Public Prosecutions and Principal Deputy to the Director of Public Prosecutions, Kenya, **Mable**

**Bauleni-Nawa**, Chief Administrator, National Prosecution Authority (NPA) Zambia, **Rachel R. Heintz**, Assistant Attorney General (AAG) Southern Arizona White Collar and Criminal Enterprise Section of the Arizona Attorney General's Office, **Xavier Aloysius Cunningham**, Assistant United States Attorney, **Margaret Chitundu**, Deputy Chief State Advocate (DCSA) Director Head of Asset Forfeiture Department (NPA) Zambia, **Diphath Tembo**, Director of the Compliance and Prevention Department (FIC), **Bako Chipola**, Deputy Chief State Advocate (NPA) Copperbelt Province, and **Lilian C. Mubialelwa**, Chief Investigations Officer at the Anti-Money Laundering Investigations Unit, Drug Enforcement Commission, Zambia.

The workshop was officially closed by **Dr. Freda Mwamba-Brazle**, Managing Partner, Innovatus Zambia and AGA-Africa Country Coordinator, Zambia.

**Jack Mwiimbu**, Minister Home Affairs and Internal Security





■ Markus Green AGA-Africa Board Member



■ Mulambo Hamakuni Haimbe, Minister of Justice, Zambia



■ Fulata Lillian Shawa-Siyunyi (SC), Director of Public Prosecutions



■ Darcas Oduor, EBS, OGW, Secretary, Public Prosecutions and Principal Deputy to the Director of Public Prosecutions, Kenya



■ Group photo of workshop participants, facilitators and distinguished guests

## Other Events

### ➤ Signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Zambia Police Service

AGA-Africa signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Zambia Police Service on 16th November 2021 at the Taj Pamodzi Hotel in Lusaka, Zambia.

The MoU was signed by Markus Green Esq., AGA-Africa Board Member and **Ronard Misapa**, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs and Internal Security. The event was witnessed by Doris Chibombe, Deputy Inspector General of Police Administration and **Dr. Freda Mwamba-Brazle**, AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for Zambia.

The signing was witnessed by Internal Security, **Doris Chibombe**, Deputy Inspector General of Police and **Dr. Freda Mwamba-Brazle**, AGA-Africa Country Coordinator for Zambia.

**Standing:** (L-R) Markus Green, AGA-Africa Board Member with Ronard Misapa, Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Home Affairs and Internal Security during the MoU signing in Zambia.

**Seated:** Internal Security, Doris Chibombe, Deputy Inspector General of Police and Dr. Freda Mwamba-Brazle, AGA-Africa Country Coordinator Zambia (Left).



**Ronard Misapa**, Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Home Affairs and Internal Security (centre) together with the team from AGA-Africa



# Facilitators 2021

*In 2021, AGA-Africa worked with **91** local facilitators, **7** regional subject matter experts and **60** US facilitators. These talented men and women provided excellent content that placed us on the map as the premier institution to train on transnational crime.*



# Conclusion

We had the privilege of hosting 24 workshops and 16 webinars in 2021. We trained over 2,500 participants ranging from prosecutors, judicial officers, to the police and other law enforcement officers. We recognize that we cannot do this on our own. We believe that a joint partnership will help us further strengthen the fight against transnational criminal

activities across the continent as well as enhance understanding on how countries can implement a holistic government approach. We continue to thank our partners and stakeholders as we extend our hand of partnership. We invite you to join us as we seek to channel our time, energy and expertise into stemming transnational crime.

# Next Steps


- Expand our areas of focus to include economic crimes.
- Branch out into new territories such as Senegal.
- Enhance our programmes to cater for Francophone Africa.
- Explore subjects like election disputes, which is a thorny issue in many African countries.
- Fortify our advocacy programme to include cross examination, witness preparation, etc.
- Explore areas at the core of transnational crime like immigration and extradition.
- Ramp up the conversation on cybercrime.
- Continue to expand our rich directory of international and regional subject matter experts to facilitate a vibrant exchange of knowledge.
- Leverage 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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