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ATTORNEY GENERAL ALLIANCE - AFRICA (AGA-AFRICA)



BACKGROUND

ABOUT | Attorney General Alliance (AGA)

Based in the United States, the Attorney General Alliance (AGA) began as bipartisan group comprising of chief legal officers of 15 western states and three Pacific territories.

The Attorney General Alliance (AGA) has expanded beyond its original regional designation to count all US states as participants, with the ability to draw on the expertise and involvement of over 2000 legal professionals consisting of attorneys general, prosecutors, law enforcement officers and subject matter experts.

ABOUT | Attorney General Alliance - Africa (AGA-Africa)

In 2016 AGA established the Attorney General Alliance-Africa. Through this programme AGA establishes robust relationships with justice, law enforcement agencies and other state and non-state, Anti-Transnational crime actors, to foster increased international collaboration in support of the rule of law and combat transnational crimes.

Tackling trans-border crimes.

The cross border nature of transnational crimes means that no single country can address the challenge of global crimes alone. It is important that law enforcement institutions in the public and private sector cooperate internationally. The AGA-Africa collaborates with African justice and law enforcement agencies and other state and non-state actors to share knowledge and experience in the fight against crimes such as; human trafficking, corruption, money laundering, cyber-crime and other cross border criminal activity.

Since its inception, AGA-Africa has had the opportunity to share knowledge, experiences and collaborate with various partners across Africa in the fight against transnational crimes through training workshops, participating in seminars and conferences.



MISSION

AGA-Africa is a mission driven non-profit dedicated to strengthening the rule of law in combating transnational crimes in Africa by fostering international collaboration and knowledge sharing between law enforcement agencies.

WHY WE EXIST

A global joint response to transnational crime by African countries requires establishing and building cooperative relationships with key players throughout Africa as well as sharing knowledge, experience and skills.

AGA Africa is the means by which these relationships can be developed (outreach), capacity can be built (training) and significant and impactful exchanges can take place (seminars).



WHAT IS OUR AIM?

- Strengthening international relationships with state attorneys general offices in the United States.
- Supporting rule of law projects such as reinforcing judicial systems with greater efficiency and transparency.
- Offering training programs that promote effective investigation and prosecution of transnational crime; and promoting collaboration among attorneys' general from participating countries.
- Bringing together industry and public sector officials to foster increased international collaboration on issues such as human trafficking, cybercrimes, and intellectual property rights.
- Collaborating with African Ministries of Justice, Attorneys General, Solicitors General and Public Prosecution agencies and other State and Non State Actors.
- Sharing knowledge and experiences in the fight against crimes like human trafficking, corruption, money laundering, cybercrime and other cross border crime





WHAT DO WE DO?

- Training of Prosecutors in the investigation and the prosecution of transnational crimes and essential trial techniques
- Training programmes and workshops for stakeholders on transnational crime
- Awareness seminars & other events to draw attention to the dangers of transnational crime
- Oral advocacy & Advanced trial advocacy
- Legislative drafting
- Capacity building to strengthen forensic evidence gathering & preservation
- Law enforcement & prosecution best practice
- Youth engagement through universities, law schools and other programmes

1. What does AGA Africa do?

AGA Africa programmes focus on initiatives such as; reinforcing court systems with greater efficiency and transparency, running training programs that promote a consistent application of rule of law discipline, such as oral advocacy and investigation and prosecution of transnational crimes.

2. What is the importance of jointly combating Transnational Crimes?

Transnational Crimes pose a global threat to the economic growth and social development of countries the world over. The cross border nature of transnational crime means that no single country can address the challenge alone. It is important that law enforcement institutions in the public & private sector cooperate internationally. The AGA Africa Alliance Partnership collaborates with African justice and law enforcement agencies and other state and non-state actors to share knowledge and experience in the fight against these crimes. Example of transnational crimes include; human trafficking, corruption, money laundering, cyber-crime, Counterfeit drugs and other cross border criminal activity.

3. Who does AGA Africa work with?

AGA Africa is currently working with justice and law enforcement bodies such as the Office of the Attorney General, Departments of Public Prosecution, Solicitors General, The Police, academic bodies and other transnational actors in Africa.

4. Are AGA Africa collaborations limited?

No, AGA Africa seeks to establish more relationships & partnerships throughout Africa.

5. How does the AGA Africa partnership work?

AGA through its Africa Alliance Partnership works with the Anti- Transnational crime actors in Africa to combat this global.

6. What role does AGA play in AGA Africa?

AGA Africa is the programme through which AGA provides and supports Joint training programmes, International collaboration platforms, Information exchange and Knowledge sharing on promoting the rule of law and combating transnational crimes in Africa.

7. How is AGA Africa workshop/symposium structured?

AGA Africa workshops/symposiums are structured along several thought provoking discussion paths focusing on topical issues and current trends associated with the investigation and prosecution of transnational crimes. Each segment features AGA lead speakers and facilitators who provide subject matter expertise on the topics being discussed.

WHAT ARE OUR AREAS OF EXPERTISE?

AGAAfrica collaborates on combating various transnational crimes



HUMAN TRAFFICKING

An increasing number of countries in Africa and indeed the world over can be categorized either as source, transit, or destination countries for victims of human trafficking. Human Trafficking falls into a number of categories these may include: forced labor, sexual exploitation, and organ trafficking.

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

- UNODC, 2012



WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING

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

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

- U.S. State Department



COUNTERFEIT DRUGS

The sale of counterfeit drugs is a big global challenge. According to The World Health Organisation (WHO) Counterfeit Drugs are "A product that is: deliberately and fraudulently mislabeled with respect to source and/or identity"

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

WHAT ARE OUR AREAS OF EXPERTISE?

AGA Africa and its partners collaborate to combat transnational crimes in Africa.



CYBERCRIME

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

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

- Interpol



MONEY LAUNDERING

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

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

- Financial Action Task Force (FATF)"



CORRUPTION

Corruption is a complex social, political and economic phenomenon that affects all countries. Corruption undermines democratic institutions, slows economic development and contributes to governmental instability. Corruption attacks the foundation of democratic institutions by distorting electoral processes, perverting the rule of law and creating bureaucratic quagmires whose only reason for existing is the soliciting of bribes.

Economic development is stunted because foreign direct investment is discouraged and small businesses within the country often find it impossible to overcome the start-up costs required because of corruption"

- UNODC

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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.

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

- UN WOMEN

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COUNTRY	PARTNERS	WORKSHOP SEMINARS	WHEN
 GHANA	Ghana Police	Cryptocurrency Virtual Workshop	July 2020
	Attorney General's Office	Cryptocurrency	July 2020
	Food and Drugs Authority & Ghana Police	Transnational Crimes Conference	March 2020
	Food and Drugs Authority	Prosecution of Regulatory Crimes Workshop	Feb 2020
	Accountability, Rule of Law & Anti-Corruption Programme (ARAP) & Office of the Director of Public Prosecution	Human Trafficking Workshop	Sept 2019
	Ghana Police	Cyber-crime and Electronic Evidence Workshop	May 2018
	Food and Drugs Authority (FDA)	Inter-Agency Forum on Countering Counterfeit Drugs – Food and Drugs Authority	May 2018
 KENYA	East Africa Law Society (EALS)	Emerging Challenges in Transnational Crimes Webinar	Aug 2020
	East Africa Law Society (EALS)	Data Protection Webinar	July 2020
	East Africa Law Society (EALS)	Digital Forensic Webinar	July 2020
	Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions	Financial Crimes virtual workshop (Junior Prosecutors)	July 2020
	East Africa Law Society (EALS)	Advocacy Techniques in Virtual Courts Webinar	July 2020

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 KENYA	Judiciary Training Institute	Cybercrime and Human Trafficking	Nov 2019
	Judiciary Training Institute	Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence Workshop	Sept 2019
	Office of the Attorney General & pharmacy and poisons Board	Workshops on Money Laundering and Counterfeit Drugs	Feb 2019
	East Africa Law Society Conference	Workshop on Trial Advocacy and Transnational crimes and its effect.	Nov 2018
	Africa Bar Association Annual Conference	Human Trafficking and Money Laundering Workshop	July 2018
	Office of the Attorney General & Department of Justice	Seminar on Human Trafficking – Office Of the Attorney General and the Department of Justice	April 2018
	Strathmore University	Workshop on Oral Advocacy –Attorney General, Department of Justice and Strathmore University Law School	June 2017
 MALAWI	Financial Intelligence Authority	Cryptocurrency Virtual Workshop	Aug 2020
	Malawi Law Society	Cybercrime & Electronic Evidence Webinar	July 2020
	Financial Intelligence Authority	Cryptocurrency Training	June 2020

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 MALAWI	<p>Wildlife Investigators Training Alliance, The Department of National Parks & Wildlife and The Anti-Corruption Bureau.</p> <p>Government of Malawi Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs</p> <p>Ministry of Home Affairs & Internal Security</p> <p>Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB)</p> <p>Department of National Parks and Wildlife (DNPW)</p> <p>Malawi Network Against Trafficking (MNAT)</p>	<p>Anti-Wildlife Trafficking workshop</p> <p>Symposium on Effective Practices in Combatting Human Trafficking – Ministry of Home Affairs & Internal security & Malawi Network Against Human Trafficking</p> <p>Workshop on Anti-Wildlife Trafficking – Anti-Corruption Bureau & the Department of National Parks and Wildlife</p> <p>Anti-Wildlife Trafficking Department of National Parks and Wildlife (DNPW)</p>	Jan 2019
		<p>Anti-Money Laundering Workshop Financial Intelligence Agency</p>	March 2019
		<p>Handover ceremony of Anti wildlife equipment donation Wildlife Investigators Training Alliance (WITA) & Department of National Parks and Wildlife (DNPW)</p>	May 2019
		<p>Trade-Based Money Laundering Workshop Financial Intelligence Authority</p>	Sept 2019
		<p>Anti-Wildlife Trafficking Anti Corruption Bureau & Department of National Parks and Wildlife</p>	May 2018
		<p>Human Trafficking</p>	Dec 2018

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 SOUTH AFRICA	University of Pretoria	Consumer Protection Law Webinar	Sept 2020
	National Prosecuting Authority (NPA)	Series III: The long term implications of Covid-19 for the Rule of Law, Public Trust in state institutions Webinar	August 2020
	National Prosecuting Authority	Series II: The Socio-Economic Impact of COVID-19 and the Implications for Prosecutors Webinar	July 2020
	National Prosecuting Authority	Virtual COVID 19 & Prosecution Offices Across Africa: Operational, Institutional and Strategic Implications Webinar	July 2020
	Africa Prosecutors Association.	12 th Annual APA Conference African Prosecutors Association AGM - New Techniques in Investigation and Prosecution Of transnational crime	
	Department of Justice & Correctional Services (The DoJ & CD)	Workshop on Oral Advocacy - Justice College, Department of Justice and Constitutional Development of South Africa	
	National Prosecuting Authority	Workshop on Advanced Trial Advocacy South African Department of Justice	
 ZAMBIA	National Prosecution Authority	Management Training	Sept 2020
	Financial Intelligence Centre	Casino Virtual Workshop	July 2020
	National Prosecution Authority	Gender-Based Violence Virtual Workshop	July 2020

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 ZAMBIA	Ministry of Justice & The Office of the Attorney General	Lusaka, Zambia Anti-Money Laundering Workshop AGA Africa Alliance Partnership Zambia Financial Intelligence Center Livingstone, Zambia. Anti-Wildlife Trafficking workshop AGA Africa Alliance Partnership National Prosecution Authority	Aug 2019
	Anti Corruption Commission	Cyber crime Workshop AGA Africa Alliance Partnership National Prosecution Authority	May 2019
	Financial Intelligence Centre	Commonwealth Law Conference AGA Africa Alliance Partnership Workshop on Virtual Currency Investigation AGA Africa Alliance Partnership Bank of Zambia Workshop on Cyber Investigation AGA Africa Alliance Partnership Judiciary of Zambia	April 2019
	National Prosecuting Authority	Workshop on Oral Advocacy Office of the Zambian Attorney General Workshop on Anti Money Laundering Asset Forfeiture National Prosecution Authority Workshop on Human Trafficking National Prosecution Authority Workshop on Anti Money Laundering Anti Corruption Bureau.	2018
 UGANDA	Ministry of Justice & Constitutional Affairs	Uganda Law Society AGM – CyberCrime	

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 NIGERIA	National Agency for Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons	Human Trafficking Webinar	Aug 2020
	Nigeria Bar Association & Lagos Business School	Advocacy Skills and Techniques for Virtual Court Hearing Webinar	Aug 2020
	Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies	Cybercrimes & Electronic Evidence Webinar	June 2020
	Cross River State Government Ogun State Judiciary Initiative for Socio-cultural Fairness & Equality Lagos Business School National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP) Nigeria Bar Association Nigeria Institute of Advanced Studies	Seminar on the Essentials of Prosecution – Lagos Business School Seminar on Human Trafficking Prosecution & The protection of victims – Office of the Attorney General and Commissioner of Justice, Cross River State & NAPTIP Workshop on Oral Advocacy – Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies Workshop on the art of Oral Advocacy – Nigerian Bar Association Symposium on the Administration of Criminal Justice– Initiative for Socio-Cultural Fairness Symposium & Workshop on the Investigation and Prosecution of Human Trafficking – NAPTIP Symposium on investigation and Prosecution of Transnational Crimes – WildlifeTrafficking – Cross River State Workshop on the Effective Administration Of Criminal Justice – Cross River State Symposium on Human Trafficking – Ogun State Ministry of Justice Workshop on Effective Administration of Criminal Justice – Ogun State Ministry of Justice	

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	Strathmore University, National Public Prosecution Authority & Institute of Legal Practice and Development	Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence Workshop	September 2020
RWANDA	Ministry of Justice Office of the Attorney General East Africa Law Society Institute	Workshop on the Investigation and Prosecution of Money Laundering Crimes – Ministry of Justice and the Office of the Attorney General Evidence Gathering & Cyber Crime – East Africa Law Society	

OUR TEAM



KAREN WHITE

Executive Director, AGA Africa

Karen White is the Executive Director of the Attorneys General Alliance (AGA). She is responsible for executing the mission and vision of the AGA Attorneys General. AGA consists of 18 Western States and Pacific Territories and dozens of associate member States from across the country. Ms. White focuses on developing resources, which enhance the Attorneys Generals' ability to obtain, exchange and utilize information regarding issues of particular importance to the membership.

Ms. White implements programs and seminars, supports communication between and amongst the offices of the member and associate member states, and fosters a broad range of beneficial relationships. The cultivation of CWAG's network of chief legal officers and staff has resulted in the organization's national reputation for legal excellence on matters, which fall within the purview of Attorneys General. Ms. White is also responsible for building relationships between the Attorneys General and outside entities including local, state and federal partners and the business community. Additionally, Ms. White leads an international program of collaboration with legal officials from regional and State governments, including Mexico, Canada, Ireland, Eastern Europe and Africa.

She directs the Conference's efforts to facilitate cultural exchanges, initiate relationships and expedite the sharing of information on transnational issues.



SUSAN LUSTIG

Administrative Director, AGA Africa

As Administrative Director of the Attorney General Alliance, Susan Lustig recognizes that transnational criminal activity that knows no borders. We all suffer the effects of cybercrime, money laundering and trafficking rings that reach into our states. Attorneys General around the world can be our allies in protecting our citizens at home. Since 2009, Susan Lustig has managed an international capacity building program involving the development, planning and delivery of training programs in support of criminal justice system reforms and Rule of Law efforts in Mexico.

With grant funding from the U.S. government, the AGA Alliance Partnership offers training directed to prosecutors, investigators and forensic technicians in Mexico's state Attorneys Generals' Offices. In 2016, the Africa Alliance Partnership began as a platform for raising awareness of and seeking joint solutions to global concerns relating to transnational criminal activity. As the AAP program director in the US, Susan Lustig brings the strategic resources of the Attorney General Alliance to our partner countries in Africa to enhance the capacity to investigate, prosecute and prevent transnational criminal activity like human, weapon, drug and wildlife trafficking, money laundering, corruption and cybercrime.

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MARKUS GREEN ESQ.

Board Member, AGA Africa

Markus Green serves as an Assistant General Counsel, for Pfizer, Inc., the world's largest Pharmaceutical Company. At Pfizer, Mr. Green helps lead the Government Litigation Group of the Legal Department where he works with local, state and federal prosecutors both nationally and internationally to defend Pfizer's interest in government initiated litigation and investigations.

Mr. Green is also responsible for several special initiatives at Pfizer including Civil Justice Reform, managing the Attorney General Outreach Program and handling Congressional inquiries and investigations. Mr. Green also currently serves on the Conference of Western Attorneys General -Africa Alliance Partnership's Advisory Board, which provides training for Prosecutors, Judges, and Investigators in the areas of transnational crime in various African countries. In this role, Mr. Green works closely with Ministries of Justice, Law Enforcement Personnel, Government and Non-Governmental Organizations, and other stakeholders to combat transnational crimes including but not limited to; Wildlife Trafficking, Human Trafficking, Money Laundering, Counterfeit Drugs, Terrorism, and Corruption. He fosters relationships and increases interest in the organization's work through targeted stakeholder engagements and presentations and attracts potential donors to promote effective international legal frameworks that strengthen criminal justice responses to transnational crimes



JOHN EDOZIE

International Advisor, AGA Africa

John Edozie is a leading international attorney, advisor, and subject matter expert. He is a member of the law firm of Madu, Edozie & Madu, PC, a New York Law firm with over thirty years of experience in International Law, Commercial Litigation, Arbitration, Intellectual Property, and Corporate Law. His expertise spans US multi-nationals, Fortune 500 companies in the pharmaceutical, IT, oil and gas as well as advisory services to local, state and federal governments both in the US and countries in Africa.

Mr. Edozie has served as legal counsel for various clients in Nigeria regarding their business interests in the United States as well as US multinationals with commercial interests in Nigeria, Kenya, and other African countries. Currently, Mr. Edozie also serves as the International Advisor to the Attorneys General Alliance -Africa Alliance Partnership (AGA-AAP), which provides training for Prosecutors, Judges, and Investigators in the areas of transnational crime in various African countries. These crimes include but are not limited to: Wildlife Trafficking, Human Trafficking, Money Laundering, Counterfeit Drugs, Terrorism, and Corruption. As the International Advisor, he works closely with ministries of justice, law enforcement personnel, government and non-governmental organizations, and other stakeholders to combat transnational crimes. He also fosters relationships and increases interest in the organization's work through targeted stakeholder engagements and presentations and attracts potential donors to promote effective international legal frameworks that strengthen criminal justice responses to transnational crimes.



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