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Markus Green ESQ.
AGA-Africa Board Member

Foreword

Dear Readers,

It is my pleasure to introduce the November, 2022 issue of the AGA-Africa Programme Newsletter.

This month, the AGA-Africa Programme, in partnership with the District of Columbia Attorney General's Office (DC AGO) successfully conducted an international legal mentorship exchange programme for five prosecutors from the Republic of Ghana's Office of the Attorney General and Department of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) from 10th October to 18th November, 2022 in Washington DC, USA.

The AGA-Africa Programme also collaborated with the Malawi Judiciary and the International Centre for Asset Recovery (ICAR) Basel Institute to organize a highly engaging 2-phased Asset Recovery Workshop for Judicial Officers, which was held from 7th to 8th November, 2022 and 10th to 11th November, 2022 in Malawi.

From 15th to 17th November, 2022, the AGA-Africa Programme collaborated with the Drug Enforcement Commission and the Bankers Association of Zambia to organize a 3-day workshop on Cybersecurity in Zambia.

In collaboration with the Ogun State Judiciary, the AGA-Africa Programme organized a 2-day training on Electronic Evidence and Imperatives for Online Court Hearing from 15th to 16th November, 2022 in Nigeria.

Additionally, the AGA-Africa Programme also participated in the 27th East Africa Law Society Annual Conference and General Meeting, which was held from 23rd to 26th November, 2022 in Tanzania.

To raise awareness of the global state of Gender-Based Violence, the AGA – Africa Programme held a Twitter Space Conversation on the Effects of Gender-Based Violence in Africa on 24th November, 2022.

On 28th November, 2022, the AGA-Africa Programme in collaboration with the Judiciary of Zambia held a Judiciary Retreat in Zambia.

Towards the end of the month, the AGA-Africa Programme collaborated with the Anti-Money Laundering and Combatting the Financing of Terrorism Platform in East, South, Center of Africa and Yemen (AML-CFT ESCAY); and the Advocates Complaints Commission (ACC), to organize a 3-day workshop on Anti-Money Laundering and Asset Recovery from 29th November to 1st December, 2022 in Kenya.

I would thus like to thank His Lordship, Hon. Rizine R. Mzikamanda, SC, Chief Justice of Malawi; David Sip, Team Leader, Tackling Serious and Organized Corruption (TSOC), Basel Institute on Governance; Ms. Mary Chirwa, Director General of the Drug Enforcement Commission; Leonard Mwanza, Chief Executive Officer for the Bankers Association of Zambia; Hon. Justice Mosunmola Dipeolu, Chief Judge at Ogun State, Nigeria; Bernard Oundo, President, East Africa Law Society; Col. Frédéric Bayard, Team Leader/Director, Anti-Money Laundering and Combatting the Financing of Terrorism Platform in East, South, Center of Africa and Yemen; and Commissioner Caroline Saroni, Chairperson, Advocates Complaints Commission, for their continued support of the AGA-Africa programme.

Gender-Based Violence

The #MeToo campaign, which was started in 2006 by activist Tarana Burke, erupted and sparked a global mobilization five years ago, making it urgent to stop VAWG and take action.

Since then, grassroots activists, advocates for women's human rights,

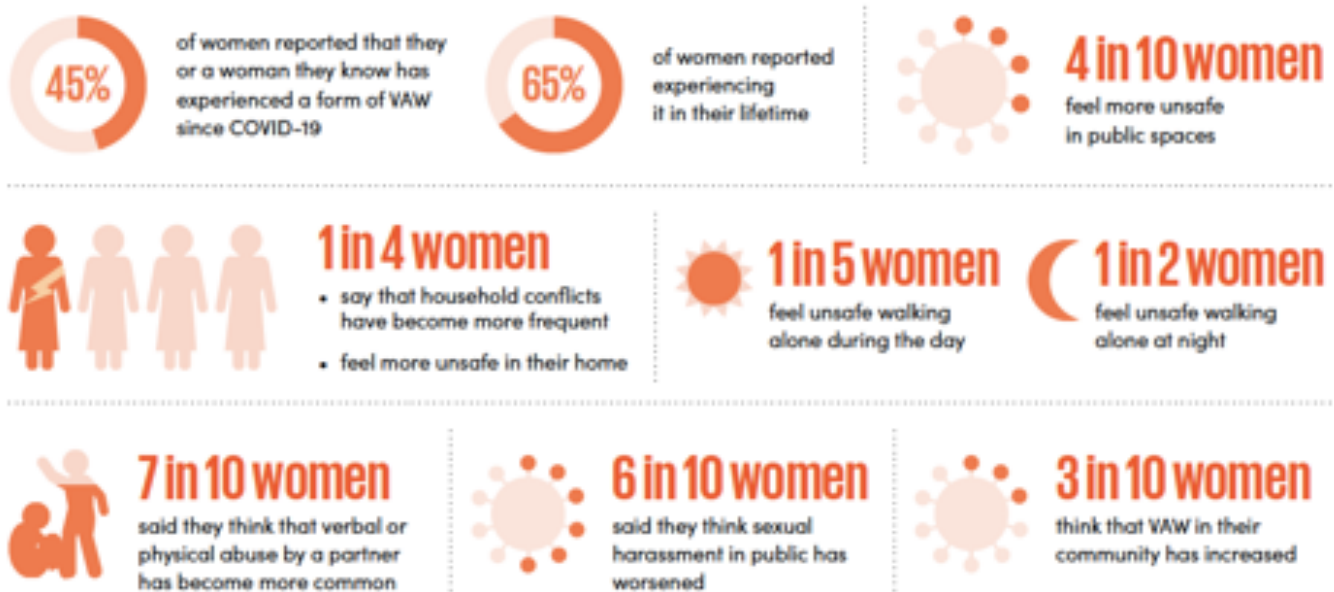
and survivors' advocates all over the world have contributed to the unprecedented awareness and momentum generated by unrelenting efforts to prevent and stop VAWG.

Other global campaigns, such as #TimesUp, #BalanceTonPorc, and

#NiUnaMenos, have also sparked change.

Due to efforts to tighten laws and policies, provide essential services, and implement prevention initiatives, ending VAWG is now more politically significant than it has ever been.

SINCE THE PANDEMIC VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN HAS INCREASED



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source: <https://data.unwomen.org/publications/vaw-rga>

The Global Culture and Epidemic of Violence Against Women Must End



"So, it comes that man, the coward, when he gathers to confer, with his fellow-braves in council, dare not leave a place for her." - Rudyard Kipling 'The Female of the Species'

By Otubea Asare

This somber subject matter is treated in this article from a global viewpoint and primarily deals with the violence perpetrated by men against women. That said, violence against any gender or person should never be sanctioned or condoned. Apropos, there is a scene in the popular 2007 movie 300 where a council member forces himself on the queen with the words, "this will not be over quickly, you will not enjoy this, and you are not my queen."

Woman came from the rib of man, ergo man "owns" woman, rather than man protecting a woman, so it is said. Some cultures teach submission and deference of a wife to her husband, perhaps accounting for the sense of entitlement that some men feel towards women. How many women reading this have been "ordered" to smile (!) by a male stranger? Popular culture facilely kills off women in TV shows, indicating their expendability.

The explosive accessibility of pornography has added to the dehumanization and commoditization of women, increasing gender-based violence (GBV), and sex-trafficking of females. Modesty and sexual introversion are met with derision and contempt by some men, and yet a hint of sexual suggestiveness could result in an honor killing; women are often seen through the prism of the male view.

Condoned violence against women exists across cultures, religions, and ethnicities worldwide for a myriad of reasons. This results in the brutalization of women, negatively impacting children. When a society normalizes violence against one group, it sets itself on a slippery path, where violence can be easily spread to other groups, as people become inured to it. To live free from violence and sexual violence is a human right after all.

Global-View of the Devastating Impact of Gender-Based Violence on Society:

'Globally, 81,000 women and girls were killed in

2020, and around 47,000 of them (58 percent) died at the hands of an intimate partner or a family member. This means a woman or girl is killed every 11 minutes in their home.

1. The United States

The United States is currently the tenth most dangerous country for women. For example, In 2020, Sydney Sutherland was abducted while jogging in Arkansas, where she was then raped, killed, and her body dumped in a field. Another example is of a teacher who was abducted and killed while on a morning run in Memphis, and women who have been jogging in New York City who have been assaulted. One victim who was helped by a female runner noted that, "no one else came to the woman's aid." The tragic case of Gabby Petito and a navy veteran, who murdered his wife while she was meeting with navy officials and holding their child in her arms further highlights that Gender-Based Violence is a troubling trend. In U.S, pregnant women are most at risk for violence. These examples show that more help, counseling, and mental health support are needed.

2. Africa

Historically, in many patriarchal societies in Africa, a wife is subjugated to her husband. If he precedes her in death, their marital home goes to his family - de facto economic violence. Due to the patriarchal nature of these societies, GBV is prevalent, though not confined to, the East and Southern regions of

Africa. “The engagement of men and boys is critical and has been proven effective in GBV prevention, response, and has resulted in better health outcomes”.

The World Health Organisations multi-country study, “revealed that between 13% and 61% of ever partnered women experienced an array of lifetime physical violence.”

In northern Ghana, radio presenter Patience Awuni is using music to fight domestic abuse. While some men are fighting her intervention, Awuni has said she won’t back down. In South Africa, national team rugby captain, Sia Kolisi, is a strong advocate against GBV, with his foundation giving anti-GBV education kits to men and women.

3. The United Kingdom

Sarah Everard was abducted, raped, and killed by a policeman. The ensuing anger and outrage amongst Britons about this incident, among others, led to the resignation of the United Kingdom’s female police commissioner.

4. The Middle East

While some men may seem to view women as second-class citizens, there is progress, even in conservative places like the Middle East, where women are organizing politically and advocating for change, including the right to drive. Some cultures cul-

tivate both machismo and “mama’s boys” - men who are overly coddled and catered to by their mothers - sometimes with deleterious effects. Italy’s marriage and birthrates have plummeted.

5. Asia

A 2020 gang rape of a female bus passenger in India occurred almost 10 years after a similar assault made headlines. China is increasing legal protections for women. Has China’s marriage deficit due to fewer women resulted in a spike in GBV? Women have more choices today than ever before, and many simply opt not to marry. Where Japanese wives once walked three steps behind their husbands (from the book *Upheaval* by Jared Diamond), now they marry less: costly childcare plays a role.

Although FGM, a form of GBV, is practiced in some countries, it is beyond the scope of this.

Gender-Based Violence is Counterproductive and Societally Self-Destructive

Returning to the popular movie *300* - The council member who forced himself on the queen ultimately betrays her, claiming she threw herself at him using her feminine wiles to curry favor on behalf of her husband, King Leonidas. Disarming the traitor of his dagger, she plunges it into him, stating “this will not be over quickly, you will not enjoy this,

and I am not your queen.” Few women confront their attackers on such a visceral level; frankly, few would probably want to, no matter how deep the betrayal or attempted besmirching of their reputation.

Despite doing everything within the law to protect themselves and their families, women suffer violent deaths at the hands of their partners. Is there then a correlation between the seemingly increasing worldwide disinterest in fatherhood and the rise in violence against women? The de-stigmatization of men seeking help, increased access to therapy, mental health services, and more dialogue are urgently needed.

Girls take music lessons, ballet, sprint, and play sports. Missing? Self-defense classes. These are specifically needed in a violent world where females are woefully unprepared for danger. Domestic violence is deadly and destructive, and prevention is key. GBV is committed by men from all backgrounds. Confronting and dismantling the persistent culture of violence against women worldwide requires the support and participation of men. This is the only way for any society to survive; women are, presumably, half the world or they could be if they were allowed to live.

“**The explosive accessibility of pornography has added to the dehumanization and commoditization of women, increasing gender-based violence (GBV), and sex-trafficking of females.**”

Newsbytes

> International Legal Mentorship Exchange Programme, 10th October to 18th November, 2022, Washington DC



The AGA- Africa Mentorship Programme empowers prosecutors in countries in Africa through a six-week transformative experience that is intended to create committed agents in the field of justice and the fight against transnational organised crime.

The purpose of the AGA-Africa Mentorship Programme is to develop the real-life prosecutorial, investigative, and administrative skills of the mentees to enhance their service delivery. It further allows the mentees to gain valuable worldwide

work experience. From October 10th to 18th November, 2022, five mentees from the Office of Public Prosecutions in Ghana successfully went through the 2022 Exchange and Mentorship Programme at the District of Columbia Attorney General Office in the United States.

There the mentees gained a broad perspective of trends in their field, exchanged ideas with leading professionals, and got exposed to various activities geared towards enriching their experience, including mock tri-

als and moot court sessions. The mentees were hosted by Hon. Sean Wallace, Judge of the Circuit Court for the 7th Circuit of Maryland during the mock trials and moot court sessions.

During the closing ceremony, the mentees presented their appreciation to General Karl Racine, Attorney General of the District of Columbia, thanking him for the learning opportunities, exposure, and international perspectives experienced in the Attorney General's Office.



> Asset Recovery Workshop for Judicial Officers, 7th to 8th November, 2022 and 10th to 11th November, 2022, Malawi

The importance of recovering the proceeds of crime from criminals as part of the sentencing process is a critical driver for all law enforcement agencies in Malawi.

The two workshops thus brought together High Court Judges from Malawi, Magistrates from the Malawi Judiciary, as well as, local and regional subject matter experts from Ghana, Kenya, and Malawi, with the intent of providing a platform for the judges and the magistrates to share best practices, mechanisms, tools, and information to support the judiciary of Malawi.

This will enhance the effective handling of asset recovery applications pre-trial and post-trial development of the jurisprudence for the High Court Judges and Magistrates.

During the official opening of the workshop, **Justice Annabel Mtalimanja**, **Chairperson**, Judge of the High Court of Malawi, Chairperson, and Judiciary Training Committee noted that, “the law enforcement community in Malawi has made great strides in the detection, investigation, and prosecution of cases of asset recovery.”

There has been a lot of good work that has taken place in the past years and the need for effective prosecution of financial crimes cannot be overemphasized, but alongside that process of prosecution are the judicial processes that need to be undertaken as well.”

The keynote address was delivered by **His Lordship, Honourable Chief Justice Rizine Robert Mzikamanda**,

the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Malawi, who emphasized, “there is a great need for a specialized court in the country to handle financial and economic crimes. We have also realized the need for capacity building for the judges and magistrates so as to enable them to acquire specialized skills in dealing with financial and economic crimes.”

In his opening remarks, **Mr. David Sip**, Team Leader, Tackling Serious and Organized Corruption (TSOC), Basel Institute on Governance noted that law enforcement agencies and the judiciary could agree that there is one serious piece that still needs to be developed here in Malawi and that is the asset management system. “We are here to help in any way that we can to develop an asset management system,” he added.



David Sip, Team Leader, Tackling Serious and Organized Corruption (TSOC), Basel Institute on Governance



Justice Annabel Mtalimanja, Chairperson, Judge of the High Court of Malawi, Chairperson, Judiciary Training Committee



His Lordship, Honourable Chief Justice Rizine Robert Mzikamanda, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Malawi



A group photo of the AGA-Africa Malawi Judiciary & International Centre for Asset Recovery (ICAR)/Basel Institute Representatives with the Facilitators and Participants during the First Workshop



A Group Photo of the AGA-Africa Malawi Judiciary & International Centre for Asset Recovery (ICAR)/Basel Institute Representatives with the Facilitators and Participants during the Second Workshop

> Cybersecurity Training, 15th to 17th November 2022, Zambia

The African continent faces a growing array of cyber threats ranging from espionage, critical infrastructure sabotage, combat innovation, and organized crime. With the ever-increasing cyber-crime statistics, most African countries are yet to devise a national cybersecurity strategy.

In the past few years, the Bankers Association of Zambia has deployed real-time instant payment channels, which has brought efficiency in the online, point of payments mobile payment channels. Unfortunately, this has attracted fraud and cyber-attacks, which is affecting trust and confidence in these innovations.

The 3-day cybersecurity training thus brought together 25 Chief Executive Officers; 40 Heads of Compliance and Operations;

and 40 Anti-Money Laundering/Counter Terrorism Financing and Fraud and Prevention Officers, as well as local, regional and international subject matter experts from Ghana, Kenya, Zambia, and the United States.

The training sessions provided a platform for the participants to share knowledge on safeguarding of real-time instant payment channels' safety and integrity in banks. The training sessions further allowed the participants to explore collaborative ways in which banks can mitigate and protect themselves from fraud and cyber-attacks in Zambia.

Speaking during the opening, **Ms. Mulenga Kapwepwe**, Vice Chairperson, Zambia National Visual Arts Council and the Zambia Women Writers Association, highlighted that,

“government and private entities have a key responsibility in addressing organized crime, as well as, conducting due diligence in the cyberspace due to the increase in crimes which have become more globalized, complex, and digitized.”

“In the past 5 years, the financial services sector has made tremendous progress in its digital payments journey, such that they have an eco-payment system that has 24/7 service channels available. Using our skills, knowledge and systems, we can enable a collective push towards thwarting threats and identifying them in advance so as to create confidence and trust in the systems we deploy,” added **Mr. Mwindwa Siakalima**, Chief Executive for Stanbic Bank Zambia Limited, in his keynote address.



Ms. Mulenga Kapwepwe, Vice Chairperson, Zambia National Visual Arts Council and the Zambia Women Writers Association



Mr. Mwindwa Siakalima, Chief Executive for Stanbic Bank Zambia Limited



Mathias Kamanga, Head of Public Relations Unit, and Digital Forensics Expert, Drug Enforcement Commission



A Group Photo of the AGA-Africa, Drug Enforcement Commission & the Bankers Association of Zambia Representatives with Workshop Participants and Facilitators

> Electronic Evidence and Imperatives for Online Court Hearing Training, 15th to 16th November, 2022 Nigeria

The use of electronic evidence is fast gaining ground in Nigeria's legal system with more than 50 cases being decided through the use of electronically generated evidence between 2011 and date. It is however stressed that for lawyers to succeed in the deployment of electronically generated evidence in arguing their case in court, much attention must also be placed on the presentation of said evidence.

This workshop therefore, brought together judges, magistrates, lawyers, law officers, and judicial officers from Ogun State Judiciary, as well as local, regional, and international subject matter experts from Nigeria, the United States, and Zambia. The sessions provided a live-

ly and thought-provoking discourse on various issues surrounding the performance of activities such as cross-examination and impeachment by an inconsistent statement; and presentation of electronic evidence in court, as well as, the importance of effecting positive change in the legal system of Nigeria.

In her opening remarks, **Justice Mosunmola Dipeolu**, Chief Judge, Ogun State noted that "the COVID - 19 Pandemic helped the Judiciary embrace other ways of conducting court hearings, including virtual hearings. This allowed hearings to be carried out at a distance/virtually and for courts to allow the usage of electronic evidence dur-

ing court proceedings during the lockdown."

"As we continue moving into an increasingly technologically advanced and reliant society, so do criminals who devise new methods in the use of technology to commit crimes. Consequently making digital evidence a fundamental part of successful and effective investigations and prosecutions of crime, as it enables investigations, by revealing vital information about crimes committed; movement of suspects; and criminal associates, among other factors," highlighted **Ebelechukwu Enedah**, AGA-Africa Country Coordinator, Nigeria.



Ebelechukwu Enedah,
AGA-Africa Country
Coordinator, Nigeria



Justice Mosunmola Dipeolu,
Chief Judge, Ogun State



Justice Mosunmola Dipeolu,
Chief Judge, Ogun State
Awards a Certificate to
a Participant during the
Closing Ceremony



**Hon. Mr. Justice
Bonaventure Chakwawa
Mbewe, Judge of the
High Court of Zambia,
Commercial Division.**



A Group Photo of the AGA-Africa and Ogun State Judiciary Representatives with Workshop Participants and Facilitators

> 27th East Africa Law Society Annual Conference and General Meeting, 23rd to 26th November 2022 Tanzania

The 27th East Africa Law Society Annual Conference was co-hosted with the Tanganyika Law Society and brought together over 500 delegates from all EALS seven National Bar Associations, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and beyond in Tanzania.

The Conference themed “Fostering East African Unity and Diversity in a Globalised Practice Environment,” focused on arising opportunities for lawyers; and strategies that could be employed to leverage diversity and strength in numbers towards achievement of success in an increasingly globalized practice environment. The Conference sessions further raised discussions on East Africa’s natural

resource potential as a driver for economic growth and stability; rule of law; and good governance. Additionally, the Conference also touched on areas of corporate and commercial law, as well as, technology and the evolution of the legal profession.

Chukukere Unamba-Oparah, AGA-Africa Programme, Country Coordinator for Kenya gave his remarks highlighting the work the AGA-Africa programme has done across Africa aimed at combatting transnational crime in the continent. He also led a session on Good Governance and Accountability in East Africa: Building a Case for Alternative Voices on 25th November, 2022.

The AGA-Africa Programme’s subject matter expert, **Francis Gimara, SC** – Former President ULS and Senior Partner ALP Advocates LLP also spoke during the Conference’s panel discussion on ‘Evaluating threats to the Independence of Regional Courts.’ on 25th November, 2022.

Further, the AGA-Africa Programme delegation, led by **John Edozie**, AGA-Africa Programme International Advisor; and **Mr. Chukukere Unamba-Oparah** paid a courtesy visit to Justice Sir Denis Adjei, Judge of the African Court on Human and Peoples rights on 24th November, 2022.



L-R: John Edozie, International Advisor for the AGA-Africa Programme, Justice Sir Denis Adjei, Judge of the African Court on Human and People’s rights and Chukukere Unamba-Oparah, AGA-Africa Programme Director and Country Coordinator for Kenya



Chukukere Unamba-Oparah, AGA-Africa Programme Director and Country Coordinator for Kenya



Francis Gimara, SC – Former President ULS and Senior Partner ALP Advocates LLP (first from the left) with Fellow Panelists during the Conference Panel Discussion



Mary Ng’ang’a, AGA-Africa Programme Representative Receiving an Award on Behalf of the programme from Patrick Didier Nukuri - Secretary General, EALS



A Group Photo of Participants during the Conference

> 2022 Judicial Conference, 28TH Nov. – 1st Dec 2022, Zambia

AGA-Africa Programme participated at the 2022 Zambia Judicial Conference themed ‘A Responsive and Accountable Judiciary’, which was held from the 28th of November to 1st December in Livingstone Zambia.

The conference provided a forum to address topical issues relating to the role of adjudicators in economic and financial crimes court as well as public accountability to the rule of law.

The AGA-Africa Programme was represented by **Dr. Freda Mwamba-Brazle**, the programme’s Country Coordinator for Zambia.

Hon. Justice Boissie Henry Mbha(Rtd) also facilitated a session on ‘Public Accountability within the Rule of Law: The fight against Economic and Financial Crimes.’ At the conference.

“We believe that fostering such engagements amongst ourselves, as we will do in this

Conference, will take care of the unspoken sensitivities that we harbour as adjudicators, and will assist us going forward to do our part in discharging the burden we carry of accountability for the judicial power we exercise.

It will also help us in maintaining the institution’s relevance to the aspirations of the people it is designed to serve,” noted Honourable **Dr. Mumba Malila SC**, Chief Justice of Zambia, in his opening remarks.



Honourable Dr. Mumba Malila SC, Chief Justice of Zambia



A Group Photo of Delegates during the Conference

> Twitter Space Conversation, 24th November, 2022

Gender-based violence is a universal phenomenon and a major public health issue in many countries.

According to the World Health Organisation, one in three people, especially women, face some form of abuse during childhood, adolescence, or adulthood. Consequently, making GBV an important global

public health problem because of its acute and chronic impacts on people's health.

To raise awareness on this topic, the AGA-Africa Programme organized a Twitter Space Conversation on the Effects of Gender-Based Violence in Africa on Thursday, 24th November 2022. Seasoned subject matter experts led the conversa-

tion who included **Habiba Rezwana Osman**, Executive Secretary, Malawi Human Rights Commission, **Melba V. Pearson, Esq.**, Director of Prosecution Projects, Jack D. Gordon Institute for Public Policy; Lanji Ouko, Founder and Managing Partner, Crevit Mulier & Co.; and **Anita Nyanjong**, Anti-Human Trafficking Expert

Let's Talk about The Effects of Gender-Based Violence in Africa



live on Twitter Spaces
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Thursday, 24th Nov, 2022 | 8pm EAT | 12pm EST (NY) | 7pm CAT

Speakers:



Habiba Rezwana Osman
Chief Executive Officer,
Malawi Human Rights
Commission



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> Anti-Money Laundering & Asset Recovery Workshop, 29th November to 1st December, 2022, Kenya

Kenya has experienced a myriad of corruption and money laundering cases from all sectors, including the private and the public sector. In 2018, Kenya ranked number 144 out of 180 countries in the Transparency International (TI) Corruption Perception Index.

This has since been improved on, in subsequent years, with Kenya now ranked at 128, as per the 2021 listing. Following these statistics, an inclusive and accountable justice system is key to the continuous improvement of this score, as well as, the achievement of the rule of law; with judges and lawyers playing a particularly important role. The workshop thus brought together 40 Prosecutors drawn from the Advocates Complaints Commission of Kenya; the Department of Justice; the Asset Recovery Agency; the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission;

and the National Anti-Corruption Campaign Steering Committee. The workshop provided a platform for the participants to enhance their knowledge and skills on the regulatory framework governing corruption, money laundering, counter-terrorism financing, and asset recovery in Kenya while equipping them with the necessary tools and skills on effective investigation of these crimes.

“According to reports by the Global Financial Integrity, the global business of transnational crimes is valued at between 1.6 trillion to 2.2 trillion US Dollars annually.” These staggering figures highlight the rate of the economic cost of crime. We know that the social cost is equally significant,” highlighted **Commissioner Caroline Saroni**, Chairperson, Advocates Complaints Commission in her opening remarks.

Gaia Steinbecher, Project Coordinator, AML-CFT ESCAY during her remarks emphasized that the AML-CFT ESCAY project aims at countering illicit financial flows generated by transnational organized crime and terrorist groups. “Our aim is to take our past achievement further and propose trainings to partners institutions but mostly, a platform for exchange. In this framework, it is very important for us to ADOPT a “follow and recover the money” approach and this is why this 3 days event is very important to us.” She added.

“Legal professionals should shy away from a gate keeping role in the financial sector and should play an active role in preventing money laundering by being actively involved in reporting money laundering to relevant institutions,” added Mr. John Edozie, International Advisor, AGA-Africa Programme.



Mr. John Edozie,
International Advisor, AGA-Africa Programme



Chukukere Unamba-Oparah,
AGA-Africa Programme Director and Country Coordinator for Kenya



Commissioner Caroline Saroni, Chairperson, Advocates Complaints Commission



Gaia Steinbecher, Project Coordinator, AML-CFT ESCAY



A Group Photo of the AGA-Africa, AML-CFT ESCAY and the Advocates Complaints Commission Representatives with the Workshop Participants and Facilitators

Related News

KENYA: “In the next 16 days, I hope we will create enough conversations about the things we need to take seriously because we are traumatised and hurting nation,” KWCWC CEO Elizabeth Meassick said. Radio Africa chief marketing officer Caroline Mutoko said RAG will be part of the 16-day activism initiative through awareness programmes to its audiences on the dangers of GBV. “Radio Africa will commit a number of days and shows to talk about violence that is meted against men,” she said. She added that GBV fight is not only about women but also men because they suffer silently....[Read More](#)

RWANDA: Activists and Champions against Gender-Based Violence (GBV) in Rwanda and other countries have recommended mechanisms for the early detection of women who are affected by violence, addressing

the root causes of violence against women and girls, and ensuring access to justice. The reactions follow findings from a new study by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and UN Women which shows that, on average, more than five women or girls were killed every hour by someone in their own family in 2021....[Read More](#)

GHANA: The Krontihemaa of the Oguua Traditional Area, Nana Amba Eyiaba, has called for concerted efforts to remove practices and traditional stereotyping that fuel sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV). She said the statistics on SGBV indicated that one in three women suffered one form of SGBV or the other in the country, an indication that the incidence was prevalent and that women were mostly the victims. Nana Eyiaba was speaking at

a forum as part of activities to mark 16 days of activism organised by Star Ghana Foundation in Cape Coast on Tuesday....[Read more](#)

ZAMBIA: Academy for Women Entrepreneurs (AWE) alum Chimwemwe Mlombwa got the idea to open her business while visiting her home village in Malawi. She found herself sitting with a group of village women who were weaving, and was quickly drawn into the conversation. “They were all making baskets together and talking about their lives,” Mlombwa said. Then the conversation took a turn. “I was surprised. Women began casually sharing, and so much [of the conversation] had to do with intimate partner violence — but it was like they didn’t know that’s what it was.”...[Read More](#)

Upcoming Events – January 2023

December	
GHANA 5th – 6th	Cryptocurrency Training – Judiciary Training Institute of Ghana
ZAMBIA 5th – 6th	Cyber, Economic and Financial Crimes Training – Judiciary of Zambia
NIGERIA 7th – 8th	Effective Administration of Criminal Justice – Ministry of Justice Imo State
TWITTER SPACE CONVERSATION 9th	International Anti-Corruption Day
MALAWI 15th – 16th	Anti- Money Laundering & Asset Recovery Workshop – Office of the Director of Public Prosecution & Africa Prosecutors Association

Thank You

Asset Recovery Workshop for Judicial Officers, Malawi

- **Hon. Justice Healey Potani**, Judge of the Supreme Court of Appeal of Malawi,
- **Hon. Justice John Katsala**, Justice of Appeal, Supreme Court of Appeal of Malawi,
- **Hon. Justice Dorothy Kamanga**, Justice of Appeal, Supreme Court of Appeal of Malawi,
- **Hon. Justice Redson Kapindu**, Judge of the High Court of Malawi,
- **Hon. Justice Violet Palikena-Chipao**, Judge of the High Court of Malawi,
- **Dorcus Oduor**, Secretary of Public Prosecutions and the Principal Deputy to the Director of Public Prosecutions of Kenya,
- **Hon. Justice Francis Obiri**, Judge of the High Court of Ghana,
- **Edwin Mtonga**, Legal Counsel, Financial Intelligence Authority of Malawi
- **JP Willemse**, Senior Financial Investigations Specialist, International Centre for Asset Recovery (ICAR)/ Basel Institute of Governance.

Cybersecurity Training, Zambia

- **Todd Tumbleson**, Criminal Investigator, Nevada Attorney General's Office
- **Richard Kumadoe**, Fraud Preventions Expert & Security Consultant, Richquest Consult
- **Paul Luo**, Head Fraud and Investigations Atlas Mara, Zambia
- **Shamwete Mwiinga**, Senior Investigations Officer, Drug Enforcement Commission Zambia
- **Alex Osunga**, Security Center Technical Lead, @iLabAfrica
- **Mathias Kamanga**, Head of Public Relations Unit and Digital Forensics Expert, Drug Enforcement Commission, Zambia.

Electronic Evidence and Imperatives for Online Court Hearing Training, Nigeria

- **Hon. Justice Bonaventure Chakwawa Mbewe**, Judge of the High Court of Zambia, Commercial Division
- **Carol Thomas-Jacobs**, Chief Deputy Attorney General, Virgin Islands
- **Hon. Justice Eniola Fabamwo**, Judge of the High Court of Ogun State
- **Hon. Justice Alaba Omolaye-Ajileye**, Judge of the High Court of Justice, Kogi State
- **Dr. Anthony Idigbe San**, Senior Partner at PUNUKA Attorneys & Solicitors
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Foreword

Dear Readers,

It is my pleasure to introduce the December 2022 issue of the AGA-Africa Programme Newsletter.

This month, the AGA-Africa Programme, in partnership with the Kogi State Ministry of Justice and the Kogi State Office of the Public Defender and Citizens' Rights Commission (PDCRC), held a 2-day workshop on *'Oral Advocacy and Electronic Evidence in Criminal Prosecution and Defense'* from 1st to 2nd, December 2022, In Kogi, Nigeria.

The AGA-Africa programme in collaboration with the Judicial Training Institute of Ghana (JTI), also held a 2-day workshop on *Cryptocurrencies and Crypto Derivatives* from the 5th to the 6th, December 2022 in Accra, Ghana. During the same time, the AGA-Africa programme in collaboration with the Judiciary of Zambia also held a 2-day workshop on *Cyber, Economic, and Financial Crimes* from 5th to 6th, December 2022 in Zambia.

From 7th to 8th, December 2022, the AGA-Africa Programme collaborated with the Imo State Ministry Of Justice in Nigeria to organize a 2-day workshop on the *Effective Administration of Criminal Justice in Nigeria*.

I would thus like to thank **His Excellency; Alhaji Yahaya Bello**, Executive Governor, Kogi State, **Prof. Justice Sir Dennis Dominic Adjei**, Acting Director of the Judicial Training Institute of Ghana, **His Lordship Hon. Justice Dr. Mumba Malila, SC.**, Chief Justice of the Republic of Zambia, and His Excellency **Senator Hope Odidika Uzodinma (KSJI)**, Executive Governor, Imo State for their continued support of the AGA-Africa programme.

Anti-Money Laundering

Financial offenses that have an impact on the economy include money laundering and terrorism financing.

A fundamental, basic, profit-making crime (such as corruption, drug trafficking, market manipulation, fraud, or tax evasion) is necessary for money laundering, as is the intention to hide the proceeds of the crime or to further the illegal activity. These activities result in financial flows that involve the redirection of resources away from economically and

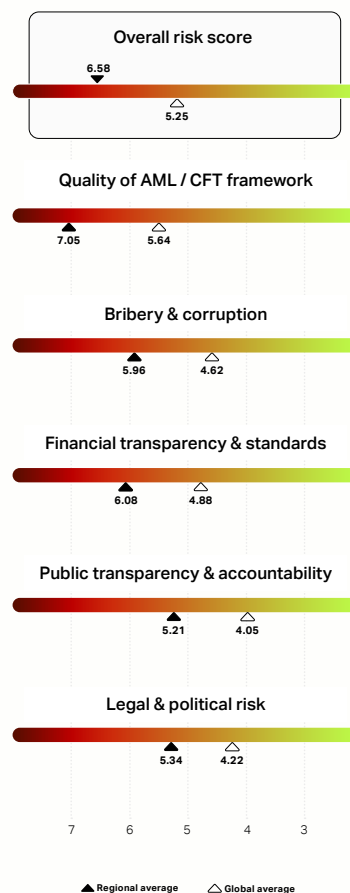
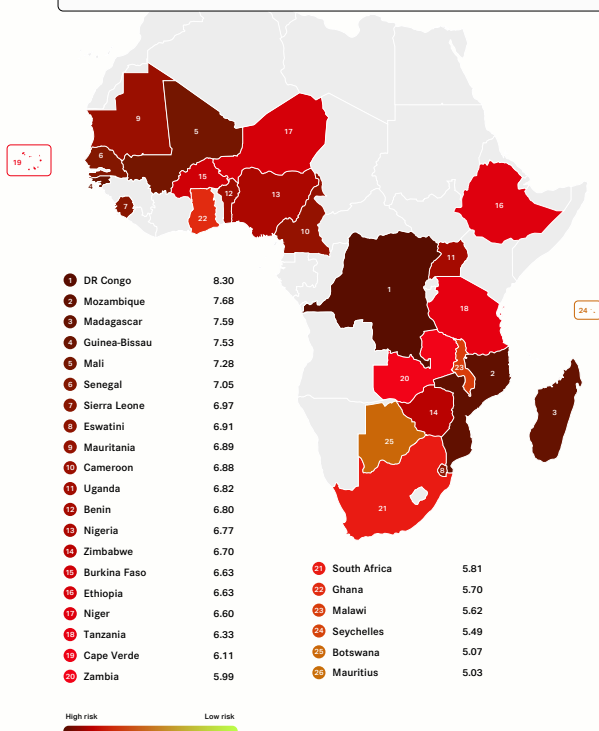
socially beneficial purposes; these redirections may have detrimental effects on the financial system and the international stability of member nations. Additionally, they have a destructive, corrupting impact on society and the economy as a whole.

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has been very engaged for more than 10 years due to the harmful effects of various types of financial abuse on the economies and financial systems of our members.

Other transnational crimes including terrorism, human trafficking, animal trafficking, and other international crimes are usually linked to money laundering. Money laundering cases are heavily regulated, investigated, and prosecuted by government law enforcement agencies and regulators. These important anti-money laundering actors receive training from the AGA-Africa Program.

Sub-Saharan Africa

Country coverage of the region significantly improved from 18 to 26 countries, reflecting new data from FATF mutual evaluation reports. Almost 62% of countries in this region are assessed as having a high risk of ML/TF. Scores for the quality of the AML/CFT framework remain mostly unchanged from 2021, but increased in the other four domains.



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Quality of AML / CFT
framework.

For Cameroon, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Madagascar, Mozambique and Zimbabwe, a high risk score for ML/TF correlates with high scores in relation to environmental crimes.

In terms of the effectiveness of measures, the weakest areas are transparency of beneficial ownership and non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

source: <https://index.baselgovernance.org/map>

Cryptocurrency and the Underbelly of Murky Financial Transactions



By Otubea Asare

What do arms dealing, drug smuggling, human trafficking, and smuggling of contraband goods have in common? All these activities require money-laundering to reintroduce their illicit gains back into legitimate businesses in society, and eventually into real bank accounts. With increasing transnational crime, the adage “follow the money” has never been truer. However, given the digitization of financial transactions, the existing number of banking havens, and the addition of the opaque “currency” that is crypto, following the money has never been harder, especially when it comes to digital cash.

Cryptocurrency - Volatile and Unregulated, A Risky Business

Bitcoin, ethereum and cryptocurrencies have suffered a resounding crash this year, resulting in U.S. President Joe Biden leading calls for “critical” new crypto rules. The implosion of the world’s second largest crypto company, FTX Crypto, is the third largest financial crime in U.S. history following Enron, and the Madoff Ponzi scheme, has global ramifications since Crypto exists on all continents: FTX’s bankruptcy filing revealed that it owed \$3.1 billion to its 50 largest creditors, and investors have lost millions. Founder Sam Bankman-Fried has been arrested in the Bahamas for Financial Crimes in the U.S. The indictment, with 8 separate criminal charges, includes the fraudulent use of funds from FTX to keep its sister company, Alameda Research, afloat. He stands accused of violating Campaign Finance laws.

In his testimony to Congress, the new CEO of FTX, John Jay Ray III, noted that there were no management controls or corporate oversight at FTX and nothing to prevent re-directing customer information from FTX. He called Bankman-Fried’s actions “plain old embezzlement.” <https://www.cnbc.com/2022/12/13/live-updates-ftx-collapse-house-lawmakers-hold-hearing-following-arrest-of-founder-sam-bankman-fried.html> The inscrutable, free-wheeling nature of the Crypto industry, with its penchant for fraud, is again exposed, calling into question its supposed status as an alternative global currency and means to individual financial independence. The FTX debacle wiped \$2.2 trillion from Bitcoin, Ethereum, and the crypto market.

JPMorgan has registered a trademark for a digital wallet and related cryptocurrency processing services, a “historical move”. “Whilst the stability of the crypto ecosystem remains in question, JPMorgan continues to make moves toward integrating crypto products,” states Marcus Sotiriou, analyst at GlobalBlock. “JPMorgan’s ongoing interest in bitcoin, ethereum and cryptocurrencies stands in stark contrast to the opinion of chief executive Jamie Dimon, who has repeatedly branded bitcoin and crypto ‘a fraud’ and ‘a Ponzi scheme’ in recent years.”

Clandestine Financial Activities and Businesses of Organized Crime

The Mafia is diabolical and brutal, and has co-existed within the geographical vicinity of the Vatican - two diametrically opposed entities. The Vatican plans to fight the Mafia, The Holy See seeks to establish a new Catholic doctrine on excommunicating organized crime members. While initially operational in Italy, the Mafia’s tentacles reach other parts of Europe, Asia and South America, mostly through vast heroin, drug and financial networks. Historically, their money has been protected in Swiss bank accounts. This “dark” money plays a massive role in global financial crimes and violence. Money laundering by the Mafia encompasses a wide network of business fronts throughout Europe, while the U.S. also has well-connected Mafia families and organizations.

Narco-Trafficking and The Illicit Global Arms Trade

The drug trade is a tough assignment, which increasingly impacts international trade, transpor-

tation routes and floods markets with illegal revenue that needs to be laundered. Drug crimes cause death, do not support tax bases, and intensify violence because of the high money stakes. The case of Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) Agent Jose Irizarry illustrates the hazards of undercover work: ‘In what prosecutors called a “shocking breach of the public’s trust,” he laundered money with a Colombian drug cartel. Irizarry has claimed that corruption is endemic in the powerful U.S. drug agency: “You can’t win an unwinnable war. ... so much dope leaving Colombia, so much money, we’re not making a difference.” That may be disputable, but doubtlessly government agencies face a herculean task trying to squelch supply with demand so high. Global cocaine use is trending upwards, after a pause in 2020, and “the illegal drug industry is a worldwide enterprise with tens of millions of hard core consumers spending hundreds of billions on opiates, cocaine and amphetamines, and marijuana.” <https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/drugs/special/math.html>. Afghanistan, meanwhile, supplies 90% of the world’s opium and heroin.

Illegal Arms Traffickers

Help stoke the escalating violence in conflict zones such as Haiti, Syria, El Salvador, and the Horn of Africa. Arms trafficking facilitates human smuggling and illegal wildlife trafficking, with revenue reinvested to expand reach and power.

Human Trafficking

It consists of sex trafficking,

forced labor, debt bondage, and child sex trafficking. These all constitute modern-day slavery. <https://sf-hrc.org/what-human-trafficking> People are trafficked into prostitution, often at so-called “spas”, indentured labor, or to have their organs harvested. Hundreds die from illicit drug overdoses, especially fentanyl in the U.S, and a global issue as opioid addiction and violence spread in civil societies. Families are happy for relatives to work abroad, unaware of the horrors of indentured servitude that await them.

People rob banks because that’s where the money is: the above-mentioned activities are examples of financial bonanza crimes that entice criminals and propel violence. The shadow economy flourishes because it rakes in trillions of dollars, and it shows no signs of abating https://www.gfintegrity.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Transnational_Crime-final_exec-summary.pdf The intersectionality between the shadow economy and the real one is growing.

Bribery, Fraud and Corruption

D.H. Lawrence wrote “Ours is essentially a tragic age, so we refuse to take it tragically.” Ours is a corrupt world, and bribery and fraud are endemic worldwide from politics to business and more: under the table deals on lucrative construction projects, the promise of reciprocity for political support, off-the-books cash payments for goods/services. In some parts of the world it seems to be the only way to get business done - a little ‘greasing of the palms.’

“The Wolf of Wall Street” movie, based on a true story, is a study in white collar crime and money-laundering. The purported European Parliament’s involvement in the Qatar World Cup, was termed a shocking integrity scandal by a BBC reporter: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-63952993> See Danske Bank’s corruption case https://www.wsj.com/articles/danske-bank-to-pay-2-billion-to-resolve-money-laundering-probes-11670958021?mod=hp_lista_pos5

Implications for Africa

African Heads of State were recently invited to a summit in Washington, D.C. hosted by President Joe Biden. The continent is gaining a higher profile for a number of reasons, not least of which is that a vast number of consumers of western goods will come from Africa. No continent has been able to keep nefarious activities at bay, and neither will Africa, but understanding what is at stake could help: global illicit trade worth up to \$2.2 trillion in 2017 - is likely higher now. This could fund all manner of criminal activities, including financial, terrorism and trafficking, with more violence and havoc to ensue. Africa has vulnerabilities that could be exploited, and Crypto is active here.

Counteracting criminal networks in Africa requires even greater cooperation among global and African law enforcement and crime monitoring agencies to prevent transnational crime syndicates becoming entrenched. AGA-Africa’s digital evidence training is a vital resource in the fight against crime in Africa, helping to follow the money.

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Newsbytes

> Oral Advocacy and Electronic Evidence in Criminal Prosecution & Defence Workshop, 1st - 2nd December 2022, Nigeria



A Group Photo of AGA-Africa Programme, Kogi State Ministry of Justice and the Kogi State Office of the Public Defender and Citizens' Rights Commission, (PDCRC) Representatives with the Workshop Facilitators and Participants

Electronic evidence is fast gaining ground in Nigeria with more than 50 being decided through the use of electronically generated evidence between 2011 and date.

However, for lawyers to succeed in the deployment of electronically generated evidence in arguing their case in court, much attention must be placed on presentation as well as generating the said electronic evidence.

This 2-day training brought together prosecutors, investigators, lawyers, and paralegals as well as local, regional and international subject matter experts from Kenya, Malawi, Nigeria, and the United States.

It was tailored to raise lively and thought-provoking discourse on various issues surrounding the performance of direct examination, cross-examination, and impeachment by inconsistent statements, presentation evi-

dence, arguing motions, objections, hearings, final written addresses, and electronic evidence among others in courts.

The training was also aimed at training the advocates, law officers, and prosecutors in the art of oral advocacy, which will help them to conduct and argue their cases more persuasively in court and to understand the dynamics of electronic evidence which topic is relevant to both criminal and civil matters.



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***A Workshop Participant Receiving a Certificate
during the Closing Ceremony***

> Cryptocurrencies and Crypto Derivatives Workshop, 5th- 6th December 2022, Ghana

The increased use of cyberspace and technology has brought about challenges in the administration of justice across the globe. Amongst these challenges is the increase in the use of cryptocurrencies like bitcoin, whose regulation is still not well understood and is, therefore, prone to being used by criminals to facilitate their activities. The successful investigation of such crimes requires an improvement in the skills and capacity of law enforcement, lawyers, prosecutors, investigators, and other judicial officers in areas such as forensic accounting.

The workshop session provided a platform for the participants to enhance their knowledge and skills levels on the identification, investigation, and adjudication of matters related to cryptocurrency and money laundering, which will help them to identify and solicit the required evidence to effectively

adjudicate all related transactions. The workshop was officially opened by **Prof. Justice Sir Dennis Dominic Adjei**, Justice, Court of Appeal, Ghana. At the opening, **His Lordship Justice Anin Yeboah**, Chief Justice of the Republic of Ghana delivered closing remarks. **Markus Green**, Board Member, AGA-Africa Programme, and **Chukukere Unamba-Oparah**, AGA-Africa Programme Director and Country Coordinator for Kenya, also delivered keynote addresses.

During the opening ceremony, the AGA-Africa Programme donated books to the Judicial Service of Ghana, valued at over forty thousand US dollars (USD \$40,000) on 5th December 2022 in collaboration with Books For Africa and Thomas Reuters Foundation. The Judiciary of Ghana is the first beneficiary of the books donated in Africa, aimed at equipping

the judiciary with the necessary knowledge and skills needed in the criminal justice sector.

The books were donated on 5th December 2022 in Accra Ghana, at a handover ceremony that was opened by **Prof. Justice Sir Dennis Dominic Adjei**, Justice Court of Appeal and Director of the Judicial Training Institute, Ghana.

The Honourable Chief Justice of Ghana, **His Lordship Justice Anin Yeboah**, delivered a keynote address thanking the donation partners for bringing the books to his doorstep which will benefit the judiciary in the ever-changing world. The Chief Justice emphasized that the judiciary must be abreast of current trends and global best practices to improve judicial performance in Ghana.



Prof. Justice Sir Dennis Dominic Adjei, Justice Court of Appeal and Director of the Judicial Training Institute, Ghana



His Lordship Justice Anin Yeboah, Chief Justice of the Republic of Ghana



Markus Green, Board Member, AGA-Africa Programme



A Group Photo of AGA-Africa Programme and the Judicial Training Institute of Ghana (JTI) Representatives with the Workshop Facilitators and Participants



L-R: Chukukere Unamba-Oparah, AGA-Africa Programme Director and Country Coordinator for Kenya, Maame Hagan, Country Coordinator for Ghana, AGA-Africa Programme, Markus Green, Board Member, AGA-Africa Programme, His Lordship Justice Anin Yeboah, Chief Justice of the Republic of Ghana and Prof. Justice Sir Dennis Dominic Adjei, Justice Court of Appeal and Director of the Judicial Training Institute, Ghana during the Books Handover Ceremony

> Cyber, Economic and Financial Crimes, 5th- 6th December 2022, Zambia

The prevalence of economically motivated crime poses a great threat to the economic development and prosperity of the nation and states globally. This threat is more aggravated for developing countries like Zambia whose need for use of economic resources for the improvement of the well-being of its citizens is so urgent.

Overcoming economic and financial crime in its nuanced facets is therefore crucial to Zambia's developmental agenda and quite rightly, detection and prevention of economic and financial crimes is a priority for law enforcement institutions.

This 2-day workshop brought together five Judges of the High Court for Zambia drawn from the Economic and Financial Crimes Division and 15 Magistrates from the Judiciary of Zambia. The workshop provided a platform for the adjudicators to share global best practices as well as enable them to acquire the expertise needed to preside over cyber, economic, and financial crimes competently while laying a focus on the current trends of e-crimes and intricacies involved in presiding over such cases.

"In this digital age, a host of economic and financial crimes are committed in virtual space as

criminals are taking advantage of the rapid technological advances in the banking and financial sector where a crime can be committed anywhere in the world and at any time."

Economic and financial crimes, therefore, largely interface with cyber-crime, which compounds their complexity as criminals continue being highly innovative in the cyber-space," emphasized **Hon. Mrs. Justice Mongeni Mulenga**, Chairperson of the Chairperson - Advisory Committee on Training and Continuing Education, during the opening ceremony.



A Group Photo of AGA-Africa Programme and Judiciary of Zambia Representatives with the Workshop Facilitators and Participants



Panelists Moderating a Session during a Panel Discussion



Dr. Freda Mwamba-Brazle, Managing Partner, Innovatus -Zambia and Country Coordinator for Zambia, AGA-Africa Programme



> Effective Administration of Criminal Justice Workshop, 7th - 8th December 2022, Nigeria

Administration of justice is one of the vital functions of every government if the aim of government is the welfare and happiness of the citizens.

Since society is moving fast, the administration of justice should also move quickly to catch up with society. The action of most states adopting the new Administration of Criminal Justice Law is a step in the right direction. However, the flawless implementation of this action remains a bridge which needs to be crossed to get the

system of administration of the criminal justice to the desired level of effectiveness and efficiency.

In her opening remarks, **Ebelechukwu Enedah**, Country Coordinator for Nigeria for the AGA-Africa Programme highlighted that “technology is becoming a crucial strategy in the successful investigation, prosecution, and adjudication of criminal cases. Hence, there is a need to adopt various trainings for those within the criminal justice sector to increase their skill set in line with

today’s developments, making this training of utmost importance.”

In his Keynote address, **Chief Sir C.O.C Akaolisa**, Hon. Attorney General & Commissioner of Justice Imo State noted that the workshop was very timely and that it would help, the members of the judiciary pinpoint the areas where laws can be amended for the effective administration of justice in Imo State.



Ebelechukwu Enedah, Country Coordinator for Nigeria, AGA-Africa Programme



A Group Photo of AGA-Africa Programme and Imo State Ministry Of Justice Representatives with the Workshop Facilitators and Participants

Related News

KENYA: One of the key considerations for Kenya in its positioning as a global financial services and investment hub is its strategies in combating money laundering and financing of terrorism risks. This has become a key concern, especially with the growing adoption of technology in the financial services sector and increased online transactions. Kenya has been proactive in this area as a member of the Eastern and Southern Africa Anti-Money Laundering Group and an affiliate member of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), the global standard setter on anti-money laundering (AML), and countering the financing of terrorism (CFT). [...Read More](#)

RWANDA: The Financial Action Task Force plans to put Democratic Republic of Congo on a list of countries subject to increased monitoring, the country's Communications Minister Patrick Muyaya said on Saturday.

Congo, a major cobalt and copper producer, will go on the global financial crime watchdog's so-called "grey list" of deficient countries no later than Oct. 21 for shortcomings in stamping out financial corruption, including money laundering and anti-terrorist financing. [...Read More](#)

NIGERIA: The financial services sector is one of the most regulated sectors in the world. Many governments have enforced stringent regulations to oversee the sector, as the importance of moving money around to the economy of any country cannot be overstated. The large volume of transactions can easily foster an environment conducive to money laundering and other criminal activities. To prevent this from happening, "know-your-customer" (KYC), an anti-money laundering standard, has been designed to prevent people from passing off illegitimate money as legiti-

mate. The KYC standard has also helped financial institutions better understand and serve their customers. [...Read more](#)

SOUTH AFRICA: It is believed that 2% to 5% of global GDP, or \$800bn to \$2tn, is laundered annually, and this is a conservative estimate. Money laundering is often associated with illicit weapons sales, smuggling, embezzlement, insider trading, bribery, and computer fraud schemes. It is also prevalent in organised crime, such as human, arms, or drug trafficking. According to a recent global anti-money laundering (AML) research conducted by SAS, the leader in analytics and AI, in partnership with ACAMS and KPMG, 57% of institutions have adopted AI and machine learning (ML) in their AML compliance department or plan to do so imminently. [...Read More](#)

Thank You

Oral Advocacy and Electronic Evidence, Nigeria

- **Hon. Justice Alaba Omolaye-Ajileye**, Judge, High Court of Justice, Kogi State
- **Hon. Justice Abdul Awulu**, Judge, High Court of Justice, Kogi State
- **Carol Thomas-Jacobs**, Chief Deputy Attorney General, Virgin Islands
- **Dzikondianthu Malunda**, Senior Assistant Chief State Advocate, Directorate Public Prosecutions, Malawi
- **Hanningtone Amol**, Team Leader, ALP East Africa in Kenya

Cryptocurrencies and Crypto Derivatives, Ghana

- **John Bridge**, Director of Financial Crimes Technology, Trust Stamp
- **Dr. Herbert Yankson**, Assistant Commissioner of Police and Deputy Commandant of the Ghana Police Academy
- **Tara Swaminatha**, Principal, Zerody Law
- **Sydney Gondwe**, Africa Regional Manager, Crypto Gaming United

Cyber, Economic and Financial Crimes, Zambia

- **Jeffrey B. Welty**, Special Deputy Attorney General North Carolina Department of Justice
- **Davies Chimota**, Digital Forensics Expert, Forensic Handwriting and Questioned Document Expert
- **Gloria Maimbolwa Muyunda**, Acting Assistant Director Legal and Prosecutions with the Anti-Corruption Commission, Zambia
- **Hon. Justice Redson Kapindu**, Judge of the High Court of Malawi and Judge-in-Charge (designate) of the Financial Crimes Division
- **Abbah Usman**, Cybercrime Investigation Digital Forensics Financial Fraud Investigation, Compliance, Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, Nigeria

Effective Administration of Criminal Justice Workshop, Nigeria

- **Leigh M. Skipper**, Partner, Duane Morris
- **Mrs. Ojiugo Chukwumaeze**, Principal State Counsel and the Head of the Etitu Outstation of the Department of Public Prosecutions in the Imo State Ministry of Justice
- **Anthony Chuks Nwaneri**, Private Legal Practitioner
- **Dr. Anthony Idigbe**, SAN, Senior Partner, Punuka Attorneys & Solicitors
- **Hannington Amol**, Advocate of the High Court of Kenya and Team Leader of ALP East Africa in Kenya

Upcoming Events – January 2023

January	
KENYA 17th – 19th	Launch of new EU -Funded AML-CFT project to Counter Illicit Financial flows generated by Transnational Organized Crime and Terrorist Groups – Anti Money Laundering - Counter Financing of Terrorism in Eastern, Southern, Central Africa and Yemen (AML/CFT ESCAY)
MALAWI 27th – 28th	Justice Administration and Delivery System in Malawi Workshop – Malawi Law Society & Malawi Judiciary
KENYA 29th – 2nd Feb	Africa Prosecutors Association Annual General Meeting – Office of the Director of Public Prosecution
UGANDA TBC	Cybercrime Substantive Offences, Cybercrime and Digital Investigations Training for Prosecutors – Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions



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