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Foreword

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Dear Reader,

It is my pleasure to present to you the Fourth Edition of our Newsletter for the year 2023, covering the month of May. In this edition, we are proud to showcase the significant events and activities organised by the Attorney General Alliance - Africa Programme (AGA-Africa) in collaboration with our esteemed stakeholders. Together, we have been steadfast in our efforts to combat transnational organised crime and uphold the principles of the rule of law.

This month, the AGA-Africa Programme organised a *Development Partners Roundtable Breakfast Meeting* with the Malawi Human Rights Commission (MHRC) on 5th May, 2023 in Malawi. The primary objective of the meeting was to create a platform for the AGA-Africa Programme to expand its network of development partners in Malawi. The increase in partners will play a crucial role in enhancing the effectiveness and efficiency of future events aimed at tackling human trafficking within the country.

During the same period, Books for Africa partnered with the Thomson Reuters Foundation and the AGA-Africa Programme to donate Law books valued at over seventy thousand US Dollars (\$70,000) to the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs in Malawi. The handover ceremony took place on 5th May, 2023 at the Bingu International Conference Centre in Lilongwe, Malawi.

The AGA-Africa Programme and the Wildlife Investigators Training Alliance (WITA) collaborated with the Department of National Parks and Wildlife (DNPW) in Malawi on a 2-phased practical workshop titled '*Operation Safe Ranger*'. The workshop took place on the 8th- 9th and 11th-12th of May, 2023. The main objective of the workshop was to provide participants with essential knowledge and skills on global standard ranger safety practices that are critical for saving lives.

The workshop included training in various areas including first aid, recognizing nonverbal threat signals, de-escalation techniques, and tactical situational control.

Around the same period, the AGA-Africa Programme collaborated with the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP) on a highly engaging workshop titled '*Strengthening Anti-Human Trafficking Efforts-Investigation and Prosecution*' which took place from 15th - 19th May, 2023, in Nigeria. The workshop was aimed at equipping the participants with the necessary strategies and tools needed for the effective investigation and prosecution of human trafficking cases in Nigeria.

The Programme also attended the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)/Overseas Prosecutorial Development, Assistance and Training (OPDAT)'s 3-day Africa Regional Colloquium themed '*Enhancing the Delivery of Justice by Addressing Pretrial Detention Challenges*' which was held from 16th - 18th May, 2023 at the United Nations, Nairobi.

We are grateful for the successful collaborations made during the month of May, which have led to our collective achievements. It is with deep appreciation that I extend my gratitude to the following individuals for their invaluable contributions, **Habiba Rezwana Osman**, Chief Executive Officer, Malawi Human Rights Commission; **Shawn Karns**, Executive Director and **Stephanie Durno Karns**, Director of Operations, Wildlife Investigators Training Alliance; **Prof. Fatima Waziri -Azi**, Ph.D, Director-General of the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP); and **Amadou Gallo Fall**, President, Basketball Africa League (BAL) at National Basketball Association (NBA) for the successful collaborations made during the month of May. The AGA-Africa Programme looks forward to future collaborations and continued success in our collective endeavours.

Combating Trafficking in Persons

Trafficking in persons is an illegal business that in some cases capitalizes on international migration flows. It has an enormous impact on its victims, causing them psychological and physical harm and trauma and increasing their chances of contracting grave diseases such as HIV/AIDS. Trafficking in persons constitutes a form of violence against its most frequent victims; women and children. It is also a form of unlawful interference with international family law, as some types of trafficking involve distorting or taking advantage of legitimate family practices. Certain customary practices viewed in some quarters as inherently harmful to human rights and dignity may also contribute to trafficking. In West Africa, trafficking of human beings is a major problem and rooted deep in poverty and the pervasive desire of poor people to migrate in search for better opportunities within the region or outside of it.

Community-led activities are an important prevention tool in action against human trafficking and sustainable progress can be made against human trafficking-

in West Africa without the direct involvement of local institutions and traditional leaders, in the identification of human trafficking and implementation of measures against it.

Community Vigilance Groups led by traditional rulers and religious and community leaders can mobilize community members in rural areas to detect and prevent human trafficking. The groups can be trained to monitor irregularities in the community. Integrating community level structures into a prevention strategy against human trafficking contributes to community empowerment, capacity building and awareness raising at the local level and ensures sustainability of prevention efforts.

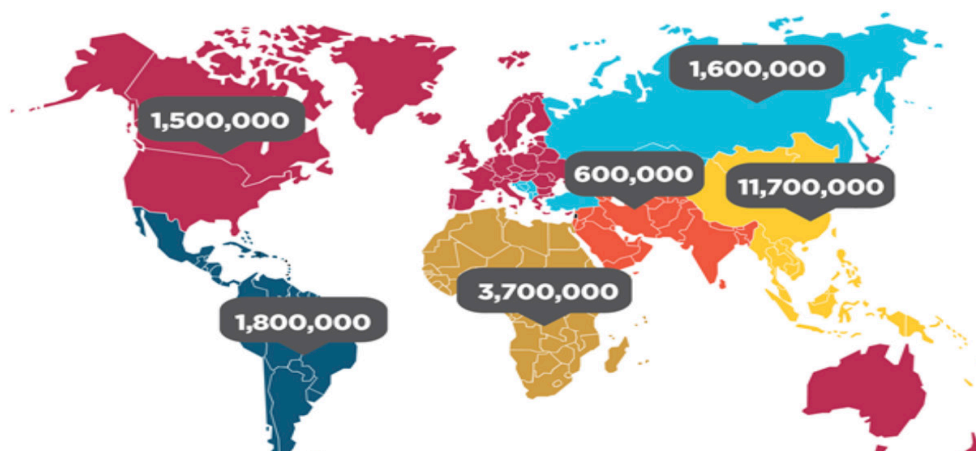
The purpose of training traditional leaders in communities is to introduce the nature and dangers of the trafficking problem, and to make them aware of the gendered nature of the phenomenon throughout the whole trafficking cycle; to understand the concepts of -

forced labour and trafficking; to be able to identify situations of trafficking and forced labour without further traumatizing victims; to raise local population's awareness of the dangers of human trafficking; and to network with other agencies in protecting and assisting victims.

Effective use of the Internet can also be used to spread awareness about anti-trafficking initiatives and to educate the public about the dangers and issues surrounding trafficking in persons, as well as promote bilateral and multilateral networking with a view to stepping up the pressure and addressing the problem.

Comprehensive anti-trafficking databases can connect isolated anti-trafficking groups across regions, provide information to law enforcement and border control officials on persons suspected of being trafficked, assist victims and provide accurate trafficking

21 million people victims of forced labour



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The Underlying Reasons Why Human Trafficking Persists



In his poem Why, former Cameroon refugee, Calvin Simo, writes “Why bring all these people into wars without asking their opinions?” The poem ends: “War. We always know when it starts, but we never know when and how it will end.” -Calvin Simo-

Homo sapiens has been on the move since time immemorial, fleeing war, hunger, conflict and danger, seeking greener, safer, and more hospitable pastures. It is imprinted on our DNA. If disaster movies such as World War Z teach us anything, it's that “to keep moving is to survive” or at least it increases the odds of survival. Perhaps it comes as no surprise that the earliest recorded instance of human trafficking was the African Slave Trade “... the first known international flow of human trafficking.”

The United States passed the first anti-human trafficking law, The Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) in 2000, in direct repose to increased human trafficking. Trafficking patterns track with mass migratory flows, drug and illegal trade routes, and geographical accessibility. The mantra for anti-human trafficking are the 3Ps - Prosecution, Protection and Prevention, which could apply to crimes in general.

In trafficking cases, countries' primary concerns are national and economy security, and then the welfare of trafficking victims (which may seem harsh). It is important to note that migrant smuggling is distinct from human trafficking, although it could lead to trafficking. Holding traffickers to account is difficult because the ringleader(s) are hard to pin down. Lack of accountability feeds this beast and fails to deter traffickers: they reap more illegal profits from trafficking than they pay in fines or jail time, if either of those ever apply. Human trafficking is -

Trafficking of Persons - A Vile Crime of Greed and Exploitation Against Humanity

Even when pitted against human desperation and the need for food, water, shelter, safety and security, the top reason for trafficking in persons is human greed and the propensity for crime organizations to exploit vulnerable people. The 2 most prevalent types of trafficking are for sexual exploitation and indentured bondage, which includes drug mules who use their bodies to smuggle drugs for cartels. Sometimes people migrate legally for work to the Middle East for example, but then have their travel documents seized by their employers, effectively a “kidnapping” situation as they are now no longer free to leave, and in indentured servitude. Is it considered de facto trafficking once their freedoms have been stripped?

Human traffickers are brutal and opportunistic, taking advantage of both legal and illegal migratory flows. The more challenging the refugee and asylum situation, and the tougher the journey, the more likely it is that unscrupulous traffickers will take advantage and separate children from their families under the guise of helping them. In this scenario, women and child asylum seekers traveling alone are most at risk for trafficking which may lead to sexual exploitation or servitude.

Victims of Trafficking - Thailand and the Central African Republic, among others, experience a high degree of -

internal human trafficking. In the former, the exploitation of all genders is mostly sexual; in the latter, largely for domestic work. Apparently, the gangster movies are right, and there is an inordinate amount of human trafficking in Russia and Belarus. Other vulnerable trafficking populations include, though not exclusively: Syrians, the Rohingya, the Roma people, Eritreans, North Africans crossing to Europe, West Africans in Tunisia, Uighurs in China, and here in the U.S. we have vulnerable immigrants who risk exploitation. Almost every continent is affected by trafficking. Consumer behavior can influence drug and human trafficking. While people regularly use recreational drugs, international cartels and local meth labs will keep flourishing, and cartels will kidnap and traffic people to bring illicit products to market.

Sudan and South Sudan are locked in a deadly migratory revolving door due to the flared up conflict in Sudan. South Sudan already has Sudanese migrants from earlier conflicts. The situation is rife for traffickers to pitch passage to another country. The dire conditions and deprivation in refugee camps, and the length of time that families languish there, force people to put their faith and future in the hands of traffickers. Once they have paid their passage, there is no guarantee safe arrival at their destination. The drownings off the-

coast of Italy, and the images of asphyxiated migrants in trucks at U.S. southern border states are horrific.

Human Trafficking in a Volatile World - No End in Sight, Realistically

Climate-Induced Displacement - The factors that facilitate trafficking are increasing, especially when we consider the unknown factor of impending climate damage in certain countries and island nations such as U.S. Gulf states, Florida, the Carolinas, the East Coast, Bahamas, Haiti, the Horn of Africa, Nigeria, Madagascar, Kenya, Uganda, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Micronesia, Philippines, Marshall Islands, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Indonesia, India, Pakistan, France, the UK, Portugal, and New Zealand, among others.

Conflict and Crisis - Countries currently embroiled in conflict include, but are not limited to: Ukraine, Russia, Sudan, Somalia, Eritrea, Yemen, Syria, Afghanistan, Myanmar, Haiti, El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala, Venezuela, Burkina Faso, Mali, Democratic Republic of Congo, Nigeria, and Rwanda. Conflict, war, food and water insecurity, climate-induced migration, economic migration for survival will play out within countries and internationally - a global phenomenon that we are not yet fully equipped to handle.

The world underestimates the power of trafficking rings and cartels at our own peril; they will rise where, and if, we falter. In his poem *Why*, former refugee, Calvin Simo, writes “Why bring all these people into wars without asking their opinions?” The poem ends: “War. We always know when it starts, but we never know when and how it will end.”

International Organizations - Negotiation of better and improved resettlements for climate refugees across the globe, starting with regional corridors, should be a priority. International Labor Organization (ILO) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) estimates hold that 27.6 million people are trafficked and in bondage (not including victims of child marriage).

The wasted potential of young people in refugee camps is criminal, with many spending 5 to 10 years or more in such camps. Traffickers will fill the gap, potentially with fatal consequences or unbearable lives of bondage. We must devise a better system. “Article 25 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights affirms that everyone has the right to an adequate standard of living.” Human Rights, Michael Freeman. Does this include IDPs, refugees and victims of trafficking?

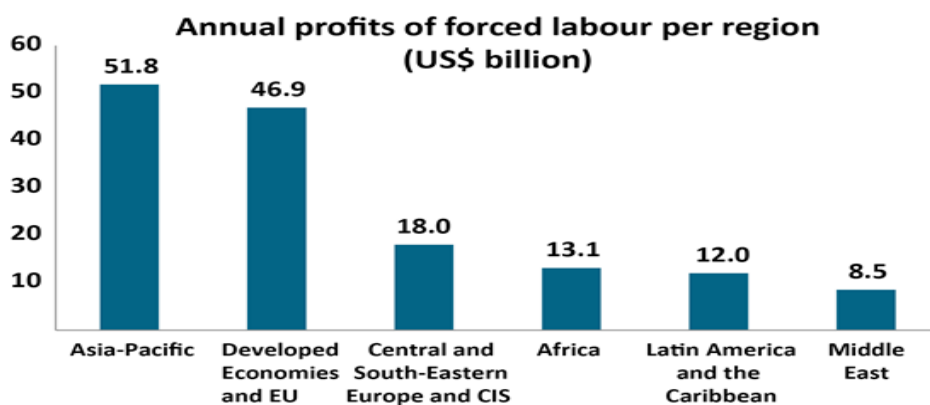
The United Nations - The UN has anti-trafficking measures such as the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons (UN TIP Protocol, see also Palermo Protocol), which seeks the same ends as the U.S. Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA).

Lack of enforcement deprives the UN Protocol of the teeth and gravitas to be a sufficient deterrent to traffickers, so it seems that the “bad guys” are gaining. A global stance against infiltration by bad players is needed to reduce trafficking of humans, drugs, and illegal guns. Inadequate action runs the risk of allowing the bad actors to progress from gaining to “winning” and destabilizing the underpinnings of society and the world.

One overarching issue globally is stemming the rising tide of transnational criminal networks. Must we all first sink into Dante’s *Inferno*? The current world system is failing too many people and nefarious forces constantly exploit these failings, offering alternative means to earn a living.

It has now become a matter of the depth of infiltration and whether we are willing to countenance this or thwart the attack by the underworld? The latter, I’d say.

Forced labour generates annual profits of US\$ 150 billion



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Newbytes

> Development Partners Roundtable Breakfast Meeting , 5th May 2023, Malawi

The AGA-Africa Programme participates in stakeholder roundtable meetings across the continent with the aim of fostering collaboration with its development partners. The Roundtable meetings provide a platform for like-minded institutions to come together to share knowledge, experience, and expertise.

The aim is to collaboratively create solutions and exchange ideas on how to best collaborate, develop mutually beneficial partnerships, and identify strategies to enhance the program and gain a competitive advantage.

The Development Partners Roundtable Breakfast Meeting brought together delegates from the Ministry of Homeland Security in Malawi, International organization for Migration (IOM), and Malawi-

Human Rights Commission (MHRC) with the aim of enhancing collaboration between the development partners. The Meeting was officially opened by **Ms. Rosemary Kanyuka**, Commissioner, Malawi Human Rights Commission. Ms. Kanyuka gave a synopsis of Human Trafficking and singled out various issues including the 376 Malawians, mainly women, who had been trafficked to Oman; the mass graves found in the northern part of Malawi; and challenges faced when relocating refugees from one camp to another.

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In her presentation, **Ms Habiba Osman**, Executive Secretary, Malawi Human Rights Commission noted that although human trafficking and counter-terrorism in Malawi may seem like two separate issues, they are actually interconnected.

“Considering that drivers of both terrorism and human trafficking are almost the same, countering terrorism can also counter human trafficking in the same vein. Countries ought to continue the fight against human trafficking and its root causes, as well as the sexual exploitation of women and girls, in accordance with targets 5.2 and 8.7 of the Sustainable Development Goals, by setting up programs to increase awareness about these crimes”, she added



Ms Habiba Osman, Executive Secretary, Malawi Human Rights Commission



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



Kondwani Kamanga, Desk officer for Trafficking in Persons, Ministry of Homeland Security



Ms Nomagugu Ncube, Chief of Mission, International Organization for Migration



Rosemary Kanyuka, Commissioner, Malawi Human Rights Commission



A Group Photo of the Delegates During the Development Partners Roundtable Meeting

> Law & Democracy Books Handover Ceremony, Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, 5th May 2023, Malawi

Books For Africa partnered with the Thomson Reuters Foundation and the AGA-Africa Programme to donate books valued at over seventy thousand US Dollars (\$70,000) to the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Malawi. The handover ceremony took place on 5th May, 2023 at the Bingu International Conference Centre in Lilongwe, Malawi.

The ceremony was attended by the **Hon. Titus Mvalo**, Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs; **Dzikondianthu Malunda**, State Advocate, Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, Malawi; and **Grace Wasili**, Senior State Advocate Office of the Director Public Prosecutions, Malawi, among other delegates. The AGA-Africa Programme was represented by **John Edozie**, International Advisor AGA-Africa Programme; **Chukukere Unamba-Oparah**, AGA-Africa Programme Director and Country Coordinator for Kenya; and **Gift Caroline Chikwakwa**, AGA-Africa Programme Country Coordinator for Malawi.

Mr. Edozie acknowledged that books are especially important in a world where one can access resources online, as they provide you with permanence and stability.

“The books donated will provide prosecutors with a chance to deepen their knowledge on legal issues in a criminal landscape that is constantly evolving. The information contained in these books will also ensure that the prosecutors are equipped with sufficient knowledge to ensure that justice is served and the rule of law and human rights upheld within our society,” he added.

Receiving the donation on behalf of the Ministry, Hon. Mvalo expressed his gratitude for the books noting that they will not only benefit lawyers and prosecutors but also judges who use the library. Hon. Mvalo pointed out that the books are important for one’s career in the legal profession, enabling practitioners to win their cases in court.



John Edozie, International Advisor, AGA-Africa Programme



Hon. Titus Mvalo, Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs



Grace Wasili, Senior State Advocate, Office of the Director Public Prosecutions, Malawi



The Law and Democracy Books donated to the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Malawi

> Operation Safe Ranger Training, 8th – 9th and 11th – 12th May 2023, Malawi



*John Edozie, International Advisor,
AGA-Africa programme*

Malawi DNPW Game Rangers are on the frontlines of the war against transnational wildlife crime. According to a survey carried out by researchers from the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), nearly 70% of Africa's rangers have come under attack from poachers and almost 90% have also faced at least one life-threatening encounter with animals or people. In many cases, these injuries are preventable with standard Ranger Safety practices like recognizing nonverbal threat signals, de-escalation techniques, and tactical situational control.

The 2-phased training, which was held by the AGA-Africa programme and the Wildlife Investigators Training Alliance (WITA) in collaboration with the Department of National Parks and Wildlife (DNPW), was aimed at enhancing the ranger's understanding of global standard ranger safety practices. This included officer safety skills, which rangers can use to protect themselves from the risks associated with dangerous wildlife, heavily armed poachers, and harsh landscapes.

Speaking during the opening ceremony, -

John Edozie, International Advisor, AGA-Africa Programme highlighted that, "every life saved, every animal rescued and every criminal brought to justice is a victory in the fight against wildlife crimes. Let us t go forth not as victims of circumstance but as warriors of change and let our actions speak louder than the gunshots that echo in our protected areas".

In his remarks, **Brighton Kalembeni Kumchedwa**, Director, Department of National Parks and Wildlife for Malawi noted that, "as we fight battles against wildlife crimes, we must know that there are risks attached to them. Over the years, we have learnt that there has been a gap in minimising these risks. Training our rangers in safety and first aid will help reduce the risks and protect lives."

Shawn Karns, Executive Director, WITA & Criminal Wildlife Investigator emphasised that "as rangers, your safety is of the utmost importance. We want you to return home to your loved ones at the end of each day. Remember, safety is a team effort, and we all play a role in ensuring a safe and successful mission".



*Brighton Kalembeni Kumchedwa,
Director, Department of National
Parks and Wildlife for Malawi*



*Shawn Karns, Executive Director, WITA
and Criminal Wildlife Investigator*



*Workshop Participants during a Practical
Session on First Aid During the Workshop*



*A Workshop Participant Displays his Cer-
tificate During the Closing Ceremony*



A Group Photo of the Workshop Participants with the AGA-Africa Programme, WITA AND DNPW Representatives

> Strengthening Anti-Human Trafficking Efforts Workshop, 15th – 19th May 2023, Nigeria



John Edozie, International Advisor, AGA-Africa Programme



Prof. Fatima Waziri -Azi, Ph.D, Director-General of the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP)



A Workshop Participant Displays his Certificate During the Closing Ceremony

Nigeria has been recognized as a source, transit, and destination country for human trafficking. Human trafficking is a transnational crime that thrives on the exploitation of victims for economic and material benefits by traffickers. It manifests itself in different ways with devastating implications for victims and national and transnational security.

The ‘Strengthening Anti-Human Trafficking Efforts’ workshop in Nigeria brought together officers from the National Agency for Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP), national subject matter experts from Nigeria, as well as, regional and international subject matter experts from Kenya and the United States.

The workshop was aimed at equipping participants with strategies for combating human trafficking, the necessary strategies and tools needed in the investigation and prosecution of human trafficking cases in Nigeria. The workshop further explored challenges faced when carrying out anti-human trafficking intelligence and investigation. Speaking during the opening ceremony, **John Edozie**, International Advisor, AGA-Africa Programme stated that,

“human trafficking is a difficult problem that requires a coordinated response from everyone. The physical, emotional, and psychological toll on victims of trafficking is profound, and the impact on families, communities, and societies as a whole is devastating.”

In her remarks, **Professor Fatima Waziri-Azi, Ph.D**, Director-General of the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons stated that “the successful prosecution of human trafficking as a deterrent depends on the investigators ability to successfully collect intelligence and Investigate allegations of human trafficking. In the same breath prosecutors must also be able to present relevant evidence before a court of law to ensure convictions.”

Professor Fatima Waziri-Azi, Ph.D added that “unsuccessful prosecutions could be linked to the disconnect between investigators and prosecutors, which leads to the lack of adequate evidence being presented in court. Prosecutors and investigators should thus work together to develop strategies, KPI’s, resource allocation plans, and evidence mapping”.



A Group Photo of the Workshop Participants with AGA-Africa Programme and NAPTIP Representatives

> Africa Regional Colloquium: Enhancing the Delivery of Justice by Addressing Pre-trial Detention Challenges, 16th - 18th May 2023, Kenya

The Africa Regional Colloquium themed 'Enhancing the Delivery of Justice by Addressing Pretrial Detention Challenges' was organised by the USDOJ/OPDAT, and co-hosted by several esteemed organisations and institutions, including the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Anti-Money Laundering/Combating the Financing of Terrorism Platform in East, South, Central Africa, and Yemen (AML-CFT ESCAY), the Judiciary of Kenya, the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions Kenya, U.S. Department of State Bureau of Counterterrorism, US Dept. of State Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL), the European Union, British High Commission, and the International Institute for Justice and the Rule of Law.

The Regional Colloquium served as a platform for 21 African countries to come together and share knowledge and experiences. These countries -

included Algeria, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Kenya, Morocco, Niger, Nigeria, Togo, Tunisia, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Malawi, Djibouti, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Namibia, and Botswana.

The opening ceremony of the Colloquium was graced by esteemed government and international officials, including **Hon. Justice Martha Koome, EGH**, Chief Justice and President of the Supreme Court of Kenya; **Noordin Haji**, Director of Public Prosecutions Kenya; **Kenneth Polite, Jr.**, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice; **Neil Walsh**, Regional Representative for UNODC in Eastern Africa, United Nations; **Katrin Hagemann**, Deputy Head of Delegation, EU Embassy to Kenya; and **Marc Dillard**, Deputy Chief of Mission, U.S. Embassy Nairobi.

Speaking during the opening ceremony, the Director of Public Prosecutions Kenya, **Noordin Haji**, emphasised that, "it is -

my considered opinion that pre-trial detention should not be used as a form of punishment, but rather as a means of ensuring public safety and protecting the rights of both the accused and victims of crime. We hope that this Colloquium can explore ways to develop a pretrial risk assessment tool that considers the cultural, economic, and social well-being of the offenders."

In her keynote remarks, **Hon. Justice Martha Koome, EGH**, Chief Justice and President of the Supreme Court of Kenya noted that, "According to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, over 600,000 people are held in pretrial detention in Africa, and the average pretrial detention period is over a year. As custodians of the law, we must strive to ensure that our justice systems are both efficient and effective. We must work towards streamlining court processes, and leveraging on technology to expedite court proceedings," She added.



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



Noordin Haji, Director of Public Prosecutions Kenya



Neil Walsh, Regional Representative for UNODC in Eastern Africa, United Nations



A Group Photo of the Delegates who attended the Regional Colloquium

> Stakeholder Engagement Meeting with the Office of the Attorney General of Kenya & the Advocates Complaints Commission-Kenya, 30th May 2023, Kenya

The AGA-Africa Programme held a Stakeholder Engagement Meeting with **Hon. Justin Muturi**, Attorney General of the Republic of Kenya and delegates from the Advocates Complaints Commission of Kenya led by Hon. Moses Kipkemboi Cheboi, Chairman of the Commission in Nairobi.

The meeting officially kicked off with a side meeting with commissioners from the Advocates Complaints Commission (ACC) who included **Comm. Peter Ereri Nyagah**, **Comm. Prof. Collins Odote**, **Comm. Mueni Kalola**, **Comm. Patrick Maina Muriuki**, **Ms. Naghea H. Daido** (Senior State Counsel, ACC) and **Mr. Qatamur Barako Elema**, Personal Assistant to the Hon. Attorney General, where deliberations on ongoing areas of collaborations were highlighted ahead of the meeting with the Attorney General.

During the meeting with the Attorney General, Mr. Unamba-Oparah gave an overview of the Programme's work across the continent highlighting the AGA-Africa Programme's work in Kenya with various stakeholders as well as work we have done with the Attorney General's office in Kenya since 2017.

Hon. Muturi expressed interest in signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Programme to signify sustainability of the relationship between AGA-Africa and the office of the Attorney General of Kenya.

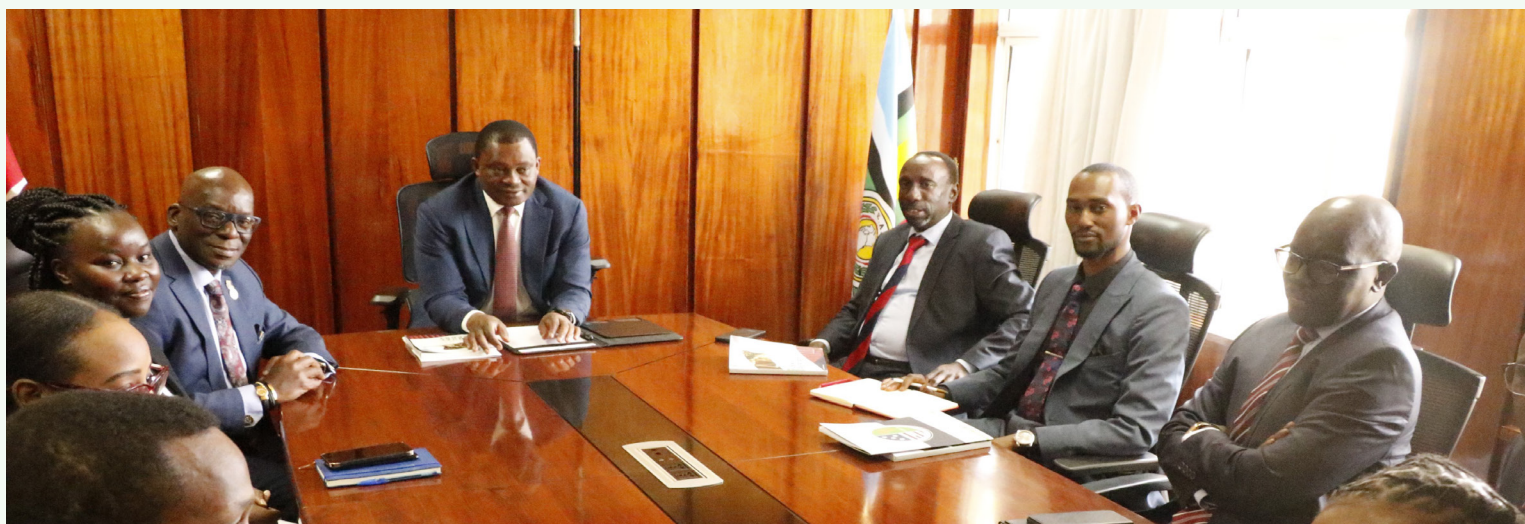
He also expressed interest for a training need on two areas of focus, which include Legislative drafting on Climate Change and Anti-Money Laundering.



Chukukere Unamba-Oparah, AGA-Africa Programme Director and Country Coordinator for Kenya greets the Hon. Justin Muturi, Attorney General of the Republic of Kenya during the meeting



A group photo of the AGA-Africa Programme and ACC Representatives with Hon. Justin Muturi, Attorney General of the Republic of Kenya during the meeting



A group photo of the AGA-Africa Programme and ACC Representatives with Hon. Justin Muturi, Attorney General of the Republic of Kenya during the meeting

Thank You

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> Operation Safe Ranger Training, Malawi

Shawn Karns, Executive Director, Wildlife Investigators Training Alliance

Stephanie Karns, Director of Operations, Wildlife Investigators Training Alliance.

> Strengthening Anti-Human Trafficking Efforts-Investigation and Prosecution Workshop, Nigeria

Kyle George, First Assistant Attorney General for the State of Nevada

Olufemi Fatunde, Consultant, British Council on the Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption Component

AIG Christopher Owolabi (Rtd), Retired Police Officer

Erherhebue Emumetakpor LLB, Solicitor and Advocate of the Supreme Court of Nigeria

Anita Nyajong, Advocate, High Court of Kenya

Upcoming Events - June 2023

JUNE	
GHANA 5th - 7th	Whole of Community Approach in Countering Narcotic Drug and Human Trafficking– Ghana Police
KENYA 13th – 15th	Consumer Protection Conference – Anti-Counterfeiting Agency
CALIFORNIA 19th – 23rd	AGA Conference
NIGERIA 20th – 22nd	Asset Forfeiture Regime under Nigerian Law and Bench's View of the Capital Market– Nigerian Judicial Institute (NJI)
UGANDA 27th – 28th	Cybercrime Substantive Offences, Cybercrime and Digital Investigations Workshop– Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions
SOUTH AFRICA 28th	Webinar on Consumer Be Aware: The Wild World of e-Commerce – University of Pretoria
KENYA TO BE CONFIRMED	Benchmarking Exercise to the US – Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions



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