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International Cooperation in Criminal Matters and Networks

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Technical Assistance/tools in cross cutting and specialized areas to criminal justice officials/civil society/private sector with focus on international/regional cooperation, including

Advice and Support to establish and strengthen specialized units/task teams/forces/regional networks of practitioners.

Formal and Informal Cooperation

Extradition

Law enforcement intelligence centres
Networks of Contact Points of
Central Authorities and Prosecutors
Judicial Platforms
Other authorities

Mutual Legal Assistance

Transfer Sentenced Persons

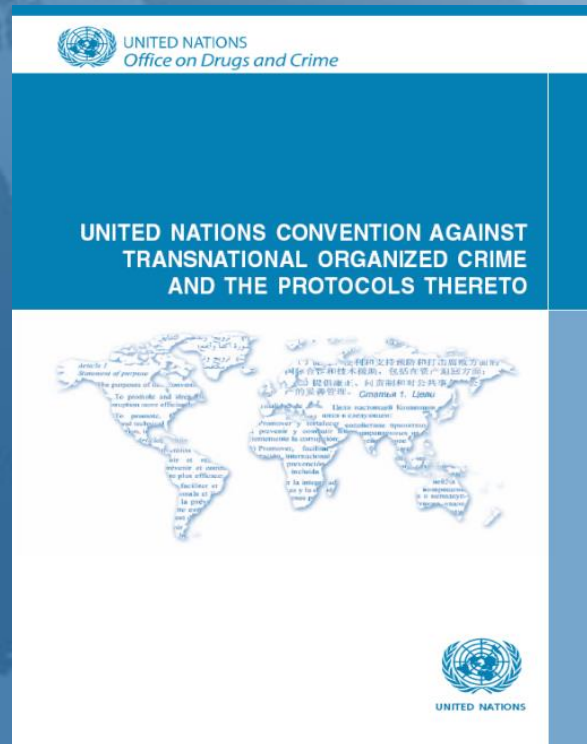
Confiscation of proceeds

Joint Investigations

Special Investigative Techniques

Liaison officers

Witness protection



Challenges

- Lack of institutionalization of the Central Authority (with training, expertise, resourced, case tracking, using modern communication channels);
- Difficulties in understanding material and procedural laws of foreign countries.
- Difficulties in establishing direct contacts and communicating with prosecutors and Central Authorities of other countries.

Challenges

- Complicated procedures for national level coordination;
- Lack of informal consultations prior to sending formal requests and/or excessive restrictions on the provision of information
- Different languages and translations;
- Lack of information about how to preserve electronic evidence and how to formulate requests for such information.

Support, Training & Networks

**Establish
&
Strengthen
Central
Authorities**

**National,
Regional
&
Train the
Trainer**

**Networks of
Central
Authorities
and
Prosecutors**

Mandates

- **CCPCJ Resolution 19/7**
- **COP Resolutions 5/8 and 6/1**
- **GA Resolution 69/193 of
08/12/14**
- **Bamako Declaration 12/2011
(West Africa)**

benefits of networks

- Facilitate direct contacts between dedicated focal points & Central Authorities
 - resulting in better communication and cooperation to overcome obstacles to MLA and Extradition
- Platform to enhance skills & knowledge by training, exchange of information & good practices; identification of gaps in laws and practice; development and dissemination of tools.
- -- resulting in more effective and efficient processes and more successful requests leading to more successful prosecutions.



WACAP

West African Network of Central Authorities
and Prosecutors against Organized Crime

CASC

Network of Prosecutors and Central Authorities from Source, Transit
and Destination Countries in response to Transnational Organized Crime
in Central Asia and Southern Caucasus

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WACAP and CASC

Objectives:

- Establishing effective and strengthened Central Authorities
- Capacity building of practitioners
- Exchange of information, good practices and legislation
- Cooperation with countries within and outside the region
- Facilitate operational coordination between 2 or more countries
- Cooperation with other networks and exchange lists of focal points

Modus Operandi:

- Network plenary meetings (once or twice a year)
- Inter-regional and national training courses for criminal justice practitioners held in cooperation with the national and regional training institutions
- Under WACAP, Train the Trainer program in 2016
- WACAPNET.org Website and newsletters

Impact, Impact, Impact!

- Focal points report a greater efficiency in handling incoming and outgoing requests for MLA and extradition
- Action taken upon informal request before the formal request is received to speed up the process
- First requests made to countries & long-standing obstacles settled due to trust/contacts
- Cooperation in on-going cases is facilitated
- Institutionalizing the central authority
- Identification of national coordination issues (between MFA and MOJ)
- Training for investigators, prosecutors, judges

-  Benin
-  Burkina Faso
-  Cabo Verde
-  Cote D'Ivoire
-  Gambia
-  Ghana
-  Guinea Bissau
-  Guinea
-  Liberia
-  Mali
-  Mauritania
-  Niger
-  Nigeria
-  Senegal
-  Sierra Leone
-  Togo



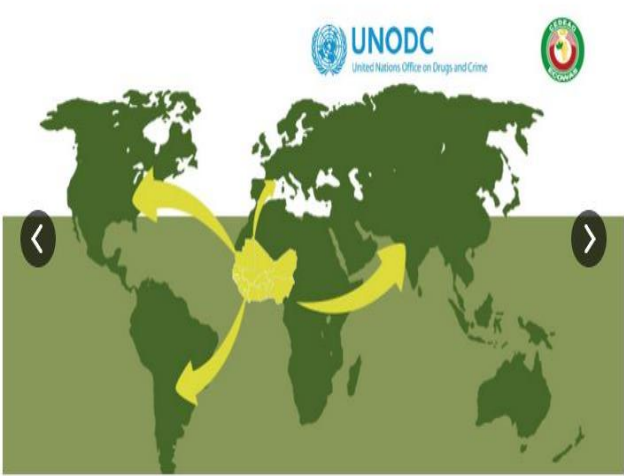
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**Launched in
May 2013.
Network of
focal points of
all fifteen (15)
ECOWAS
countries plus
Mauritania.**



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- Senegal



5th joint meeting in Nigeria 5-8 Oct 2015
 The joint meeting of the West African Network of Central Authorities and Prosecutors against Organized Crime (WACAP), the Asset Recovery Inter-Agency Network for West Africa (ARINWA) and the Sahel Platform for Judicial Cooperation was held in Abuja, Nigeria, from 5 to 8 October 2015. The Master of Ceremony, Mr Plus ... Read More »



4th WACAP Plenary and Ministerial Meeting: 23-26 March 2015, Ghana
 "Transnational organized crime and illicit drug trafficking continue, at present day, to threaten the security, the rule of law, the democracy and the development of many regions of the world," asserted Mr Pierre Lapaque, Regional Representative of UNODC for

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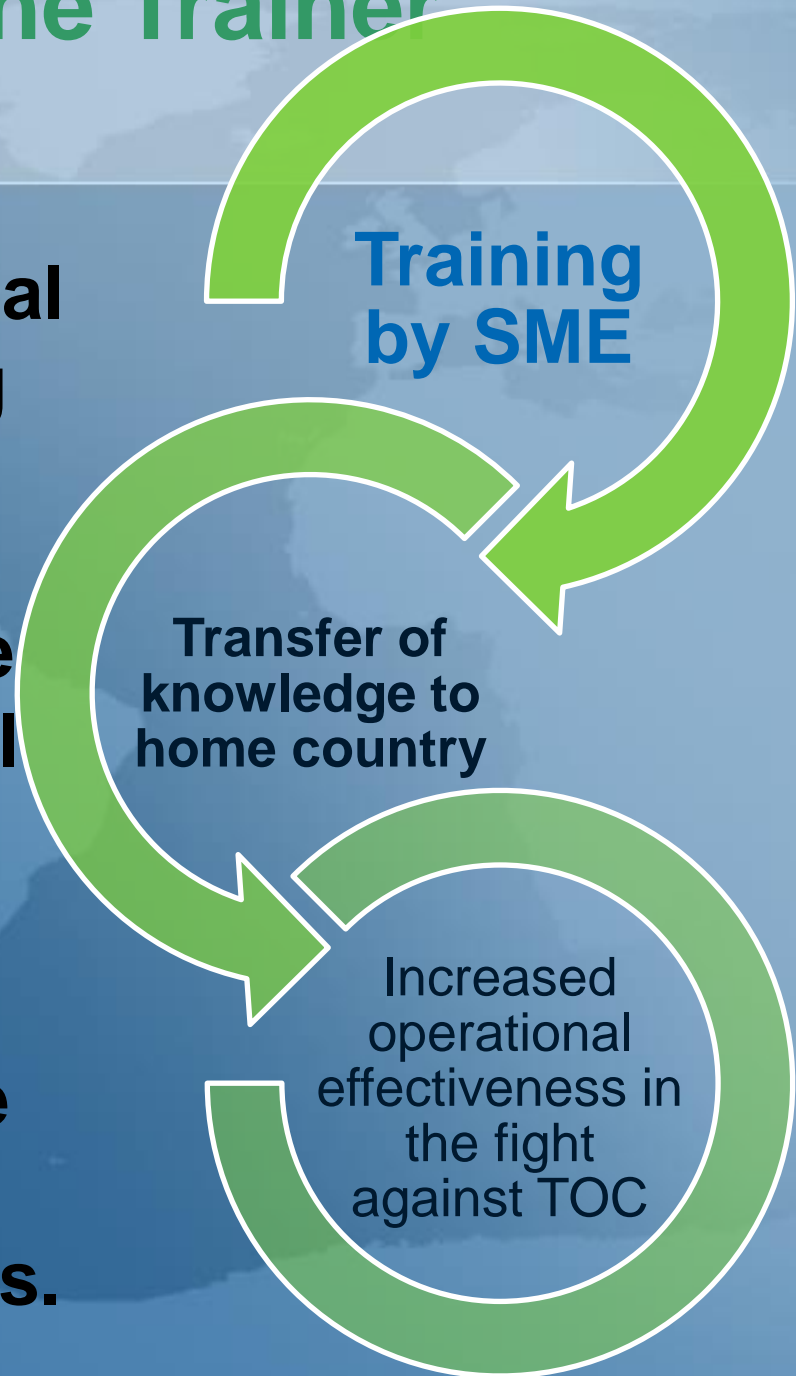
In this newsletter:

- The WACAP, the Inter-Agency Network on Asset Recovery in West Africa (ARINWA) and Sahel Platform on Judicial Cooperation joint meeting in Abuja, Nigeria, 5-8 October 2015
- The effective Central Authorities and International Cooperation, by Jeffrey M. Olson, Department of Justice, USA
- Overview of trainings in 2015 in Western Africa and upcoming Train the Trainer Programme
- Contribution of WACAP focal points: Niger
- Brazil training offer



Train the Trainer

TOT on international legal assistance and teaching methodology. It includes training on extradition, MLA and the redesigned Mutual Legal Assistance Request Writer Tool. It will facilitate learners to transfer their knowledge of international legal assistance to their peers.



- CASC ACTIVITIES: Three network plenary meetings (Astana, Tbilisi and Erevan)
- Addressed issues of (i) transnational trafficking of Afghan opiates via the northern routes, (ii) exchange of digital evidence in organized crime investigations/prosecutions, and (iii) asset recovery, respectively
- Facilitated exchange of practices, contacts and execution of MLA requests among MLA Central Authorities and senior prosecutors from 20 countries (8 CASC countries, i.e. Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, as well as Afghanistan, France, Iran, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway, Switzerland, Sweden, the Russian Federation, UK and USA)

Impact on investigations & prosecutions

- **Kazakhstan and Switzerland** – seizure of 100 million EURO in Switzerland allegedly controlled by of the former mayor of Almaty
- **Kyrgyzstan and USA** – recovery of USD 6 million seized and put on special account of the US Department of the Treasury (FBI case of the U.K. businessman accused of aiding a former high-level government official of Kyrgyzstan in an insider-trading scheme)
- **Kyrgyzstan and Georgia** – discussed a draft MLA request to be sent to Kyrgyzstan
- **Kyrgyzstan and Latvia** – laundering of corrupt proceed via banks of Latvia
- **Uzbekistan and Latvia** – recovery from Latvia of public funds of 2.5 million EURO embezzled in Uzbekistan
- **Uzbekistan and Sweden as well as Uzbekistan and Switzerland** - large scale corruption cases

IMPACT

- **Turkmenistan and Germany** - large scale theft of luxurious German cars some of which were bought by Turkmen nationals and imported in Turkmenistan from UAE
- **Turkmenistan and USA** - drug trafficking investigation conducted in the U.S. that required the identification of a suspect in Turkmenistan based on DNA forensics
- **Armenia and USA** as well as **Georgia and USA** - fraud committed via Internet
- **Kazakhstan and Georgia** -allocation of a suspect in drug trafficking by seeking real-time information about the origin of the e-mail
- **Kazakhstan and Germany** - cases involving Kazakh victims of online car-buying scams

OCB Tools



- **MLA Request Writer Tool**
- **Guides on MLA, Asset Confiscation and Transfer of Sentenced Persons and Best Practice guides.**
- **Basic tips for investigators and prosecutors for requesting electronic/digital data/evidence from foreign jurisdictions**
- **Train the trainer programme on international cooperation**
- **Online directory of competent national authorities**
- **SHERLOC data base**

SHaring Electronic Resources and Laws On Crime

<http://sherloc.unodc.org>



**SHaring Electronic Resources and
Laws On Crime**

The SHERLOC portal is an initiative to facilitate the dissemination of information regarding the implementation of the **UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime** and its three Protocols.



Case Law Database

A comprehensive case law database that allows you to see how Member States are tackling organized crime cases in their courts.



Database of Legislation

An electronic repository of laws relevant to the requirements of the Organized Crime Convention and the Protocols thereto. Most of the legislation included in this database has been enacted specifically to counter the relevant crime type. For more information click [here](#).



CNA Directory

Directory of competent national authorities that have been designated to receive, respond and process requests pertaining to mutual legal assistance, extradition and transfer of sentenced prisoners, smuggling of migrants and trafficking in firearms.



Bibliographic Database

An annotated bibliography providing a synopsis of key articles that are search-able by countries, research methods and keywords. The database is under development and currently includes research on migrant smuggling.

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- UNTOC
- 1988 Drug Convention
- Competent national authorities
 - Mutual legal assistance
 - Transfer of sentenced persons
 - Smuggling of migrants
 - Trafficking in firearms
 - Trafficking in cultural property
- Fully integrated into SHERLOC in 2016



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Directory of Competent National Authorities

under Articles 6, 7 and 17 of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988 and Competent National Authorities under the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime

Répertoire des autorités nationales compétentes

au titre des articles 6, 7 et 17 de la Convention des Nations Unies contre le trafic illicite de stupéfiants et de substances psychotropes de 1988 et des autorités nationales compétentes au titre de la Convention des Nations Unies contre la criminalité transnationale organisée

Directorio de autoridades nacionales competentes

en virtud de los artículos 6, 7 y 17 de la Convención de las Naciones Unidas contra el Tráfico Ilícito de Estupefacientes y Sustancias Psicotrópicas de 1988 y autoridades nacionales competentes en virtud de la Convención de las Naciones Unidas contra la Delincuencia Organizada Transnacional

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