FOREWORD

Dear Readers,

It is my pleasure to introduce the seventh edition of the CWAG AAP Monthly newsletter. We continue to work with our partners to strengthen the rule of law and combat transnational crimes. CWAG AAP is proud to have participated in the 6th INTERPOL Global Conference on Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling in Abuja, Nigeria, this September. We continue to support initiatives to combat human trafficking syndicates in Nigeria and across the world. CWAG AAP during the conference partnered with NAPTIP to host the Gala Dinner for the Global Conference on Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling.

We anticipate that October will be an exciting month with enlightening programmes. These include the Anti-Counterfeit Drugs And Substance Abuse Workshop in collaboration with the Ministry of Justice of Rwanda and the African Prosecution Association Annual Conference in collaboration with African Prosecutors Association (APA) in Mauritius.

I wish to thank NAPTIP led by the Director General NAPTIP, Dame-Julie Okah-Donli, and the Secretary General, INTERPOL, Jurgen Stock and all his INTERPOL colleagues for hosting a successful conference. We look forward to more productive collaborations.

Regards,
Mr. Markus Green ESQ.
6TH INTERPOL GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND MIGRANT SMUGGLING IN ABUJA, NIGERIA.

Over 400 delegates from 70 countries gathered at the 6th INTERPOL Global Conference in Abuja, Nigeria from 24th-25th September, 2018, to forge a common front against the complex international criminal groups behind human trafficking and migrant smuggling.

The annual INTERPOL meeting brought together law enforcement agencies, international organizations, NGOs and the private sector to enhance international cooperation, exchange information and experiences, and consolidate strong networks to combat the organized criminal groups behind the trafficking in human beings and smuggling of migrants. The conference was organized by INTERPOL in partnership with the Nigeria Police Force, Nigeria Immigration Service and the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP).

Among the topics of discussion were; current threats and trends, the financial flows behind the crimes, the crucial role of cross-sector partnerships, how to overcome obstacles to prosecution and the use of technology and data in investigations.

Addressing the Conference, the Secretary General INTERPOL, Jürgen Stock said human traffickers sell false hope to their victims with the end result being exploitation, danger and sometimes even death. "Men, women and children are shuffled around like commodities as the traffickers focus their efforts on making even bigger profits. These are terrible crimes targeting vulnerable victims, and it is essential that we continue with a holistic approach across all sectors if we are to effectively combat this threat.'

In remarks delivered on behalf of Nigerian President Hon. Muhammadu Buhari by Olusegun Adeyemi Adekunle, Office of the Secretary of the Federation, he highlighted the strong link between human trafficking, migrant smuggling and corruption: "Unless we fight corruption in developing economies like ours, the little resources budgeted for development will be stolen by few elites, exposing our youth to poverty, and thus becoming vulnerable to trafficking and smuggling."
6TH INTERPOL GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND MIGRANT SMUGGLING IN ABUJA, NIGERIA.

Julie Okah-Donli, Director General, NAPTIP Nigeria, said that Human Trafficking is a complex crime that goes beyond national borders and requires the cooperation of International Police to effectively stem the tide of the menace. Thereafter, she gave a comprehensive vision on NAPTIP’s efforts to combat human trafficking and called for all stakeholders to do more.

Paul Stanfield, Interpol Director Of Organized Crime stated that the main agenda of the conference is to talk about what more can be done against this scourge.

Stuart Symington, US Ambassador to Nigeria highlighted the value of forming strong networks against those that seek to do harm.

Mr. Markus Green, CWAG AAP Board Member outlined activities of CWAG AAP on the continent and reinstated the commitment of the Africa Alliance partnership to Africa in combating transnational crimes.

The 6th Global Conference hosted in for the first time in Africa was an opportunity to highlight the importance of a uniform approach to combating this organized crime syndicate. The conference was followed by a glamorous Gala Night hosted by NAPTIP and sponsored by CWAG AAP.
TH INTERPOL GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND MIGRANT SMUGGLING. ABUJA, NIGERIA.

(L-R) Julie Okah-Donli, NAPTIP Director General & Jürgen Stock, INTERPOL Secretary General.

Paul Stanfield, INTERPOL Director of Organized and Emerging Crime delivering his opening remarks.

(L-R) Jürgen Stock, INTERPOL Secretary General, Julie Okah-Donli, NAPTIP Director General, Olusegun Adeyemi Adekunle, Office of the Secretary to the Government & Agboola Oshodi, Assistant Inspector General of Police.

Agboola Oshodi, Assistant Inspector General of Police, delivering his opening remarks at the 6th Interpol Global Conference.

A cross section of conference delegates during the global Interpol Conference on Human Trafficking.

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6TH INTERPOL GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND MIGRANT SMUGGLING. GALA NIGHT. ABUJA, NIGERIA.

L-R) CWAG AAP Board Member, Mr. Markus Green ESQ shares a light moment with INTERPOL Secretary General, Jurgen Stock

Julie Okah-Donli, DG NAPTIP (centre) with CWAG AAP representatives (L-R) Chuks Unamba-Oparah, John Edozie, Mrs. Ebele Enedah & Afam Mmagu during the gala night.

(L-R) Stuart Symington, US Ambassador to Nigeria, Jürgen Stock, INTERPOL Secretary General, & Julie Okah-Donli, Director General of NAPTIP during the gala dinner.

(L-R) Mr Markus Green ESQ, NAPTIP Brand Ambassador, King Tonto Dikeh, Samson Siasia along with conference delegate during the gala night.

Paul Steinfeld, Interpol Director of Organized crime, Julie Okah-Donli, DG NAPTIP, Jurgen Stock, INTERPOL Secretary General at the conference.

Julie Okah-Donli, Director General of NAPTIP during gala dinner.

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CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

October is International Cyber Security Awareness Month (CSAM). CSAM is an internationally recognized campaign held each October to inform the public of the importance of cyber security.

Cyber crime is now recognized as a threat to national security. Africa has become more vulnerable to general online security threats. It is estimated that 80% of all personal computers on the continent are infected with viruses and other malicious software.

A fundamental problem in combating cybercrime in Africa is a general lack of understanding about what cybercrime really is, and of cyber law enforcement mechanisms.

CWAG AAP recognizes the critical need to train law enforcement and judiciary officers on how to arrest, prosecute and try cyber criminals, through our tailor made workshops across Africa. And the importance of governments prioritizing cyber crime legislation and amending existing laws to include electronic evidence to ensure effective prosecution of cyber security related cases.


VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK, RWANDA

Volcanoes National Park is one of Rwanda’s most popular tourist destination. The park lies along the Virunga Mountains, with 8 ancient volcanoes, which are shared by Rwanda, Uganda and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Just a short two hour drive from Rwanda’s capital of Kigali, the park is a central location for exploring some distinctly Rwandan experiences. Volcanoes National Park is home to around a third of the world’s population of critically endangered Mountain Gorillas. While a visit to the mountain gorillas is often at the top of visitor, the dramatic landscape also offers thrilling hiking and visits to the fascinating golden monkeys.

The park also harbors 178 bird species including at least 29 endemics to Rwenzori mountains. Other activities in the park involve; hiking Karisimbi Volcano or Mt. Bisoke and visiting the twin lakes of Ruhondo and Bulera.

Volcanoes National Park also has a historic connection with gorilla conservation. It was the base for the ground-breaking work of primatologist Dian Fossey which started in the late 1960s and is evocatively portrayed in the book and film Gorillas in the Mist.

Rwanda is now home to twelve habituated groups of mountain gorillas that are scattered all over Volcanoes National Park.

Upcoming Events

**OCTOBER**
*Kigali, Rwanda*
16th Oct - 17th Oct
CWAG AAP training workshop on **Anti-Counterfeit Drugs** in collaboration with the **Ministry of Justice Rwanda**

*Port Louis, Mauritius*
30th Oct – 1st Nov
**African Prosecution Association Annual Conference.**
CWAG AAP presenting on **Prosecutorial Independence and Accountability: a prerequisite of the rule of law**

**NOVEMBER**
*South Africa*
5th Nov
CWAG AAP training seminar on **Human Trafficking** in collaboration with the **South Africa Human Rights Commission**.

*Mombasa, Kenya*
28th Nov – 1st Dec
**East African Law Society Annual Conference**
CWAG AAP presenting on **Trial Advocacy & Transnational crimes and effects on cross border Trade.**

**DECEMBER**
*Lagos, Nigeria*
10th Dec-11th Dec
CWAG AAP training workshop on **Credit Reporting** in collaboration with the **Lagos Business School**

*Blantyre, Malawi*
13th Dec – 14th Dec
CWAG AAP training workshop on **Human Trafficking** in collaboration with **Malawi Network against Trafficking (MNAT)***
Partnering with us means, your organization will help build public awareness and increase both organizational and individual capacity to combat the cross border crimes in Africa

You can partner with us in any of the following ways

**Financial Support**
This is a great way for organizations and individuals to quickly and easily get involved in our mission.

**In-Kind Donation**
By making an in-kind donation, you’ll help us to do more.
- Venue Hire
- Workshop / Conference beverages
- Team travel expense
- Team accommodation
- Participant giveaways

**Event Sponsorships**
Showcase your commitment to the fight against transnational crimes choose the theme for workshops, symposiums and conferences your organization would like to partner with us on.

**Collaboration**
Enter into an Memorandum of Understanding to sponsor a yearly conference / Workshops in one of the 8 countries we are currently working in.

**CWAG AAP Ambassador**
Become an Ambassador for CWAG AAP in its fight against transnational crimes by agreeing to partner with CWAG AAP.

Interested in supporting the rule of law and combating transnational crimes in Africa?

Contact us today for more information on our sponsorship programme.
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