FOREWORD

Dear Readers,

It is my pleasure to introduce the eighth edition of the CWAG AAP Monthly newsletter. CWAG AAP continues to work with our partners to strengthen the rule of law and a universal justice system that serves victims, through diverse joint capacity building programmes across Africa.

In October, CWAG AAP strengthened its resolve to combat the spread of counterfeit drugs by collaborating with the Rwanda Ministry of Justice (MINJUST) to host a two day workshop on “Effective Strategies for Countering Counterfeit Drugs and Substance Abuse” in Kigali, Rwanda.

CWAG AAP also participated in the Africa Prosecutors Association, 13th Annual Conference in Mauritius. The Africa Prosecutors Association (APA), an organisation of 30 African prosecution authorities, was established in 2003 to enhance cooperation between prosecution agencies and authorities in Africa.

We are grateful to the Honorable Minister of Justice of Rwanda Johnston Busingye, and Providence Umurungi, Head of Department - Principal State Attorney, Ministry of Justice Rwanda and their teams for the ongoing relationship between CWAG AAP and the Government of Rwanda in our joint efforts to foster international collaborations, to strengthen the rule of law and build institutional capacity to tackle the global scourge of transnational crime.

I wish to thank the conference Hosts, The office of the Director of Public Prosecutions Mauritius, led by the DPP of Mauritius Satyajit Boolell and his team, for their hospitality, the outgoing President of the Africa Prosecutors Association also the Attorney General of Angola Dr Helder Fernando Pitta Groz and the Executive Board for the CWAG AAP invitation to participate at the 13th Annual APA Conference in Mauritius and meet with the Executive team. On behalf of CWAG AAP I also extend a hearty congratulations to the newly elected APA President, Advocate General of Egypt Kamel Samir Kamel and the newly constituted APA Exco and look forward to the commencement of our joint programmes during 2019.

A big thank you to our CWAG facilitators; Attorney General of Alaska, Jahna Lindemuth, Pierre Souverain, Patrick Holt, (Pfizer) and Obianuju Otudor of Punuka Associates for their unstinting support for the CWAG AAP programme. In addition I would like to thank our guest facilitators Dr. Charles Karangwa (ISECA) Mohamed Daghar & Charles Goredema (ISS) and their respective organizations for their cooperation and support in ensuring that the workshop was a success.

Finally I would like to thank Dictum, CWAG AAP country representatives in Rwanda and their team, for the excellent work in organizing a successful workshop in Kigali.

Best Regards,
Mr. Markus Green ESQ.
CWAG AAP in collaboration with the Ministry of Justice – Republic of Rwanda (MINJUST) jointly organized a two day workshop on Effective Strategies for Countering Counterfeit Drugs and Substance Abuse on the 16th-17th November in Kigali, Rwanda. The workshop brought together over 80 participants from various law enforcement and other stakeholders agencies responsible for combating counterfeit drugs and substance abuse in Rwanda.

The workshop aimed to work with anti counterfeit drugs and substance abuse actors in Rwanda, to handle emerging issues in the investigation and prosecution of counterfeit drug related cases.

Providence Umurungi, Head of International Justice and Judicial Cooperation (IJJC) Department, during her opening remarks welcomed participants to the workshop and recognized the CWAG AAP officials present. She commended them for their commitment to working with the Ministry of Justice and availing seminars on transnational crimes.

"As the government, we strive to build capacity of stakeholders in the sector of the administration of justice. Increased exchange of knowledge and best practices with experts across jurisdictions will strengthen further the ongoing efforts of the Rwandan anti-counterfeit actors.“

Mr. Markus Green ESQ, Board Member, CWAG AAP in his opening remarks, thanked and welcomed the participants and wished them an enlightening workshop. “Rwanda has made exceptional progress in dealing with this growing menace with its holistic approach involving multiple stakeholders.” He commended.

Mr. Pierre Souverain, Director, Global Security department - Pfizer, Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA) region session focused on the cross border challenges presented by counterfeit drugs and culminated in an interactive case study on techniques to detect counterfeit drugs as well as prosecute pharmaceutical counterfeiting cases.
Mohammed Daghar, a researcher at the Institute for Security Studies (ISS) facilitated an informative session that focused on the extent of the counterfeit drug problem in Africa. He shared insights from an upcoming ENACT policy brief on the scale of the counterfeit drugs in Africa. The brief found that 42% of detected cases of substandard or falsified pharmaceuticals occurred in Africa, and that the continent has become an “easy target” for counterfeiters owing to corruption and a weak legal regime. The ISS’s Enhancing Africa’s Response to Transnational Organized Crime (ENACT) programme, launched in 2017, aims to mitigate the impact of transnational organized crime.

Ms Obianuju Otudor, Punuka Attorneys & Solicitors, spoke on the Scale of the Counterfeit Drug Challenge & Substance Abuse. “No person or organization or country can adequately fight the fight against counterfeit drugs and drug abuse we must all join the fight!” She said.

Dr. Charles Karangwa, Director General, Rwanda Foods and Drug Authority shed light on the controls adopted by Rwanda and other East African countries to regulate medicines in the region.

Mr. Patrick Holt, Global Security Department Pfizer facilitated an eye opening session on illicit trade in pharmaceuticals on the dark web using cryptocurrencies. He shared on how criminals take advantage of weak technical and technological capacity by authorities to trade in illicit medicines online.

Mr. Charles Goredema, Director of Informed Solutions to Economic Crime in Africa (ISECA) shared on detection, investigation and prosecution of counterfeit drug trafficking. He highlighted corruption and fluid sophisticated criminal networks as a major challenge in countering counterfeit drugs in Africa.

In her closing remarks, Ms. Providence Umurungi implored the various agencies present to collaborate so as to eliminate the developing menace of counterfeits in Rwanda.
EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES FOR COUNTERING COUNTERFEIT DRUGS & SUBSTANCE ABUSE WORKSHOP. KIGALI, RWANDA.

(L-R) Mr. Markus Green ESQ - CWAG AAP, Julien Kavarguda – President Rwanda Bar Association (RBA) & Providence Umurungi - Head of IJJC


Dr. Charles Goredema - Founding Director, Informed Solutions to Economic Crime in Africa (ISECA) during his session

Dr. Charles Karangwa - Director General, Rwanda Foods and Drug Authority during his session

Julien Kavarguda – President, Rwanda Bar Association (RBA) delivering his opening remarks

Pierre Souverain & Patrick Holt – Pfizer (CWAG facilitators) during their interactive case study session

A cross section of workshop delegates and participants during the workshop

Mr. Markus Green, ESQ – CWAG AAP (L) & Providence Umurungi Head of IJJC (L) during the certificate awarding ceremony
Distinguished heads of various prosecuting agencies from across Africa converged on the 30th of October at Le Meriden Hotel, Pointe Aux Piments, Mauritius for the 13th Africa Prosecutors Association Conference. The Conference created a platform for prosecuting agencies in Africa to discuss daunting challenges faced by respective jurisdictions in the fight against crime in the fast changing global environment.

The conference programme was geared towards encouraging fruitful discussions on topics of interest linked to prosecutorial independence as well as bolstering the rule of law.

Mr. Satyajit Boolell, Director of Public Prosecutions Mauritius, in his opening remarks thanked the heads and delegates, and stated that close collaboration is the key to staying ahead of the curve in the common endeavour of grappling with crimes, both domestic and transnational and to foster cooperation and networking among prosecutors of Africa.

Representing CWAG AAP Ms. Jahna Lindemuth, Attorney General (AG) of Alaska, addressed the plenary session on the Rule of law and prosecutorial independence. She informed the audience that the AG is appointed in Alaska as opposed to being elected.

“Elected AGs may be influenced by those who fund their elections. Appointed AGs may be influenced by the executive that selected them. It is critical for AGs to fulfill both aspects of their role - advocacy with fairness to avoid wrongful convictions and avoid the abuse of prosecutorial discretion and the role of the prosecutor - to move to convict”. AG Lindemuth also described her role in the Fairbanks Four case in which the wrongful convictions of four Alaskans was overturned and the convicted were exonerated.

Ms. Lillian Fulata -Director of Public Prosecutions Zambia leading the session on Rule of Law: Prosecutorial Independence and Accountability, stated that “It is through accountability that independence of the prosecutors become meaningful.”
A cross section of Conference participants during the conference


Jahna Lindemuth - AG Alaska (CWAG) & Ms. Lillian Fulata share a light moment during the conference

CWAG AAP addressing the APA EXCO and Strategy Group meeting, chaired by APA President Dr. Helder Fernando Pitta Groz

(L-R) Mr. Satyajit Boolell, SC - DPP Mauritius, Honourable Maneesh Gobin - AG & Minister of Justice, Human Rights and Institutional Reforms, Mauritius, H. E. Helder Fernando Pitta Groz - AG, Angola (President APA) during the launching of the Mutual Legal Assistance Handbook

Ms. Anusha Rawoah, Senior State Counsel, Office of the DPP, Mauritius giving her tribute to Nelson Mandela on his 100th Birthday
A big thank you to our CWAG AAP facilitators; Jahna Lindemuth, Pierre Souverain, Patrick Holt, Obianuju Otudor, Dr. Charles Karangwa, Mohamed Daghar & Charles Goredema. If it were not for them such informative and valuable workshops would not have been possible.

JAHNA LINDEMUTH

Jahna Lindemuth started her new role as attorney general for the state of Alaska on Aug. 8, 2016. Before becoming attorney general, she spent 18 years in private practice at Dorsey & Whitney, LLP. As a partner in the commercial litigation group, she represented clients in complex commercial disputes in state and federal courts, administrative agencies, and private arbitrations. She has broad experience in many types of law including oil and gas, consumer protection, Alaska Native law issues. Jahna Lindemuth’s advocacy and leadership have earned her the respect, the judiciary, and industry media organizations.

In addition to being AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell, she was named as a Top 10 Attorney in Alaska for 2014 and 2015 by Super Lawyers, a Local Litigation Star by Benchmark Litigation for 2013-2015, one of the Top 250 Women in Litigation by Benchmark Litigation for 2012-2015, and is ranked Tier One by Chambers USA.

While keeping up a full caseload, she donated many hours providing pro bono legal services to clients who could not afford an attorney. Jahna Lindemuth served on the Alaska Supreme Court Appellate Rules Committee for more than 10 years, the Alaska Bar’s Lawyers’ Fund for Client Protection Committee for several years, and was co-chair of the Appellate Law Section of the Alaska Bar before being named attorney general.

PIERRE SOUVERAIN

Pierre Souverain- Director, Pfizer Global Security, EMEA spent the first 10 years of his professional career within the French army before joining in 2002 the pharmaceutical industry. Preliminary in charge of physical security, including assets and people protection, he joined in 2005 the Sanofi-Aventis product integrity team.

In 2008, he integrated into the Global Security department of Pfizer, one of the world largest research-based pharmaceutical companies, as Security Director for Europe Middle East and Africa. He is in charge of the development and the implementation of Anti-counterfeiting programs in Africa to protect patients from the risks that counterfeit medicines pose to public health.
OBIANUJU OTUDOR

Obianuju Otudor- CWAG AAP, Punuka Attorneys & Solicitors has practical and vast experience in Intellectual Property matters, Brand Protection and Anti-Counterfeiting. She has represented and has advised blue-chip companies for over a decade, on areas of I.P Litigation/prosecution matters, Trademark Opposition proceedings, and market intelligence on Counterfeiting activities.

She holds the WIPO Worldwide Academy Certificate in Intellectual Property and a Certificate on Copyright from Harvard Law School.

She is a committee member of UnReal Campaign (a public awareness initiative designed to educate teenagers (ages 14-18) about the importance of Trademarks, Intellectual Property, and dangers of Counterfeit products) for the International Trademark Association (INTA). She is also an International contributor for Nigeria and Ghana for INTA Opposition Guidelines.

DR. CHARLES KARANGWA

Dr. Charles Karangwa as its acting Director General of the Food and Drugs Authority in Rwanda. Dr. Karangwa, who holds a PhD in pharmaceutical science in toxicology from Liege University in Belgium, has worked at the University of Rwanda where he has been the co-promoter of the University Laboratory of Analysis of Foodstuffs, Medicines, Water and Toxicants (LADAMET) at the School of Medicine and Pharmacy.
MOHAMED DAGHAR

Mohamed Daghar a Researcher at the Institute for Security Studies (ISS), joined ISS in 2018 as a researcher for the ENACT programme based in Nairobi. Before taking up this position, Mohamed worked with government and other research centers conducting analyses on evolving areas of crime and how to respond to them. He has a Master’s degree in peace, conflict and development studies from Universitat Jaume I, Spain.

CHARLES GOREDEMA

Charles is the founding Director of Informed Solutions to Economic Crime in Africa, a consultancy which collects, collates and analyses information relevant to mitigating the incidence and impact of cross border economic crime. This includes tracking the scale and incidence of various forms of commodity trafficking. Between 2005 and 2013, as a senior Research Fellow at the Institute for Security Studies (Africa), Charles led a team which provided information management, analysis and capacity development support to regulatory and law enforcement institutions/agencies tackling organized crime and money laundering.

His work at the time mostly covered southern and East Africa, but has since extended beyond these sub-regions. Charles has assisted international institutions such as the African Development Bank, the African Legal Support Facility and the Intergovernmental Action Group against Money Laundering in West Africa (GIABA) to develop (or monitor the implementation of) strategic plans targeting illicit financial flows. His recent research has focused on the impact of questionable commercial and trading transactions on public resource mobilization in African economies. He also analyses trends of illicit financial flows from cross-border crimes.
The Myth & Majesty Of The White Lions Of Timbavati, South Africa

The White Lion is a genetic rarity that occurred in just one region on earth, a wildlife area neighboring South Africa’s Kruger National Park, called Timbavati- which means in the ancient Tsonga language: “The place where the Star Lions came down.”

White lions owe their unique colouring to a recessive white gene that causes the lion’s coat to vary from near-white to blonde, rather than the common tawny. In the Timbavati region, where the white lion was first spotted, the Sepedi and Tsonga communities elders revere the White Lions as the most sacred animals in Africa. While the international trophy hunting cartels exploit them as the highest income-earning trophies, these rare creatures have been hunted to extinction in the wild by trophy hunters and poachers.

When white lions were first spotted by Europeans, their rarity created such a stir that decades of hunting and capture ensued. The white lion gene pool was eventually completely wiped out in the wild due to forced removals and trophy hunting. White lions were put in zoos, and specially bred in captivity.

While listed as ‘vulnerable’, there are no official laws that protect white lions from the effects of the canned lion hunting industry. Because of this, the fight for their survival continues.


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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Nairobi, Kenya
12th Nov-16th Nov
Training workshop on Investigating Illicit Drug Trade and Financial Crimes for Law Enforcement Officers in Eastern and Southern Africa

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)
PARTNER WITH US?

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
Through co-hosted workshops, and conferences and programmes.

If you’d like to find out more about contributing to our work as a foundation, trust or company, and the impact your partnership will have towards the global effort in combating transnational crimes, we’d love to hear from you.

Please contact us today for a personalized collaboration.

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