FOREWORD

Dear Readers,

I am delighted to introduce the 10th edition of the CWAG AAP newsletter.

In December, CWAG AAP collaborated with the Lagos Business School (LBS) and the Credit Bureau Association of Nigeria (CBAN) to host a two day workshop on Credit Reporting as the Foundation of Credit Infrastructure on the 10th – 11th, December, Lagos, Nigeria.

CWAG AAP also collaborated with the Ministry of Homeland Security Malawi and the Malawi Network Against Trafficking (MNAT) to present a 2 day Training of Trainers workshop for Law enforcement Agencies on Trafficking in Persons, 13th- 14th Blantyre, Malawi.

In January 2019, the Conference of Western Attorneys General and Wildlife Investigators Training Alliance in collaboration with the Department of National Parks and Wildlife (DNPW) and the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) hosted a 5 day training workshop on Anti Wildlife Trafficking on the 28th January - 1st February 2019, Kazungu Malawi.

CWAG AAP continues to work in collaboration with other Anti Transnational Crimes actors to promote effective international legal frameworks and strengthen criminal justice responses to these crimes, through the training of law enforcement agencies and other actors involved in the detection, investigation, and prosecution of Transnational crimes.

I wish to thank the newly elected Minister of Homeland Security Honorable Nicholas Dausi, the Deputy Minister of Natural Resources, Energy and Mining, Hon. Welani Chilenga, the Director, Department of National Parks & Wildlife, Mr. Brighton Kumchedwa, the MNAT Chairman, Dr. Rodrick Mulonya, the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Malawi, Mr. Mwai Kalua and the outgoing Minister of Homeland Security, Honorable Cecilia Chazama for their cooperation and support. I also wish to thank Hon. Joseph Abang, CWAG AAP Goodwill Ambassador and Attorney General, Cross River State, for his dedication towards this initiative.

I wish to thank Punuka Attorneys and Solicitors, Lagos Business School, the Central Bank of Nigeria and Lilley, Wills & Company for successfully organizing the workshops. A Special thank you to the CWAG Speakers, MR. Robert Sola, Mr. John Ukegbu, Chief Anthony Idigbe, SAN, Ms. Judy Taschner, Mr. John Sydow, Demetria W. Herman, Shawn Karns and his Team, for their fascinating and interactive sessions.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Rosemary Kumitsonyo- Former CWAG AAP Country coordinator for Malawi on her new appointment as Law Commissioner, Malawi, and wish her the best in her endeavors.

This year, CWAG AAP hopes to reach greater heights globally in the fight against transnational crimes so as to continue creating a justice system that is effective and fair.

Mr. Markus Green ESQ.
CREDIT REPORTING AS THE FOUNDATION OF CREDIT INFRASTRUCTURE WORKSHOP, LAGOS, NIGERIA.

CWAG AAP in collaboration with the Lagos Business School (LBS) and the Credit Bureau Association of Nigeria (CBAN) hosted a two day workshop on Credit Reporting as the Foundation of Credit Infrastructure on the 10th – 11th, December 2018 at the Pan Atlantic University, Lagos, Nigeria.

This was the second of our many future collaborations with the Lagos Business School.

The workshop was officially opened by Hon. Joseph Abang - AG Cross River State who commenced by stating the importance of Credit reporting in Nigeria and advocated for proper governance to ensure accountability. He stated that it was his hope that the two-day workshop will lead to discussions that will continue the required progress and development in the sector.

Mr. Markus Green ESQ – CWAG AAP Board Member in his opening remarks acknowledged the importance of Credit Reporting awareness as a crucial aspect. He lauded the Nigerian Government and the financial sector for supporting such forums.

“Good and efficient accounting and reporting are conducive to financial sector development and private sector development, which in turn spur economic growth.”

Speaking on behalf of the Dean of the Lagos Business School, Prof. Olawale Ajai welcomed everyone to the School and proceeded to give a brief background on the School and its objectives. He called for total involvement of all participants to ensure accountability in public administration and in diverse areas of practice.

Chief Anthony Idigbe, SAN - Senior Partner at Punuka Attorneys & Solicitors facilitated a session on Review of the Legal Framework for Credit Reporting in Nigeria. He mentioned that the Nigerian Government recognizes the need to empower the Micro, Small and Medium Scale Enterprises (“MSME”) and facilitation of accurate and reliable credit information sharing

“Faithful implementation of the law will help reduce the incidence of bad loans as the Act enables financial institutions to determine an individual’s creditworthiness before making the credit decision.”
CREDIT REPORTING AS THE FOUNDATION OF CREDIT INFRASTRUCTURE WORKSHOP, LAGOS, NIGERIA.

Mr. Hassan Mahmud of the Financial Policy and Regulation Department delivered a goodwill message during the workshop on behalf of the Central Bank of Nigeria.

MR. Robert Sola - Founding Member Robert S. Sola, P.C facilitated a session on History of the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) and Coverage. He noted that the FCRA has been amended many times to make it stronger and increase its coverage to Liability for Furnishers, Specific Procedures for Handling Dispute, Protection for Victims of Identity Theft and Statutory Damages.

“There is a need to ensure that consumer reporting agencies exercise their critical responsibilities with fairness, impartiality, and a respect for the consumer’s right to privacy.”

Mr. John Ukegbu - Senior Staff Attorney, Northeast New Jersey Legal Services facilitated a session on Liability and Enforcement. He noted that Consumer lawsuits are the primary means of enforcement of the FCRA as a consumer can sue a CRA, furnisher or user for violation of the FCRA and that the liability and damages will be decided by a jury.

During another session on Privacy and Consumer Access to Information he emphasized that FCRA gives a consumer the right to know the information in the consumer’s file and that CRA shall clearly and accurately disclose upon request of a consumer.

Panelists on a case study session during day 2 of the Credit Reporting as the foundation of Credit Infrastructure workshop.
TRAINING OF TRAINERS WORKSHOP FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES ON TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS, BLANTYRE, MALAWI.

CWAG AAP in collaboration with the Ministry of Homeland Security and the Malawi Network Against Trafficking (MNAT) continue to strengthen the fight against human trafficking in Malawi. A two day workshop, aimed at building the capacity of law enforcement stakeholders to prevent, detect, investigate, and prosecute Trafficking in Person cases and the protection of innocent victims of such crimes was held on 13th – 14th Dec, 2018 in Blantyre, Malawi. In attendance were judges, attorneys general, prosecutors, law enforcement agencies, seasoned litigators and stakeholders from the UNODC, DSWO, MNAT Malawi Ministry of Justice, Tourism and Gender.

Hon. Nicholas Dausi – Minister for Homeland Security officially opened the workshop. In his opening remarks, he acknowledged that Human Trafficking is a new trend of transnational and organised crimes that the world is facing today and that Malawi was not an exemption. He said that Malawi primarily is a source country for women, children and, men subjected to Trafficking In Persons and inhuman acts such as forced labor and prostitution.

“The implementation of the Trafficking In Persons Act 2015 and the National Plan of Action Against Trafficking In Person that was launched in August 2017, is among the priorities of Malawi Government.”

Dr. Rodrick Mulonya – MNAT Chairman welcomed the delegates and commended the Government for being in the front line in combating Trafficking In Persons -related cases by passing the 2015 TIP Act.

"Building a knowledgeable team of law enforcement agencies is one of the Malawi’s priorities as the country is striving to win the fight against trafficking, thus the collaboration with CWAG AAP."

Mr. Markus Green ESQ. - CWAG AAP Board Member in his address, introduced CWAG AAP and its commitment to working with various stakeholders to promote effective international legal frameworks and strengthen criminal justice responses to transnational crimes.

"Human Trafficking is the fabric of who we are as a society. It is the worst kind of crime and undermines the most vulnerable in our society. The main reason why we are gathered here today is to exchange information and to share knowledge on how to deal with this very complex crime, that is Modern day slavery"

Mr. Mwai Kalua - Deputy Commissioner of Police in his opening remarks said that there was a need to provide joint training for law enforcement agencies on the Detection, Investigation, and Prosecution of Human trafficking and other Transnational Crimes. He urged the government to continue supporting partnerships that combat these crimes in order to eradicate this very demeaning scourge.
Ms. Judy Taschner- Deputy District Attorney, San Diego County during her session on Situation of TIP (global and regional) said that the strategy to fighting human trafficking globally was Prevention, Protection, Prosecution and global Partnerships.

During her fascinating session on challenges in investigating and prosecuting crimes in TIP internationally, she urged the delegates to learn the culture such as the terms and phrases Websites/social media applications that will allow them to understand what a victim or suspect is talking about during interviews for a proper investigation.

Mr. John Sydow- Sacramento sheriff’s department facilitated a session on Malawi legal framework pertaining to TIP took the delegates through the differences between Human Trafficking and Smuggling as well as the Sources, Transits and Destinations Countries for Trafficking In Person.

On another session on Victim Awareness and Assistance, he said that most victims develop the strong opinion that no one really cares about them thus making them vulnerable.

Ephraim Charles Luhanga- Chairperson of Fula Africa in his session said that their mandate as an organization is to reduce human trafficking and illegal migration, create awareness regarding issues and consequences surrounding the human trafficking and illegal migration – greener Pastures, promote and protect the humanity, dignity and rights of trafficked women and children especially Men in the rise.

Mr. Maxwell Matewere- National coordinator, Malawi Network Against Trafficking (M-NAT) presented an emotive session on training implementation plans and plenary discussion, consensus building on way forward.

As part of their safari, CWAG AAP Facilitators, Ms. Judy Taschner and John Sydow visited STEKA children’s orphanage, Blantyre, Malawi, where a lot of the kids had been trafficked. STEKA is a Malawian Charity that creates sustainable futures for vulnerable children and young people. The orphanage campaigns for children’s rights and gender equality and is home to 65 vulnerable young people.
Minister for Homeland Security - Hon. Nicholas Dausi, workshop dignitaries, participants and the CWAG AAP Team during day one of the two day Training of Trainers Workshop for Law Enforcement Agencies on Trafficking in Persons, Malawi.

Mr. Markus Green addressing the press during the workshop.

A Cross Section of Workshop participants at the training of trainers workshop, Blantyre, Malawi

Ms. Judy Taschner - Deputy District Attorney, San Diego County during her visit to the STEKA children’s orphanage, Blantyre, Malawi.

CWAG Facilitator, Mr. John Sydow - Sacramento sheriff’s department during his visit to the STEKA children’s home, Blantyre, Malawi.
ANTHONY W. WELANI, CHILENGAL IN HIS KEYNOTE ADDRESS STATED THAT THE WILDLIFE SUB SECTOR IN MALAWI CONTRIBUTES TO ABOUT 2.7% OF THE OVERALL GROWTH OF THE SECTOR AND IT IS THEREFORE AMONG THE PRIORITIES OF MALAWI'S GOVERNMENT TO PUT AN END TO WILDLIFE CRIME.

Speaking during the workshop, Deputy Minister - Hon. Welani Chilenga in his keynote address stated that the wildlife sub sector in Malawi contributes to about 2.7% of the overall growth of the sector and it is therefore among the priorities of Malawi’s government to put an end to wildlife crime.

"The government has taken a low tolerance stand in the fight against wildlife trafficking as reflected in the recent amendments in the National Parks and Wildlife act which highlights wildlife crime as serious crime effectively prohibiting poaching and illegal wildlife trade."

Chief Deputy, Saunders County Attorneys Office, Nebraska - Demetria W. Herman gave an in-depth presentation on Investigation and Prosecution of Wildlife Crimes. She noted that collaboration is key when organizing an investigation and emphasized that it is important for the Law Enforcement Officers and the Prosecutors to work hand in hand for success of the investigation procedures. She said that reliability and transparency must be proven in court.
Alex Chunga- DNPW Law Enforcement National Desk Officer gave an in depth presentation on the amended National Parks and Wildlife Act. He stated that the aim of the amended act is to improve the strength of the penalties to perpetrators. He further explained that the degree of protection in law as laid out in the act, differs from different animals depending on how endangered they are.

George Makande- Corruption Prevention Officer, Anti-corruption Burea facilitated a thought provoking session on Corruption and illegal Wildlife trade. He noted that corruption is indeed an essential component in the facilitation and perpetration of illegal wildlife trade and is a threat that needs to be urgently dealt with.

“The last rhinos poached in Mozambique were pointed out to the poachers by a ranger who was given an $80 bribe.”

Shawn Karns- Criminal Investigator for the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency's Special Investigations Unit presented a session on cell phone search and seizure. In his presentation, he noted that Cell phones have provided valuable evidence in a variety of investigations, including those involving wildlife crimes, “Cell phones offer a window into the personal and professional lives of those who use them and Law enforcement officers should therefore not overlook the evidentiary value of cell phones.”

Chris Clementson- Senior Detective- Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and Rick Peebles- Criminal Investigator with the Arizona Game & Fish Department Law Enforcement Division spoke on the Time of death. In their presentation, they mentioned Livor mortis, Rigor mortis, Insect colonization, Pupil size and shape, Tissue desiccation, Body temperature as some of the clues to the time and location of death of a carcass.

Stephanie Durno- Wildlife biologist, spoke on fire arm identification. In their presentation, they noted that it is imperative that all fire arm examiners measure the widths of the land and groove impressions in the same manner so that data in the GRC file can be used with minimal errors.

Miles Vested Zidana- Senior Assistant, Department of National Parks and Wildlife facilitated a session on Scale and Nature of Wildlife Crimes in Malawi. In his presentation he noted that in order to effectively combat wildlife criminal activities, we must ensure national and regional cooperation, timely information and intelligence sharing. He mentioned that continued sensitization/ Training of law enforcement agencies in wildlife crimes is crucial to effectively fight wildlife crimes.

CWAG AAP WITA facilitator during a presentation on cell phone search and seizure.

CWAG AAP WITA facilitator during his session on the Time of death.

CWAG AAP WITA facilitator during her presentation on fire arm identification.

Miles Vested Zidana- during his presentation on the Scale and Nature of Wildlife Crimes in Malawi.
A cross section of distinguished guests, speakers and delegates during day one of the 5 day Anti-wildlife trafficking training workshop, Kasungu, Malawi.

A cross section of participants on day two of the field training workshop on Anti Wildlife Trafficking.
ANTI-WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING TRAINING WORKSHOP, KASUNGU, MALAWI.

A cross section of workshop participants during a field training at Kasungu National Park, Malawi.

Field Training on ballistics and fire arm identification, Kasungu, Malawi.

Field training participants in a session on how to gather crime scene evidence, Kasungu National Park, Malawi.

CWAG AAP facilitator together with workshop participants at a field training during day 2 of the 5 day Anti-Wildlife Trafficking training workshop, Kasungu, Malawi.

Participants at a field training during day 2 of the 5 day Anti-Wildlife Trafficking Workshop, Kasungu, Malawi.

Demonstration on the use of surveillance technology.

A cross section of workshop participants during a class presentation on wildlife trafficking.

Alex Chunga receiving training equipment from CWAG AAP and WITA for use by the field rangers.
CWAG FACILITATORS OF THE MONTH, NIGERIA.

ROBERT S. SOLA

Robert S. Sola is the founding member of Robert S. Sola, P.C., a consumer law firm based in Portland, Oregon. He is one of the leading attorneys in the field of credit reporting litigation, and has been handling such cases since 1996. He represents consumers across the United States, and has litigated credit reporting cases in 24 different states. Mr. Sola has obtained large jury verdicts against all three major credit reporting agencies. In 2002, he was lead counsel in Thomas v. Trans Union, where the jury awarded the consumer $5.3 million.

In 2007, he was co-counsel in Williams v. Equifax, which resulted in a judgment of $3.4 million. Mr. Sola was named Trial Lawyer of the Year in 2003 by the National Association of Consumer Advocates. He is a regular speaker on credit reporting litigation for the National Consumer Law Center, the National Association of Consumer Advocates, various state bar organizations and private groups.

JOHN UKEGBU

John Ukegbu is an Attorney specializing in credit reporting litigation, USA. He is a senior staff attorney at Northeast New Jersey Legal Services, Inc. in the Jersey City office. He specializes in representing debtors in consumer financial related matters such as debt collection, credit reporting, automobile repossession and deficiency cases. Mr. Ukegbu also represents consumer debtors in Chapter 7 and 13 bankruptcy cases. He has represented tenants and homeowners in eviction and foreclosure cases and has served as a member of the District Ethics Committee for Hudson County and served as a Trustee for the New Jersey Lawyers’ Fund for Client Protection.

He is currently a member of the New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on Special Civil Part Practice. Mr. Ukegbu is a Trustee of the Hudson County Bar Association and a member of the New Jersey State Bar Association’s Consumer Protection Law Committee, the National Association of Consumer Advocates, the National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys, the Bankruptcy Inn of Court, the American Bankruptcy Institute and the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. He is also the Secretary of the Consumer League of New Jersey. Mr. Ukegbu has litigated and won a number of significant cases on behalf of tenants and consumers including Montgomery Gateway East v. Herrera, 261 N.J. Super. 235 (App. Div. 1992); Housing Authority of Hoboken v. Alicea, 297 N.J. Super. 310 (App. Div. 1997), Housing Authority of Jersey City v. Thomas, 318 N.J. Super. 191 (App. Div. 1999), Franklin Tower One, LLC v. N.M., 304 N.J. Super. 586 (App. Div. 1997) affirmed by the New Jersey Supreme Court 157 N.J. 602 (1999). He represented Northeast New Jersey Legal Services as amicus curiae in New Century Financial Services, Inc. v. Ablah Oughla, 437 N.J. Super. 299 (App. Div. 2014).
JUDY TASCHNER

Judy Taschner has been a prosecutor for almost 20 years. She began her career as a Deputy District Attorney for Santa Clara County in Northern California. She then spent nearly 6 years as a Deputy City Attorney for the City of San Diego handling crimes involving domestic violence, child abuse, child molest, and Internet Crimes Against Children.

For the past 11 years, she has served as a Deputy District Attorney for the County of San Diego. She has continued to focus her efforts on cases involving vulnerable victims: sexual assault, stalking, child molest, and Human Trafficking.

As a prosecutor in Sex Crimes & Human Trafficking Division, she also gives presentations and trainings to law enforcement, community groups, victim advocacy centers, colleges, and prosecutors. She serves as Co-Chair of San Diego County Sexual Assault Response Team, a multi-disciplinary committee which helps establish standards to be utilized for the handling of sex crimes cases and victims throughout the criminal justice process.

She drafted 2 bills that were signed into law in the past California State legislative session which help protect Human Trafficking victims, and expand multi-jurisdictional authority for lower level sex crimes.

SERGEANT JOHN SYDOW

Sergeant John Sydow has been with the Sacramento Sheriff’s Department for the past 22 years, including ten years as a Detective.

He is currently assigned to the Main Jail Division as a supervisor. Sergeant Sydow spent four years with the Special Investigations/Intelligence Bureau investigating Human Trafficking, and four years on the Sacramento FBI Child Exploitation Task Force (CETF) investigating trafficking cases involving the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC).

Prior to his work with the CETF, Sergeant Sydow spent two years on the Sacramento FBI Safe Streets Gang Task Force specializing in African-American street gangs. He has testified as an expert in California courts regarding human trafficking, street gangs, and the sale of illegal drugs. Sergeant Sydow was selected as a Subject Matter Expert and course coordinator for the POST ICI Human Trafficking Investigations course, helping to develop the sections on Victimology, Victim Care and Coordination, Victim Interviews, and Ethics.

He has instructed at training conferences and classes, providing training for thousands of law enforcement and non-law enforcement professionals. Sergeant Sydow has also been a hostage negotiator with the Sheriff’s Department for 11 years.
DEMETRIA “DEMI” W. HERMAN

Demetria “Demi” Herman is the Chief Deputy, Saunders County Attorney’s Office, Nebraska. She is a career prosecutor currently handling the felony caseload in Saunders County, Nebraska. Demi has experience handling a wide range of cases ranging from violent personal crimes to drug cases and technology based offenses. She has a particular interest in protecting the well-being of those unable to protect themselves, especially children and other victims who must testify in Court. Demi graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota with a B.A. in Criminal Justice and Sociology.

She obtained her J.D. from William Mitchel College of Law in St. Paul, Minnesota, where she was a student prosecutor. She is licensed to practice law in Arizona and Nebraska. Upon graduating law school, Demi began working for the Maricopa County Attorney’s Office in 2001 starting in General Trial Division, before moving to the Gang/Repeat Offender Division, and serving as a mentor for 13 new prosecutors in the Pretrial Division. After starting a family, Demi moved back to Nebraska. She worked from 2008-2013 as the Chief Deputy in Platte County, Nebraska, also handling the felony caseload until she transferred to the Saunders County Attorney’s office where she has been since 2013.

SHAWN KARNS

Shawn Karns has been a Criminal Investigator for the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency’s Special Investigations Unit since 1998. Prior to that, he was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice and worked as an investigator for the Mississippi Department of Wildlife for four years. As a Criminal Investigator, his primary responsibility is investigating wildlife crimes. Shawn specializes in complex investigations involving commercialization, transportation, and excessive harvest. He has participated in numerous investigations in over fifteen states and was the operative in a long-term international investigation into wildlife tracking.

Shawn also has extensive training and experience in digital evidence seizure and recovery. He routinely employs digital forensic tools to expose criminal networks. Shawn enjoys teaching wildlife officers investigative techniques and has instructed at the national level since 2001. He annually provides training to state and federal investigators across the United States. He teaches courses in Developing Undercover Identities, Storefront Operations, Informant Handling and Case Management.

RICK PEEBLES

Rick received a joint Bachelor of Science degree in Wildlife Management and Law Enforcement Technology from Northern Arizona University. He has been employed as a Criminal Investigator with the Arizona Game & Fish Department Law Enforcement Division for the past 19 years. Rick has been involved in numerous criminal investigations throughout the western United States that pertain to violations of federal and state wildlife laws involving the illegal commercial take of wildlife.

Rick has extensive training in evidence recovery from electronic devices and is schooled in multiple forensic tools. Rick also serves on a national committee which promotes ethics and integrity and provides training to state and federal wildlife investigators.
STEPHANIE DURNO

Stephanie Durno has been working as a wildlife biologist for nearly 20 years. She grew up in Oregon and graduated with distinction from Colorado College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology. While working as a field technician in Costa Rica, she gained Spanish language skills and a love for the tropics. She served as a wildlife officer and biologist for Colorado Parks and Wildlife for 17 years where she received extensive training and experience in wildlife crime investigations. Stephanie believes that empowering local wildlife officers with the newest investigative techniques and tools is the best way to prevent illegal wildlife trafficking. With her foundation in biological science and population management, she brings a unique approach to the prevention and investigation of wildlife crime. As part of the Wildlife Investigators Training Alliance, she manages logistics and administrative duties and ensures that the investigative techniques are relevant to local species and ecosystems.

CHRIS CLEMENTSON

Chris was born and raised in the Pacific Northwest. He served as a Military Policeman for the US Army in Europe, Central America, East Asia, and the Caribbean. Chris holds a bachelor’s degree in Biology with a Marine emphasis from Western Washington University and is now pursuing a master’s degree in Business Administration, with a focus on Non-Profit Management. Chris has worked for Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife for 14 years and has been a Senior Detective since 2009. He has extensive training in import/export, internet-based, and financial crimes, as well as ivory and special concern species.

Chris also serves in the Criminal Investigation Division with the US Army Reserve and has successfully completed combat deployments in Iraq and Afghanistan. His military investigative experiences include both investigations of felony-level crimes and counterterrorism operations for which he received a Bronze Star Medal for his work with his Afghan counterparts.

MILES VESTED ZIDANA

Miles Zidana joined the Department of National Parks and Wildlife in 1988 as Parks and Wildlife Assistant. During his 30 years of service in law enforcement, he has worked almost all protected areas in Malawi and gone through different promotions until 2006 where he was promoted to the current position of Senior Assistant Parks and Wildlife Officer after obtaining a Diploma in Natural Resources at Southern African Wildlife College in the Republic of South Africa. He has attended many short courses to do with investigation of wildlife crimes within and outside Malawi. In 2016 he was appointed as the head of newly established the Wildlife Crimes Investigation Unit within the Department of Parks and Wildlife.

The unit has been phenomenal as it has produced good results in terms of arrests and confiscation of contraband. Being part of the investigations unit has exposed him to interface with other key institutions such as Malawi Police, Customs and Financial Intelligence Authority in carrying out some of the investigations. Future plans of the Department of National parks is indeed to broaden the scope of the wildlife Crimes Investigation Unit to reach out to other crimes connected to wildlife crime such as money laundering. Wildlife crime being serious, highly organized and cross border, there is need to collaborate locally as well as regionally.
ALEX CHUNGA

He joined the Department as a Park Ranger in 1993 after completing a two year Wildlife Management Training. In 1996 I got a scholarship for further studies at the College of African Wildlife Management, Mweka in Tanzania. Currently serving as a DNPW Law Enforcement National Desk Officer, He has risen through the ranks through hard work and dedication to the conservation and management of Malawi’s wildlife heritage.

Service in the wildlife sector has taken him across countries and continents where he has gone for various capacity building sessions to broaden and enrich knowledge. He remains committed to serving to save the country’s precious resources for the benefit of present and future generations.

GEORGE MAKANDE

I have worked with the Anti-Corruption Bureau Malawi since 2011. I am currently studying for Master’s Degree in Public Administration and Management (University of Malawi in partnership with University of Oslo, Norway.) I presently work as Corruption Prevention Officer. My work entails working with Public and Private Institutions to identify and implement appropriate anti-corruption interventions to manage the risk of corruption and fraud.

I have provided technical support in more than 30 institutions mainly by conducting corruption risk assessment and management, conducting Anti-corruption/fraud training, developing Corruption Prevention Policy and Reviewing systems and procedures and other many anti-corruption related issues.
STEP KIDS AWARENESS (STEKA)

STEKA, (Step Kids Awareness), is a children’s home based in Chichiri, just outside the centre of Blantyre, in the south of Malawi. It is a Malawian charity that creates sustainable futures for homeless and vulnerable children and young people. It is led by grassroots activist and social entrepreneur, Godknows Maseko – an ex-‘street kid’ – and his wife Helen, who campaign for children’s rights and gender equality. For over 10 years, STEKA has developed an innovative model for creating sustainable futures for street children, establishing a family home for 65 vulnerable young people and supporting many more to lives safe and sustainably in their own homes.

Read more at: https://www.scotsman.com/news/opinion/partnership-has-led-to-profound-real-life-learning-and-development-1-4652572

HOW 'FOLLOWING THE MONEY' COULD SAVE LIVES

Although impossible to calculate precisely, the illegal wildlife trade has been valued at somewhere between $7bn and $23 a year. Animals - both dead and alive - are being bought and sold on an industrial scale as food, pets, medicines and even ornaments. The trade affects a huge range of species from great apes to helmeted hornbills, but arguably none more so than the pangolin. These unusual-looking creatures are prized in some countries for their meat and scales and are thought to be the world most trafficked mammal, with about 100,000 a year snatched from the wild and sent to Vietnam and China.


For each of these trafficked animals, money changes hands - across the palms of corrupt officials, between those involved in the trade on the ground and on the internet. Much of this money is exchanged physically between individuals, but large amounts also pass through banks. Rather than "follow the money", the most common approach remains that of "follow the animal".

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

South Africa
14th March- 15th March
CWAG AAP training workshop on Cryptocurrency in collaboration with the SADC LA.

Malawi
18th March-19th March
CWAG AAP training workshop on Anti-Money Laundering in collaboration with the Financial Intelligence Unit / Judges.

Nigeria
CWAG AAP training workshop on Anti-Counterfeit Drugs in collaboration with the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration (NAFDAC) and the Standard Organization of Nigeria (SON).

APRIL

Uganda
CWAG AAP training on Oral advocacy and Transnational Crimes in the Uganda Law Society Annual Conference.

Zambia
CWAG AAP training on Virtual Currency Investigation in collaboration Bank of Zambia

CWAG AAP training on Cryptocurrency in the Commonwealth Law Conference
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

Collaboration
Through co-hosted workshops, and conferences and programmes.

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

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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