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Lusaka, Zambia, 13th - 16th August, 2019
Workshop: Trade-based Anti-Money Laundering


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CWAG | AAP is now AGA | AAP!

We are delighted to announce that our name has changed from Conference of Western Attorneys General | Africa Alliance Partnership (CWAG|AAP) to Attorney General Alliance | Africa Alliance Partnership (AGA|AAP).

This came about as a result of the formation of the Attorney General Alliance (AGA) from our parent organization the Conference of Western Attorneys General (CWAG), a testament to their expanded reach across the United States and internationally. The name Attorney General Alliance (AGA) represents an association of Attorneys General, federal, state and foreign officials, and public and private sector partners throughout the world. As CWAG continues to focus predominantly on core western issues, AGA will take on emerging issues in the West and beyond.

Subsequently, the Africa Alliance Partnership takes on the new prefix, ‘Attorney General Alliance’.

Since our inception in 2016, the Africa Alliance Partnership has trained African legal officers and prosecutors in the investigation and prosecution of transnational crimes including Human Trafficking, Money Laundering, Counterfeit Drugs, Cyber Crime, and Wildlife Trafficking. We have also collaborated with African Ministries of Justice, Attorneys General, Solicitors General, and Public Prosecution agencies to share knowledge and experiences in fighting transnational crimes.

We are currently working with government partners in Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Nigeria, Rwanda, South Africa, Uganda and Zambia, and are set to establish more partnerships throughout Africa.

As the CWAG|AAP programme transitions to AGA|AAP, our focus on combating transnational crimes on the continent remains unwavering.

The Africa Alliance Partnership (AAP) programme will be adapting its branding and online presence to align with the new name: Attorney General Alliance | Africa Alliance Partnership – AGA| AAP.

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Dear Readers,

It is my pleasure to introduce the fifteenth edition of the AGA|AAP monthly newsletter.

In June, AGA|AAP was delighted to participate in the AGA Annual Meeting in Santa Barbara, California, 17th - 20th June 2019.

The AGA Africa Alliance Partnership was also pleased to participate in the 4th ICC Africa Conference on International Arbitration, Lagos, Nigeria.

I wish to thank Ms. Fulata Lillian Shawa Siyuni, Director of Public Prosecutions, Zambia; Hon. Joe Abang AG, Cross River State and AGA AAP Goodwill Ambassador; Mrs. Dorcas Agik Oduor, MBS, OGW, Secretary, Public Prosecutions for their continued support and collaboration in ensuring that AGA AAP strengthens the rule of law across Africa by sharing knowledge and best practices to ensure justice is delivered in a fair and effective manner.

We are grateful to Mr. Doug Lankler, Executive Vice President and General Counsel, Pfizer for his visionary guidance in growing the AAP’s groundbreaking work on the African continent. If it weren’t for his support and dedication towards this noble programme, all the good work in Africa would not have be possible.

Special thanks to Ms. Karen White, AGA AAP Executive Director and Ms. Susan Lustig, AGA AAP Administrative Director for inviting the AAP delegation to participate in the AGA Annual General meeting.

In July, AGA|AAP will be participating in the 36th Annual National Black Prosecutors Association Conference from 14th to 19th July, 2019 in Atlanta, Georgia. We will also collaborate with the Eastern and Southern Anti Money Laundering Group to host a workshop on Investigation and Prosecution of Financial crimes from 24th to 26th July, 2019 Pretoria, South Africa.

We look forward to an exciting month.

Regards,

Markus Green ESQ.
AGA|AAP participated in the 2019 AGA Annual General meeting that took place on 17th - 20th June 2019, Santa Barbara, California. The conference brought together chief legal officers of member states and jurisdictions drawn from across the US, Mexico, Middle East and Africa. On 18th June 2019, the AGA Africa Alliance Partnership showcased its tremendous work in Africa and presented Pfizer Executive Vice President and General Counsel Mr. Douglas M. Lankler with the 2019 Rule of Law Leadership Award for his visionary guidance in growing the AAP’s groundbreaking work on the African continent.

In his remarks, Mr. Douglas M Laknler, Executive Vice President and General Counsel, Pfizer, presented an overview of his motivation to work with AGA|AAP. He noted that Pfizer’s work is in line with AGA|AAP’s mandate of fighting transnational crimes and promised continued partnership in this fight.

“We have heard great reports of the good work in Africa. Let’s spread the word to other like-minded organizations to join this formidable team and together bring an end to the scourge of transnational criminal activities.”

Ms. Fulata Lillian Shawa-Siyunyi, Director of Public Prosecutions, Zambia, noted in her speech noted that since Zambia’s partnership with AGA|AAP, over 300 officers have received training on transnational organized crime, resulting into knowledge and insights useful in the investigation and prosecution of these crimes.

“I must note that although 300 officers have been trained, due to the sophisticated nature of transnational crimes, a number of our prosecutors, investigators and other stakeholders still lack the relevant capacity to effectively investigate and prosecute transnational crimes. I, therefore, urge you to continue investing in collaborations such as this one so that more people can be trained and help transform the world.”

Hon. Joe Abang, Attorney General, Cross River State, Nigeria, highlighted AGA|AAP’s work in Nigeria and in Africa as a whole. He advocated for establishing continued cross border collaborations and highlighted the value of working with organizations outside our borders to fight transnational crimes. He thanked AGA|AAP for enabling these collaborations.

“We are empowered by the knowledge and collaboration of others. We know better. Our skills are continually being sharpened. We are as smart, if not smarter than the most sophisticated of criminals and we keep sharpening our skills and advancing our knowledge.”
Mrs. Dorcas Agik Oduor, MBS, OGW, Secretary, Public Prosecutions spoke on behalf of the Director of Public Prosecutions of the Republic of Kenya, Mr. Noordin Haji. She gave an overview on Kenya and the Transnational Crime Landscape.

She stated that organized transnational crime is a subject which had gained increasing relevance in Kenya especially due to its geographical location, and porous borders.

“More than any other time in the history of Kenya, Transnational organized crime is becoming a major threat to national, regional and international peace and is undermining security and the rule of law.”
Dignitaries at the AGA Annual Meeting in California.

L-R: Fulata Lillian Shawa Siyuni, DPP, Zambia; Dorcas Agik Oduor, Secretary, ODPP, Kenya; Sean Reyes, Utah Attorney General and AGA| Alliance Partnership Co-Chair Douglas Lankler Executive Vice President and General Counsel, Pfizer; Dr. Ali Bin Fetais, Attorney General of Qatar; H.E Sheikh Meshal Bin Hamad, Ambassador of Qatar to the US and M'hammed Abdenabaoui, Attorney General of Morocco.
AGA AAP PARTICIPATES AT THE AGA ANNUAL MEETING, SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

Susan Lustig (Centre) - AGA AAP Administrative Director, AGA AAP leadership team and workshop dignitaries from Zambia and Kenya

AGA AAP Deputy Director, Lauren Niahaus.

Qatar AG, Dr. Ali Bin Fetais Al-Marri, Ambassador of Qatar to the US, H.E Sheikh Meshal Bin Hamad Al-Thani and AG, Morocco, M’hammed Abdenabaoui

Thurbert Baker, former Attorney General, State of Georgia with a conference dignitary during the AGA Dinner at Omni Hotel.

L-R : John Edozie- AGA AAP International Advisor, Markus Green ESQ- AGA AAP Board member, Karen White- AGA AAP Executive Director and John Blakey

L-R : Peter Harvey- Former Attorney General, New Jersey, Markus Green ESQ- AGA AAP Board member, and Michael Turpen- Former Attorney General, Oklahoma
AGA|AAP had the pleasure of sponsoring and participating in the 4th ICC Africa Conference on International Arbitration, 18th – 19th June 2019, Lagos, Nigeria.

On behalf of AGA|AAP, Ebele Enedah, the Country Coordinator for Nigeria made a presentation on AGA|AAP’s activities in Nigeria and Africa and advocated for joint responses to transnational crimes in a bid to end the scourge.

“To uphold the rule of law, law enforcement agencies and other stakeholders in the public and private sector must cooperate internationally. These relationships form the basis for building knowledge and expertise through the sharing of information, experience, skills, technology and strategies to combat transnational crimes.”
Kruger National Park is one of the largest game reserves in Africa. It covers an area of 19,485 km² (7,523 sq mi) in the provinces of Limpopo and Mpumalanga in northeastern South Africa, and is South Africa’s most exciting African safari destination. The largest game reserve in South Africa, Kruger National Park is basically a synonym for the word "safari." Home to over 500 bird species, 100 reptiles, nearly 150 mammals, multiple archaeological sites, and a stunningly diversity of trees and flowers, Kruger is the country’s flagship national park. Adventurers can explore the park in a 4x4, take a bush walk or fly above in a hot-air balloon.

Steeped in legend and history, the iconic Kruger National Park in South Africa is waiting for you to explore its vast landscapes and spectacular African wildlife. Interact with African elephants, share traditional meals and experience authentic Shangaan culture.

https://www.krugerpark.travel/
Fulata Lillian Shawa-Siyuni

Fulata Lillian Shawa-Siyunyi (SC) is the first female Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) in the Republic of Zambia. She is a highly accomplished and experienced litigation lawyer, heading the operations of the National Prosecution Authority (NPA) and prosecutorial service in that country. She assumed office in March, 2015. She is credited for fully operationalising the NPA, ensuring the standardisation of prosecution services throughout Zambia.

She has also overseen the formulation of the very first policy documents to inform the operations of the NPA, including reviewing most criminal legal procedures and formulating guidelines where they were none. As DPP, her organization has signed an MOU with CWAG AAP and been instrumental in the success of 4 of the 10 CWAG AAP events in Zambia with subjects ranging from Anti-Money Laundering to Human Trafficking.

She has previously served as State Advocate in the Civil Litigation Department in the Office of the Attorney General, Deputy to the DPP, Chief State Advocate, and Legal Advisor to the Office of the Permanent Secretary of Public Service Management Division. She taught ‘Law of Evidence’ and ‘Human Rights Law’ as a part-time lecturer at the University of Lusaka. She holds a post graduate degree in International Humanitarian and Human Rights Law from Raoul Wallenberg Institute in Lund, Sweden and an LLB from University of Zambia and was subsequently admitted to the Zambian Legal Bar. She is the Treasury General of the Africa Prosecutors Association (APA), an organisation established to enhance cooperation between prosecution agencies and authorities in Africa, which also partners with CWAG AAP towards stemming transnational crime. She sits on the Zambia Institute of Advanced Legal Education board and is also the Chairperson of NPA board. Her goal is to grow a professional Prosecuting Authority through capacity building. She aspires to remove the perception that the office of the DPP is a political office.

Hon. Joe Abang

Joseph Oshie Abang, Esq is a Solicitor and Advocate of the Supreme Court of Nigeria, and currently the Attorney-General and Commissioner for Justice for Cross River State. He was appointed to this position on 27th November, 2015. As the chief law officer in his state, Hon. Abang’s role is to advise the government on legal matters as well as provide legal representation. He oversees the operations and administration of the offices and supervises about 60 law officers serving as prosecutors. In his brief tenure, he has to his credit six Supreme Court judgments. He is also credited for the extensive renovations of the zonal offices of the Ministry of Justice. On 25th April, 2018, Hon. Abang was appointed CWAG AAP Goodwill Ambassador. In this role, he volunteers his time, talent and passion to raise awareness of CWAG AAP’s efforts to foster robust relationships with justice departments and law enforcement bodies across Africa to support the rule of law in combating transnational crime.

His work with AGAAP in Nigeria has resulted in a number of workshops, seminars and conferences for prosecutors, lawyers and law enforcement officers. As a result of his efforts, there has been training and retraining of over 180 prosecutors in the Justice Department in Cross River State. Before going into public service, Hon. Abang was a principal partner in Joe Abang and Associates. He consulted and acted as legal adviser to a number of Blue Chip companies including, Crown Flour Mills Limited, Industrial Bags (Nigeria) Limited, among others. He has previously worked as an Attorney with Isola Adebayo and Company and later for Paul Usoro (SAN) and Co. Hon. Abong has an LLB from University of Calabar. He also attended Nigerian Law School, Victoria Island, Lagos where he qualified as a Solicitor and Advocate of the Supreme Court of Nigeria.
Dorcas Agik Oduor

Dorcas Agik Oduor is the Secretary, Public Prosecutions and the Principal Deputy to the Director of Public Prosecutions – Kenya. A career Prosecution Counsel, Oduor has previously served in the Public Prosecutions space for over 20 years having begun her career as a State Counsel in 1991.

She holds a Master’s degree in International Conflict Management and an LL. B Degree from the University of Nairobi alongside a Law Diploma, from the Kenya School of Law.

Ms. Ebelechukwu Enedah

Ebelechukwu Enedah is a partner in the firm of PUNUKA Attorneys & Solicitors, one of the foremost law firm in Nigeria. She is a member of Nigeria Institute of Management and has a higher national diploma in Business Administration and Management. She was called to the Nigerian bar with upper credit in 2006 after which she joined the firm.

Ebelechukwu heads the Capital Market and Consultancy & Government Regulatory department, where her training and experience in Project Finance has being greatly utilized in providing services to client.

Her practice areas include Dispute Resolution (Expertise in Litigation), Privatization, Legal & Regulatory Drafting, Legal and Transaction Advisory, Project Finance, Capital Market, Probate & Family Law, Estate Planning & Asset Management, Energy Law (Power), Oil & Gas, Company Law & Practice, Commercial Law, Insolvency.

She has extensive experience in Financial Services Law, Insolvency and Business Restructuring having advised and assisted various multinationals and companies in restructuring their credit facilities and acting as a Receiver/Manager in an insolvency matter. Ebelechukwu also has extensive experience in company secretarial services, having handled several matters which involved her vast knowledge of Company and Allied Matters. Her expertise also involves Family Law, Probate Matters and Estate Planning. Ebelechukwu has been involved in many ‘big ticket’ dispute resolution brief in Nigeria. She is currently the Financial Secretary of Capital Market Solicitors Association.

Her role as head of training in charge of coordinating CWAG|AAP projects in Nigeria has ensured a smooth organization highly successful training workshops and symposia in Nigeria with prominent Nigerians in attendance.
July 2019

*Abuja, Nigeria*
8th – 9th
Providing Legal Representation and Legal Advisory Services to the Indigent and the vulnerable – Roles, Responsibilities and Functions in collaboration with Kogi State, Office of Public Defender

*Atlanta, Georgia*
14th – 19th
AGA|AAP participation in The National Black Prosecutors Association Annual Conference – Human Trafficking

*South Africa*
24th – 25th
AGA|AAP workshop on Investigation and Prosecution of Financial Crimes in collaboration with the Financial Intelligence Centre & ESAAMLG

AUGUST

*Livingstone, Zambia*
11th – 16th
AGA|AAP Workshop on Anti-Wildlife Trafficking in collaboration with the National Prosecution Authority
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 Sponsorship**
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 more details.

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