INTERACTIVE DEBATE

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Regional judicial cooperation networks

- **WACAP**: West African Network of Central Authorities and Prosecutors
  - **GLJCN**: Great Lakes Judicial Cooperation Network
- **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
How do they work?

- **Covering all serious crime:**
  - Drug Trafficking, all forms of transnational organized crime and terrorism.

- **2 or more designated Contact Points per country:**
  - Officials of central authorities, judicial and prosecuting authorities
  - Authorized to provide advice on cases and to facilitate contacts within their jurisdiction

- **Regular meetings of Contact Points:**
  - Advice, training and South-South cooperation
  - Provide input for the development of practical practitioner tools and to the Networks’ websites and information sharing platforms
Before

Lack of institutionalization of Central Authorities

Lack of knowledge

No direct communication
After CAs established, institutionalized or strengthened, tailored training, direct contacts & trust, exchange of good practices lead to more efficient requests. Obstacles to MLA/extradition overcome allow for operational cooperation, resulting in more successful prosecutions & proceeds of crime confiscated.
CRIMINAL SUPERNETWORKS

Several layers integrated:
- Drug (other criminal commodity) production
- Smuggling channels
- Storage and distribution network
- Financial infrastructure
- Corrupted officials
Building the networks

- Prosecutorial and Central Authorities Networks
- Law Enforcement networks
- Networks of FIUs
- Asset Recovery Networks (ARINs)
Mechanism of BLO operation

**BLO Composition**

- Customs Service
- Border Guard Service
- Police Service
- Drug Control Agency

**B边境联络处**

- border liaison office
- intelligence exchange between the governments of the countries
- confidential intelligence transmittance
- real-time intelligence exchange between BLOs
- confidential intelligence transmittance
Meetings of BLO officers

BLO officers discuss border security related issues, crime situation and seizures. The responsible officer inputs information into BLO database. Each BLO has IBM “i2” software installed and BLO officers may analyze the information within BLO.

BLO report

The meeting results are sent by the responsible officer as a report in the agreed BLO format to the head agency in charge of the BLO operation.

Analysis of information

BLO reports are accumulated at the head agency in charge of BLO activity and analysts make thorough analysis of information provided by BLOs.

Exchange of information

Upon analysis of information received from BLO analysts provide recommendation to the management on possible actions. If necessary, the neighboring country is notified through the official channels about the possible risk of drug trafficking and joint operation.
OUTCOME 1
• Enhanced capacity of law enforcement to collect evidence for successful prosecutions of OC cases, exchange data, and conduct joint investigations to tackle OC at the inter-regional level

OUTCOME 2
• Enhanced capacity of the judiciary to prosecute and adjudicate OC cases
• Enhanced transnational judicial cooperation

OUTCOME 3
• Enhanced integrity and accountability of law enforcement and the judiciary

OUTCOME 4
• Enhanced capacity of CSOs to identify, monitor and propose measures to address key integrity and accountability challenges in effectively combatting OC in criminal justice sector

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Facilitate inter-regional knowledge exchange and identification of existing challenges

Conduct follow-up research to develop an inter-regional baseline for programming

Collaborate with Civil Society and foster continues dialogue

Technical assistance at country level (incl. peer learning) upon request

Strategic programming + Efficient use of resources for lasting results

Engage in additional high level advocacy for the topic

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