UNODC’s Country programme for Nigeria addresses drug and crime control priorities and focuses on partnerships with key stakeholders. CONIG’s expanding programme portfolio centers around justice sector reform, anti-corruption, drug control, human trafficking and smuggling of migrants as well as the fight against other transnational organized crime. It also aims at better services for victims of human trafficking, drug abusers, and HIV/AIDS risk groups. UNODC Nigeria is located at United Nations House, Plot 617/618 Diplomatic Drive, Central Area District, Abuja P.M.B. 2851, Garki, Abuja.

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**JUSTICE SECTOR REFORM**

**Bayelsa State Judiciary and UNODC Partner for Justice Sector Town Hall Meeting**

Under the Dutch funded project “Partnership in the Bayelsa Expenditure and Income Transparency Initiative and the Judicial Integrity Action Programme” and with the support of UNODC, the Bayelsa State Judiciary held its first justice sector town-hall meeting on 23 March. Over 300 participants had the opportunity to interact with representatives of the judiciary, the police, the prison service, the Ministry of Justice, the Bar Association and other stakeholders. The Bayelsa State Chief Judge, Hon. Justice Kate Abiri described the town hall meeting as paving the way for democratic interaction between the various stakeholders in the Bayelsa State justice sector with regard to common concerns as relates to the rule of law. The town hall meeting is the first of three sessions scheduled to take place in the state under the project. The Bayelsa State Judiciary and UNODC will shortly commence a survey on the integrity and capacity of the state justice sector.

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**The Reform Continues: Nigerian Prison Service Introduces New Staff Training Curriculum**

Following extensive work between the Nigeria Prison Service (NPS) and UNODC, a new curriculum for the Nigeria Prison Service staff training institutes, was introduced to 75 NPS teaching staff under the framework of a project funded by the government of the United Kingdom. The new curriculum introduces further elements in support of the introduction of a human rights based approach to corrections. In future the NPS workforce will pass through training that includes, among others, courses on prisoners with special needs, sentence planning and awaiting trial prisoners. All the teaching staff were provided with copies of the Handbook on Prisoners with Special Needs.

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**ANTI – MONEY LAUNDERING**

**400 Compliance Officers Trained on Business Ethics and Anti-Money Laundering Standards**

UNODC in collaboration with the Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit, the Special Control Unit Against Money Laundering, the Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria and the Association of Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialists, conducted two trainings on business ethics, know your customer and anti-money laundering standards under the Dutch funded project “Promoting Ethics and Transparency in Business Transactions in Nigeria”. The trainings which took place in Abuja and Lagos, attracted 400 compliance officers from financial and designated non-financial institutions. At the end of the trainings, participants came up with a communiqué with recommended measures to combat money laundering.

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**News in Brief**

**On 10 March, UNODC conducted a communication workshop for media focal persons and public relations officers of the Bayelsa State justice sector institutions. At the end of the workshop, the group jointly designed a Communication plan for the state justice sector.**

**Upcoming Events in April – May 2011:**

12 April
Working Group Meeting on the final evaluation of the project "Promoting Ethics and Transparency in Business Transactions in Nigeria"

20 April
Transfer of 20 computer, UPS etc to NAPTIP under the human trafficking project (NGA/S84)

9 May
Delta State anti-human trafficking town hall meeting

10 -11 May
Sensitization workshop on human trafficking for opinion makers, traditional rulers and religious leaders in Delta State

16 -20 May
Roll out training for senior managers in Port Harcourt prison