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FIRST MEETING OF AIRCOP FOCAL POINTS AND HEADS OF JAIFTS OF LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

On 15 and 16 November 2018, AIRCOP focal points and Heads of JAIFTs for Latin America and the Caribbean gathered in Panama, with the participation of the CARICOM IMPACS Joint Regional Communication Centre (JRCC), UK Border Force and CRIMJUST. This meeting provided a platform for in-depth discussions and reflections on the successes, challenges, results and experiences, resulting in a series of concrete recommendations for improvement that will be implemented throughout 2019.



REGIONAL WORKSHOPS FOR AFRICAN JAIFTS

In the first weeks of November 2018, two regional workshops were provided for the African JAIFTs in Dakar. The workshops on the use of the CENcomm and on drugs detection and identification were delivered respectively by WCO and the Police Forensics Laboratory of Côte d'Ivoire. Funded by the European Union, drug kits and urine tests were given to each JAIFTF to improve their identification capacity.



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PRE-OPERATIONAL PHASE OF COCAIR VII

AIRCOP African, Latin American and Caribbean JAIFTs participated in the pre-operational workshops of the WCO Operation COCAIR 7th edition that will start in December 2018. This joint operation brings together law enforcement agencies from over 30 countries, with a focus on international airports in which intensified controls are enforced during several weeks.

Key seizures by JAIFTs

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Date: 16 November 2018



Seizure: 3,2 million of counterfeit USD

Place: Kotoka International Airport, Accra, Ghana

Concealment: Photocopy paper packs

Route: Nairobi to Accra to Lomé to Douala

Person intercepted: Cameroonian man

Date: 15 November 2018



Seizure/interception: Israeli man

wanted for drug trafficking (INTERPOL RED NOTICE)

Place: San Salvador, El Salvador

Route: Cancun, Mexico, to San Salvador



Date: 19 - 23 November 2018



Seizure: 1,2 kg of cocaine

Place: Mohamed V International Airport in Casablanca, Morocco during a training on "Frontline Identification and Investigation of Suspicious Passengers" delivered by INTERCOPS (Brazilian Federal Police)

Concealment: On passenger

Route: Sao Paulo to Angola via Casablanca

Person intercepted: Angolan woman

Date: 10 November 2018



Seizure: 5 kg of cocaine

Place: Bissau, Guinea Bissau

Concealment: In passenger's clothes

Route: Sao Paolo to Bissau via Lisbon

Person intercepted: Bissau-Guinean man

Date: 3 November 2018



Seizure: 531 kg of cocaine

Place: El Dorado International Airport in Bogotá, Colombia

Concealment: In washing machines

Route: Air cargo to the San Andrés Islands archipelago



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