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# AIRCOP

## Airport Communication Project

### CRIMJUST/AIRCOP INTER-REGIONAL DRUG CASE FORUM IN ACCRA, GHANA

From 29 to 30 October, CRIMJUST organised an inter-regional drug case forum in Accra, Ghana with the participation of AIRCOP. It aimed at strengthening regional and inter-regional cooperation in post-seizure investigations, in response to diversification and expansion of transnational drug trafficking groups operating in Brazil and countries along the Gulf of Guinea. During this two-day forum, 35 participants including case officers and prosecutors from Nigeria, Ghana, Cabo Verde, Guinea Bissau and Brazil as well as investigators and prosecutors from Spain, Portugal and the European Judicial Network reviewed specific drug trafficking cases from each country linking West Africa and Brazil, in order to identify opportunities and further develop post-seizure investigation methods.



### JAITF AT LIMA AIRPORT COLLABORATES IN THE CAPTURE OF THE LEADER OF THE 'LOS TRUJILLANOS' DRUG CARTEL

In April 2019 a joint investigation into the 'Los Trujillos' drug trafficking group operating out of Trujillo, Peru was initiated by the Public Ministry, the Anti-narcotics Unit (DIRANDRO) and the Joint Airport Interdiction Task Force (JAITF) at the Jorge Chavez International Airport in Peru, following the arrest of 3 individuals caught smuggling 17 Kg of drugs from Lima to Barcelona. The post seizure investigation into these individuals identified links to the 'Los Trujillos' which led to the arrest of 5 members of the cartel in Peru and, on 18 October 2019, their leader, Castillo Muñoz, on his return to Lima from Barcelona, Spain.

### EFFECTIVE INTERCEPTION AND POST SEIZURE INVESTIGATION LEADS TO SEIZURE OF 750 KG OF PANGOLIN SCALES IN NIAMEY, NIGER

On 27 October 2019 the JAITF at Diiori Hamani International Airport arrested an individual caught trafficking 600 Kg of pangolin scales from Niger to Malaysia. Thanks to an effective post seizure investigation and efficient home search on 28 October 2019 in Niamey, Niger an additional 150 Kg of pangolin scales was seized, bringing the total to 750 Kg.



### AIRCOP PARTICIPATES IN THE 2019 IATA GLOBAL AIRPORT AND PASSENGER SYMPOSIUM

From 15 to 17 October 2019 AIRCOP participated as a panelist in the discussion on border security at the second Global Airport and Passenger Symposium (GAPS) held by the International Air Transport Association (IATA) in Warsaw, Poland. This symposium addressed the impact of existing processes on the passenger journey and explored how future needs, trends and solutions will shape the way we travel.

### AIRCOP DELIVERS KEYNOTE PRESENTATION AT THE 2019 OSCE SEMINAR ON PASSENGER DATA EXCHANGE

From 31 October to 1 November 2019 AIRCOP participated as a keynote speaker in the third annual Seminar on Passenger Data Exchange held by the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) in Vienna, Austria. This seminar aims to assist states in developing and implementing Advance Passenger Information (API) and Passenger Name Record (PNR) systems.



### Key Seizures:

**Date:** 5 October 2019   
**Place:** Lima, Peru  
**Seizure:** 5 Kg Cocaine  
**Route:** Lima, Peru – Paris, France  
**Airline:** Air France  
**Concealment:** in liquid and powder form hidden in groceries

**Date:** 20 October 2019   
**Place:** Abuja, Nigeria  
**Seizure:** 5 Kg Cocaine  
**Route:** Sao Paulo, Brazil - Addis Ababa, Ethiopia - Abuja, Nigeria  
**Airline:** Ethiopian Airways  
**Concealment:** Hidden in the double bottom of a suitcase