



MOZAMBIQUE

AIRCOP DISCUSSES WITH COUNTERPARTS ITS IMPLEMENTATION IN MOZAMBIQUE

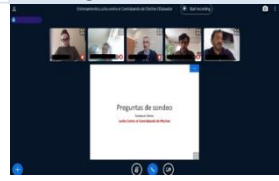


Between 8 and 12 March, the AIRCOP Coordinator for Africa, the AIRCOP Coordinator for Eastern and Southern Africa and a UNODC Law Enforcement Advisor participated in an AIRCOP mission in Maputo, Mozambique. The objective was to discuss with national and international counterparts the implementation of AIRCOP in the country. The mission met with the Central Office for the Prevention and Combat of Drugs (GPCPD – AIRCOP Focal Point), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Mozambican Revenue Authority, the judicial police, the airport authority and the EU delegation. Concrete and time-bound steps were identified for the upcoming roll-out in the country.

AIRCOP DELIVER COURSES ON COMBATTING CASH SMUGGLING FOR COUNTRIES

LATIN AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN

From 1 February to 9 March, more than 400 participants from the AIRCOP task forces from Barbados, Jamaica, Panama, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic and El Salvador, as well as officials from Guatemala and Honduras, participated in the course on *Combating Cash Smuggling* offered by the Global Programme against Money Laundering, in collaboration with CARICOM IMPACS. The webinar addressed the main concepts of money laundering through the physical transportation of cash across international borders.



CÔTE D'IVOIRE


NETWORK OF FALSIFIED COVID-19 TESTS UNCOVERED IN COTE D'IVOIRE




The task force of Abidjan uncovered a network of falsified Covid-19 tests at the airport for passengers on bound to North Africa. After two weeks of observations of departing passengers' movements and verification of QR codes, task forces strongly suspected the use of fraudulent techniques from an organized illicit network. Following random checks on these flights, some passengers were found to present negative COVID tests with identical bar codes, resulting in the interception of 10 passengers. Health service agents who were supposed to scan the bar codes at Abidjan Airport were accomplices in the fraud.




KEY SEIZURES


Date: 27 February
Place: Bamako
Seizure: 3 kg of cocaine
Further information:
Hold luggage, from Sao Paolo via Addis Ababa to Bamako



Date: 8 March
Place: Cotonou
Seizure: 6 kg of cocaine
Further information:
Hold luggage of a Nigerian Courier, from Sao Paolo via Addis Ababa



Date: 21 February
Place: Kingston
Seizure: 11.8 kg of cannabis
Further information:
Seized by the narcotics police, acting on information from the AIRCOP JAITF



Date: 27 February
Place: Santa Cruz
Seizure: 19 kg of cocaine
Further information:
Concealed in shipments of aromatic candles

INCREASED COOPERATION BETWEEN AIRCOP AND MOROCCO

MOROCCO


AIRCOP is supporting Morocco to facilitate collaborative work for the set-up and operationalization of API / PNR systems. As part of a first phase, two online meetings were organized to allow exchange of information and good practices between the Moroccan managers of the API / PNR project and Finnish and Belgian Passenger Information Units. The discussions focused on good practices on the institutional setup, legal framework, data protection, interagency cooperation, human resources management, technological configuration and API / PNR acquisition.



NORTH MACEDONIA AIRCOP LAUNCHES TRAINING CYCLE FOR AIRCOP / CCP INTERAGENCY GROUP IN SKOPJE



As part of the establishment of an AIRCOP/CCP interagency group, AIRCOP organised and delivered a workshop on *World of Drugs 1 - Cocaine* to 31 officers from the Customs Administration and the Ministry of Interior / Border Police Directorate of North Macedonia. By allowing a deep insight to the core of the threat, the workshop is an integral part of the comprehensive training curriculum developed for the region.



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