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AIRCOP



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Real time operational communication
between international airports to counter
transnational organized crime
and illicit drug trafficking,
and prevent terrorism



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INTERPOL

Our project

AIRCOP is a multi-agency project implemented by **UNODC** in partnership with **INTERPOL** and the **World Customs Organization (WCO)**. It aims at **strengthening the capacities of international airports** to **detect and intercept drugs, other illicit goods and high-risk passengers**, including foreign terrorist fighters, in origin, transit and destination countries with the overall objective of **disrupting criminal networks**.

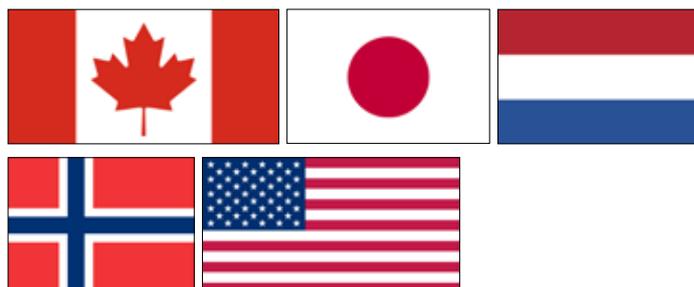
AIRCOP was designed in 2010 as part of the European Union's Cocaine Route Programme to curb cocaine trafficking on passengers, in cargo and mail, from source countries in Latin America - via the Caribbean and Africa - to Europe. The increased capacity and knowledge of trained personnel has led to the expansion of the project scope to cover the multiple threats targeting airports, including all illicit drugs, illicit goods (such as wildlife, counterfeit medicines or weapons) and, as of late, terrorism and trafficking in persons. The project has also expanded its geographical coverage and currently includes airports in Africa, Latin America, the Caribbean and the Middle East

Based on the fundamental idea of **information sharing and trust building, adaptable** to the evolution of trafficking routes and the emergence of newly trafficked commodities, AIRCOP is **continuously expanding** across the globe as a key element of **border management and security**.



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AIRCOP also receives contributions from Canada, Japan, the Netherlands, Norway and the United States of America



Our action



INTER AGENCY COOPERATION THROUGH JOINT AIRPORT INTERDICTION TASK FORCES

AIRCOP supports inter-agency cooperation through the establishment of **Joint Airport Interdiction Task Forces (JAITFs)**. These are multi-agency task forces, bringing together **law enforcement agencies** operating at international airports, which may include the police, customs, immigration, airport authorities, national security or drug enforcement agencies.

JAITFs are **nationally owned**, established by ministerial or presidential decree and have a mandate over the entire airport platform on passengers, mail and cargo.

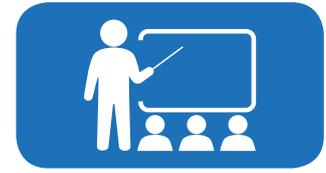


REAL TIME TRANSMISSION AND SHARING OF INFORMATION

AIRCOP facilitates **secure real-time transmission** and sharing of information between law enforcement services at national, regional and international level by connecting the different JAITFs to data and communication networks.

Specific tools provided by AIRCOP include extension of **INTERPOL's I-24/7 criminal databases** and access to **WCO's CENcomm system**.

Furthermore, **regular exchange of information and cooperation** are also facilitated between JAITFs and bilateral Liaison Officers, as well as airlines operating at selected airports.



CAPACITY BUILDING

AIRCOP promotes an intelligence-led approach by providing a **range of basic and specialized training activities** at **national and regional level** as well as a series of **mentoring activities**.

Training and mentoring activities are conducted by **experienced law enforcement officers active in key international airports**, delivering up-to-date expertise and building **long-term communication** and cooperation, well beyond the duration of the actual activities.

To strengthen **South-South cooperation**, new countries interested in joining AIRCOP participate in **study visits** to functioning JAITFs, while **exchange programmes** are organized between the different JAITFs.

Our partners



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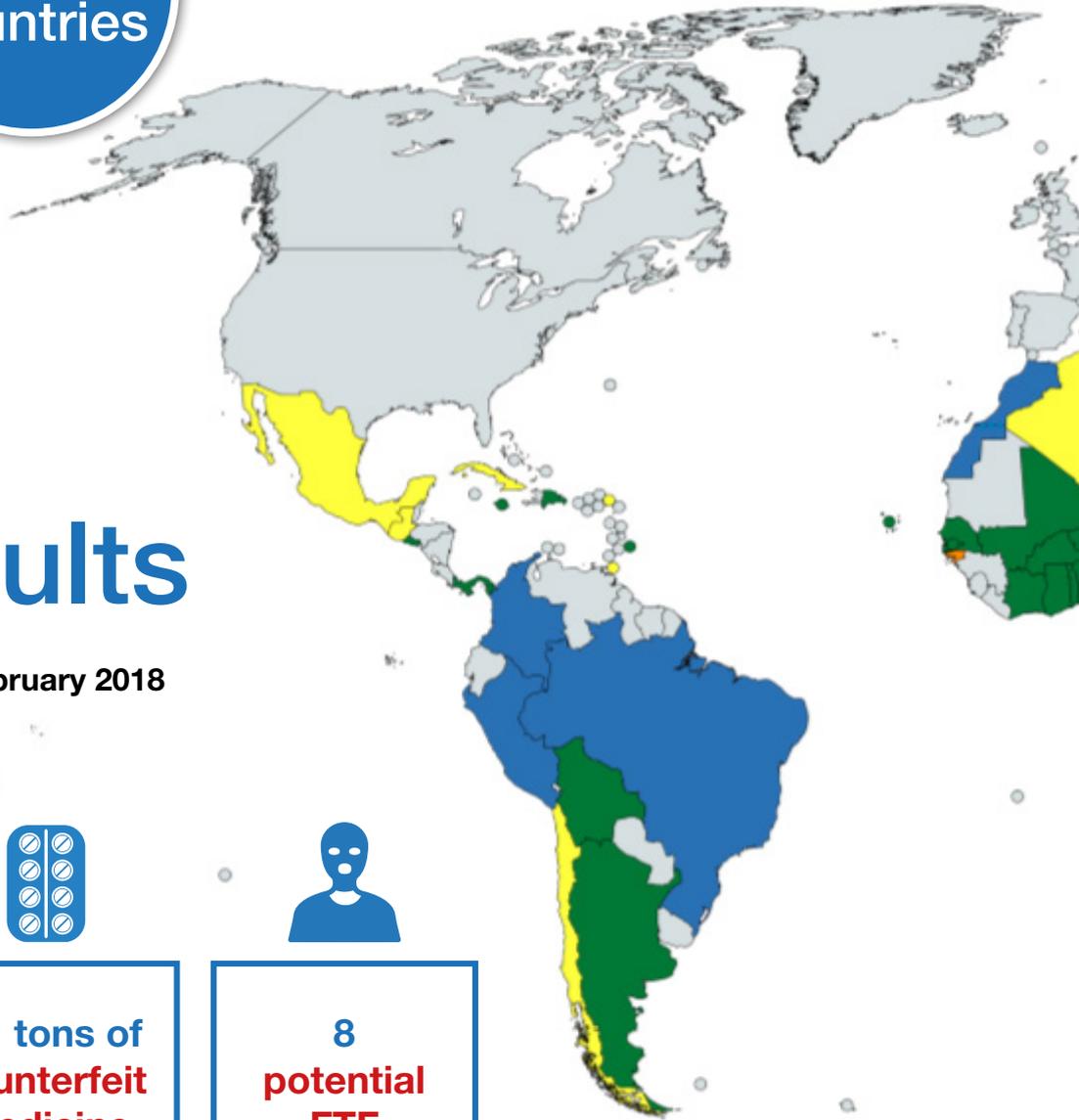


INTERPOL

Our development

39
countries

43
airports



Our results

Seizures as of February 2018



5,7 tons of cocaine



2,1 tons of counterfeit medicine



8 potential FTF



700 kgs of pangolin scales



1,6 tons of cannabis



1,3 tons of meth



350 kgs of heroin

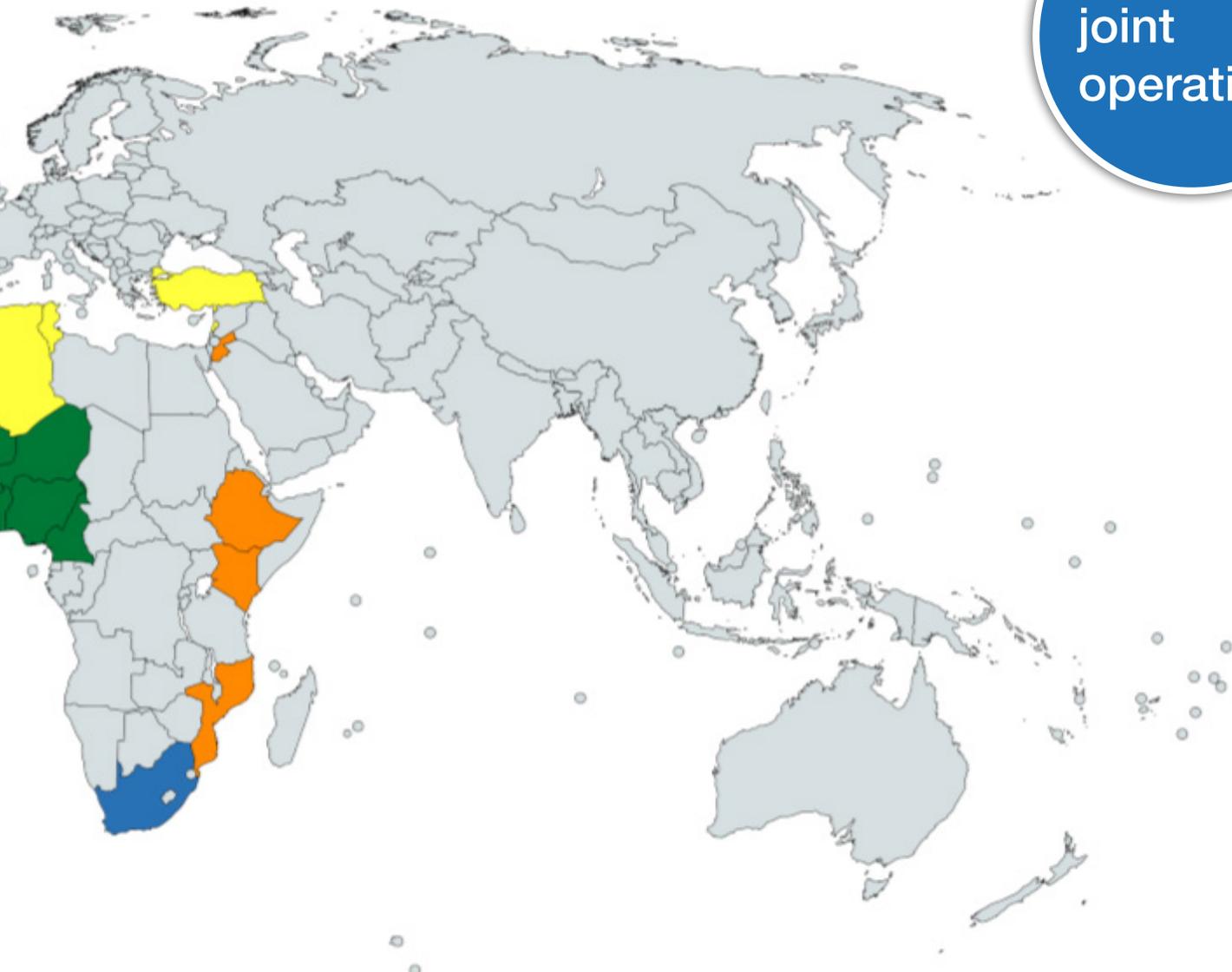


100 kgs of amphetamine

Location of JAITFs and associate countries (as of February 2018):

- JAITFs – Operational (22)
- JAITFs – Established / Under Establishment (6)
- Associate Countries (5)
- Discussions Initiated / Funding Received (10)

21
joint
operations



ggs of
tamine



**541 kgs of
ivory tusks**



**360 kgs of
ephedrine**



**9 tons of
tobacco
product**



**7,5 million
undeclared
USD**

Seizures also included 2 tons of khat, fake passports, guns and ammunition.

Our commitment

Contributing to air border control

Capacity Building

Training and mentoring activities cover a wide range of issues such as targeting, intelligence, behavioral analysis, inspection, forgery and forensics across the 5 phases of the air passenger travel cycle (pre-departure, departure, pre-arrival, arrival as well as post-arrival), as well as in relation to cargo and mail.

Equipment

AIRCOP can provide JAITFs with various types of office equipment, IT and photographic equipment, as well as inspection and testing tools (mobile device forensics for cell phone data recovery, urine tests, explosive detection tools, spectrometer, X-ray, vehicle, etc.).

Good Practices

To consolidate the expertise built throughout the life of the project, AIRCOP promotes the exchange of good practices through thematic standardized curricula, exchange programmes between the JAITFs as well as discussions during the regional meetings of heads of JAITFs and AIRCOP Global Meetings.

Joint Operations

AIRCOP funds the annual WCO-led COCAIR joint operation, during which controls and exchanges are heightened between participating airports, with a focus on cocaine interdiction. AIRCOP supports the participation of JAITFs in other joint operations organized by INTERPOL, WCO and other organizations on specific threats or in specific regions.

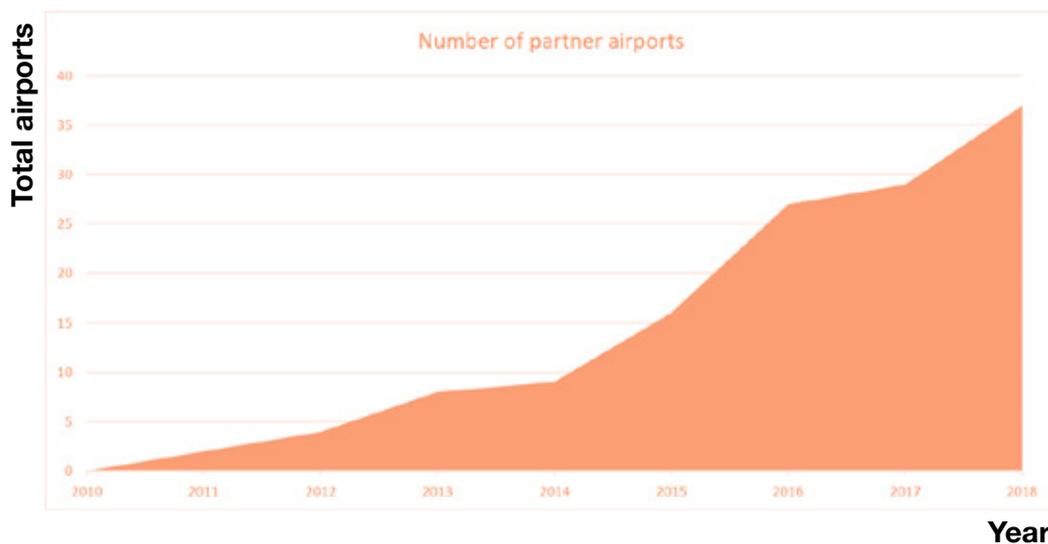
Coordination

AIRCOP collaborates with international organisations, such as the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), the International Air Transport Association (IATA) and the Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate (CTED); regional entities such as CARICOM and the G5 Sahel; and law enforcement agencies, such as the Brazilian Federal Police (INTERCOPS).

Analysis

AIRCOP produces operational and strategic reports highlighting trends, routes, type of substances, modus operandi and concealment methods, based on data from WCO's CENcomm and INTERPOL criminal databases and reports.

Our growth



TOTAL number of partner airports (as of February 2018)

Our activities

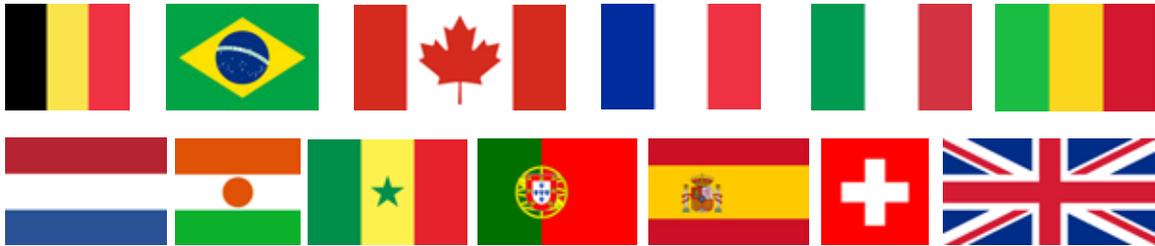
200
capacity
building
activities

3,200
personnel
trained

20%
of them
women

13
trainers
nationalities

AIRCOP trainers and mentors come from law enforcement agencies (police, customs, etc..) from countries across the globe further highlighting the importance of the AIRCOP network which incorporates international best practices and promotes South-South/trans-regional cooperation. As of February 2018, trainers come from:



Our values

AIRCOP contributes to the achievement of the **Sustainable Development Goals** of the United Nations Development Agenda 2030.



Integrity

AIRCOP supports governments in developing staff selection procedures, vetting methods, trainings on ethics and standard operating procedures.

Upon request, AIRCOP could support other accountability mechanisms, such as codes of conduct, internal inspection or reporting channels.

Gender & Human Rights

AIRCOP is dedicated to mainstreaming a gender perspective in its activities, including hiring of personnel in the JAITFs, training accessibility and data segregation. AIRCOP also applies the UN Human Rights Due Diligence Policy, including background checks and risk mitigation strategies.

Adaptability

Thanks to the trainings and equipment provided, JAITFs adjust to new threats identified and can thus evolve from drug interception to other trafficked goods such as wildlife, or high-risk passengers such as foreign terrorist fighters. AIRCOP also adapts to national situations and can strengthen existing airport units with similar mandates rather than creating new ones.

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