



WEST AFRICA

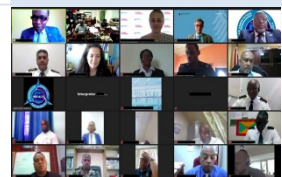
AIRCOP TASK FORCES IN WEST AFRICA PARTICIPATE IN FRENCH CUSTOMS JOINT OPERATIONS



This summer, AIRCOP West African task forces took part in a five-day awareness workshop on the control of light aviation, preparing for the upcoming operational phases of the 8th edition of “*Ailes Africaines*”, a joint operation organized by the French Customs. This operation, to which AIRCOP has long been participating, stems from the need to strengthen controls of light aviation, a major emerging security challenge. Nine JAITFs also participated to the preoperational workshop of the French Customs-led « *African Storks* » joint operation on air cargo and postal parcels: a first edition particular relevant in the COVID-19 health crisis context, with air cargo being increasingly used by criminal organisations.

AIRCOP STRENGTHENS TASK FORCES AWARENESS OF ILLICIT FIREARMS TRAFFICKING

CARIBBEAN



From 22 to 23 June, AIRCOP task forces from Barbados and Jamaica participated in the Joint Global Firearms Programme and CARICOM IMPACS Regional Meeting on Illicit Firearms Trafficking in the Caribbean and its Criminal Justice Responses, where The Organization of American States (OAS), UNLIREC, the National Ballistics Intelligence Service from the UK and EUROPOL also participated. The aim was to enhance the capacities of JAITFs to more effectively address firearms trafficking and combat this growing threat, throughout the region.

TOGO

AIRCOP ORGANIZES A NATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE FOR ITS TASK FORCE IN LOME, TOGO



The AIRCOP national Steering Committee took place on 23 June 2021 at the headquarters of the National Civil Aviation of Togo (ANAC), an event which brought together the Central Counter Narcotics Director (OCERTIDB), the Head of the Lomé JAITF, the Coordinator of the Lomé Airport Safety Authority (ASAICE), the chief of airport customs as well as senior representatives of the Police and Gendarmerie. In addition to a valuable exchange of expertise and engagement for the future, one key outcome was the Customs representative’s confirmation of the nomination of customs officers within the JAITF.



KEY SEIZURES



Date: 19 July
Place: Lima
Seizure: 6.8 kg of cocaine
Further information:
 Concealed inside shampoo bottles , bound for Italy.



Date: 6 July
Place: Cotonou
Seizure: 4,5 kg of gold
Further information: .
 Mauritanian smuggler on a commercial flight from Brazzaville.



Date: 14 July
Place: Niamey
Seizure: Fossils fragments
Further information:
 Freight. Authentication by the geology laboratory of Niamey.



Date: 23 July
Place: Lomé
Seizure: 50 kg of Tramadol
Further information:
 Freight. Beninese national, bound for Pakistan.

ORGANISATION OF A RETREAT ON THE AIRCOP – CCP MoU BY THE BORDER MANAGEMENT SECRETARIAT

KENYA



From 7 to 9 July, the Kenyan Border Management Secretariat (BMS) gathered 35 officials, including 15 women, from various ministries and agencies involved in the implementation of AIRCOP and the Container Control Programme (CCP) in the country. Representatives reviewed the MoU to reflect the new coordinated border management structure and the roles and responsibilities of each stakeholders. Updated versions of both documents have been agreed upon and shared for legal clearance. AIRCOP, jointly with CCP, will continue to assist Kenya in strengthening border management and preventing illicit trafficking.

GENDER

AIRCOP DEVELOPS TOOLS FOR BETTER GENDER MAINSTREAMING



AIRCOP supports the mainstreaming of gender equality into its work and firmly believes in the integration of a gender perspective. For this reason, over the last months, AIRCOP has been working on different initiatives to raise awareness on the importance of gender in the work of law enforcement at airports, support our multi-agency teams in adopting a gender perspective and increase the visibility of our female officers. At the end of August, AIRCOP will launch a series of portraits on its Twitter account highlighting the role and challenges faced by female officers active in AIRCOP task forces. Stay tuned and follow us at @AIRCOP_UNODC!



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