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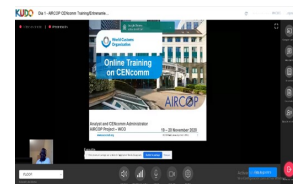
REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON BORDER SECURITY IN NAIROBI

During a regional workshop on border security jointly organized by UNODC and the Counter-Terrorism Center of Excellence, the role of AIRCOP in supporting better targeting and interception of high-risk passengers, including foreign terrorist fighters (FTFs), and illicit commodities, and strengthening cross-border cooperation was highlighted. Through an interactive online session, airport officers from Kenya, Ethiopia, Somalia and Tanzania provided their views on main threats and challenges in the interception of FTF at their airports and informed on the frequency of their contact with airport officers abroad.

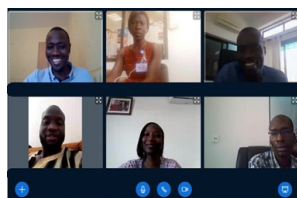


REGIONAL VIRTUAL TRAINING ON THE USE OF THE CENCOMM PLATFORM

The exchange of real-time operational information across the AIRCOP network is an essential part of our operations. From 19 to 20 November, AIRCOP in collaboration with the World Customs Organization (WCO), delivered a Regional Virtual training on the use of the WCO CENcomm platform, to more than 70 participants and law enforcement officials from AIRCOP JAITFs in 13 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean, to strengthen their technical knowledge and operational use of this platform.



VIRTUAL TRAINING ON THE USE OF THE CENCOMM PLATFORM FOR AFRICAN JAITFS



In November 2020, AIRCOP officers from Benin, Burkina Faso, Niger, Senegal, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea Bissau, Mali, Nigeria and Togo attended three e-learning modules organized with WCO on the use of the new version of CENcomm 3, AIRCOP's secure communication platform. A newly trained CENcomm referent from Benin participated in teaching the 2nd module. This module allowed participants to strengthen the ties between their respective JAITFs and through CENcomm officers from different countries and units can communicate securely in real-time to combat illegal activities.

KEY SEIZURES



Date: 28 October and 13 November



Place: Abuja
Seizure: 12 kg of cocaine
Further information: Hold luggage

Date: 4 November



Place: Kingston
Seizure: 30.8 kg of cannabis
Further information: Concealed in a suitcase, heading for Antigua and Barbuda.

Date: 18 November



Place: Cotonou
Seizure: 13 kg of cocaine
Further information: Hidden in Cuban cigars boxes

Date: November



Place: Lagos
Seizure: 10,4 kg of cocaine
Further information: Hold luggage

Date: November



Place: Cotonou
Seizure: 4,3 kg of methamphetamine
Further information: Brussels/Paris final destination

STRENGTHENING OF THE AIRCOP PROJECT IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

From 16 to 20 November, the AIRCOP Regional Coordinator for Latin America and the Caribbean visited the Dominican Republic to meet with relevant authorities including the Specialized Corps for Airport Security and Civil Aviation (CESAC), Immigration, Customs, the Intelligence Department (J2), the National Investigation Directorate (DNI), the National Directorate of Drug Control (DNCD), the Minister of Defense and the EU Ambassador to the Dominican Republic. The objective of this visit was to reiterate the commitment of UNODC to the success of the AIRCOP project in the Dominican Republic and strengthen the implementation at the international airports in Punta Cana and Santo Domingo.



ROLE of JAITFs IN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION



In November 2020, upon request from the Belgian Customs, the JAITF of Togo facilitated international cooperation between the Belgian Customs and the Lilongwe International Airport of Malawi. It enabled the interception at departure of a courier holding a UK passport with 9 kg of heroin destined to Brussels via Addis Ababa. This example reflects the role of the AIRCOP network in real-time exchange of information and targeting of high-risk passengers, mail and cargo.

