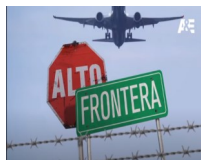


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## JAITFs FROM AIRCOP LAC FEATURE ON TV CHANNEL A&E'S PROGRAM "ALTO FRONTERA"



On 4 October, the TV program "Alto Frontera" premiered on A&E channel. The first episode showcased how the AIRCOP task force operates and combats illicit trafficking and transnational and organized crime at airports in Bolivia. Every Sunday, an episode of Alto Frontera will be released, each on different AIRCOP task forces across Latin America. This was the result of a MoU signed between UNODC and the production company OMAVA.

## CT TRAVEL PROGRAMME: PILOT COURSE FOR BOTSWANA

AIRCOP contributed to the delivery of the first online training course of the Counter-Terrorist Travel Programme to focal points and airport staff in Botswana. The training syllabus covered different aspects related to the detection of terrorists and their travel movements using travel information including API and PNR, including threat assessment, international legal framework, operationalization of a passenger information unit, engagement with air carriers and goTravel software. The course was preceded by a deep-dive mission from 13-17 July 2020.

## AIRCOP MEETS WITH NATIONAL COUNTERPARTS AND FACILITATES CENCOMM ACCESS IN KENYA



In October, AIRCOP coordinator for Eastern and Southern Africa visited Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) in Nairobi to discuss the implementation of AIRCOP with partners. Thanks to rich exchanges with the airport authority, customs, police, and the Joint Operation Center, AIRCOP's support will be more targeted to the needs of JKIA. As a first step, two female customs officers were granted access to AIRCOP CENcomm and benefitted from a training session on the tool, organized by WCO. Such training will support JKIA in strengthening real-time secure information sharing with other international airports.

## SERBIA IS ONE STEP CLOSER TO JOIN AIRCOP

From 5 to 9 October, along with the Regional Programme for South-Eastern Europe and the Container Control Programme, AIRCOP coordinator for South-Eastern Europe conducted a technical assessment at Belgrade Airport. He met with counterparts from the Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Transport, Directorate for Civil Aviation, Customs and international stakeholders and discussed the next steps of operationalisation of an AIRCOP Taskforce.



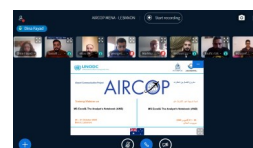
## KEY SEIZURES



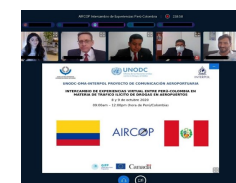
<p><b>Date:</b> 7 October <b>Place:</b> Cotonou <b>Seizure:</b> 7kg of cocaine <b>Further information:</b> On passenger, Sao Paolo / Addis Ababa / Cotonou</p>	<p><b>Date:</b> 22 October <b>Place:</b> Abidjan <b>Seizure:</b> 350 KG of shark fins <b>Further information:</b> Freight seizure.</p>	<p><b>Date:</b> 25 October <b>Place:</b> Guinea Bissau <b>Seizure:</b> 3 kg of cocaine <b>Further information:</b> On passenger, Bissau - Lisbon</p>	<p><b>Date:</b> October 2020 <b>Place:</b> Niamey <b>Seizure:</b> 1000 fraudulent credit cards. <b>Further information:</b> further post-seizure investigation into criminal network ongoing.</p>	<p><b>Date:</b> 12 October <b>Place:</b> Abidjan <b>Seizure:</b> 500 kg of cocaine <b>Further information:</b> Concealed in a pharaoh bust, heading for the Netherlands.</p>
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## TRAINING ON ANALYSIS OF PASSENGER DATA IN LEBANON

From 20 to 28 of October, AIRCOP MENA organized a series of virtual webinars for 26 officers from the Lebanese General Directorate of General Security operating at the airport and at the central analysis unit on applications used to process and analyse data for the purpose of targeting and profiling at airports. The training also provided the means to reinforce cooperation between operational and central levels.



## EXCHANGE OF GOOD PRACTICES BETWEEN PERU and COLOMBIA ON INVESTIGATING ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFICKING



On 8-9 October, 40 officers from Colombia and Peru shared experiences and good practices on the procedures for investigating illicit drug trafficking in airports during a virtual event. This also allowed to reinforce communication and joint work between both countries. Participants came from the Anti-Drug Intelligence Division (DIRANDRO), the Public Ministry, the Ministry of Foreign Relations, the National Administration of Customs Control (SUNAT), Migration and the National Commission for Development and Life without Drugs (DEVIDA) of Peru as well as from the Interpol BCN, the Directorate of National Taxes and Customs (DIAN), and the Anti-narcotics Directorate (DIRAN) of Colombia.

## AIRCOP STRENGTHENS THE FIGHT AGAINST WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING



In June 2020, 20 AIRCOP officers attended an e-learning module on wildlife crime. Since then, several task forces have recorded impressive seizures of wildlife products. In Dakar, 16 whale teeth and 34 kg of bigeye tuna swim bladder, both identified in CITES annex as endangered species were seized in October. At Abidjan's Airport, 350 kg of shark fins were seized, and post-seizure by the UNODC-supported Transnational Crime Unit is ongoing.

