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CCPCJ Thematic Discussion on the Implementation of the Kyoto Declaration

Day 2: Addressing the economic dimension of crime

**Asset tracing, confiscation and information exchange
from a West African perspective**

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Structure

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I. Success stories in West Africa

- Unfortunately, very few conviction with confiscation of proceeds of crime,(MERs)

However

- Financial aspects more and more taken into account in investigating and prosecutions cases
 - For example, the current headquarters of the armed forces, the border police and the Office of the Attorney General of Cabo Verde are the confiscated proceeds of crime.



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II. FATF 40 recommendations : Technical compliance

Ratings which reflect the extent to which a country has implemented the technical requirements of the FATF Recommendations.
For more information see:

[FATF Methodology](#) [FATF Recommendations](#)

Jurisdiction (click on the country name to go to the report on www.fatf-gafi.org)	Report Type	Report Date	Assessment body/bodies	R.1	R.2	R.3	R.4	R.5	R.6	R.7	R.8	R.9	R.10	R.11	R.12	R.13	R.14	R.15	R.16	R.17	R.18	R.19	R.20	R.21	R.22	R.23	R.24	R.25	R.26	R.27	R.28	R.29	R.30	R.31	R.32	R.33	R.34	R.35	R.36	R.37	R.38	R.39	R.40				
Bahrain	MER	Sep21	GIABA	LC	LC	LC	PC	PC	PC	PC	NC	C	PC	LC	PC	LC	PC	LC	LC	NC	PC	C	PC	PC	NC	NC	PC	C	NC	C	C	C	PC	LC	PC	LC	LC	LC	C	LC	LC	LC	LC				
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Cabo Verde	MER	May19	GIABA	PC	PC	C	C	LC	PC	LC	PC	C	PC	LC	LC	LC	PC	PC	PC	PC	PC	PC	C	PC	C	PC	LC	LC	PC	PC	PC	LC	C	C	PC	C	LC	LC	LC	C	LC	C	LC	LC			
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Sierra Leone	MER	Jan21	GIABA	LC	LC	LC	LC	LC	PC	NC	NC	C	PC	C	LC	LC	PC	PC	PC	PC	PC	C	C	PC	PC	PC	PC	PC	LC	LC	PC	LC	LC	LC	PC	LC	PC	LC	PC	LC	LC	PC	PC	PC	LC		
	MER		Mutual Evaluation Report																																												
	FUR		Follow-Up Report																																												

C Compliant
LC Largely compliant - There are only minor shortcoming
PC Partially compliant - There are moderate shortcoming



II. FATF 40 recommendations: Effectiveness

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Effectiveness

Ratings that reflect the extent to which a country's measures are effective. The assessment is conducted on the basis of 11 immediate outcomes, which represent key goals that an effective AML/CFT system should achieve. For more information see:

FATF Methodology

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Benin	MER	Sep/21	GIABA	LE	LE	LE	LE	LE	LE	LE	LE	LE	LE	LE
Burkina Faso	MER	May/19	GIABA	LE	ME	LE	LE	LE	ME	LE	LE	LE	LE	LE
Cabo Verde	MER	May/19	GIABA	LE	LE	LE	LE	LE	LE	LE	LE	LE	LE	LE
Ghana	MER+FUR	Jun/18	GIABA	ME	SE	ME	LE	LE	ME	ME	LE	LE	LE	LE
Ghana	MER	Apr/18	GIABA	ME	SE	ME	LE	LE	ME	ME	LE	LE	LE	LE
Ghana	FUR	Jun/18	GIABA	ME	SE	ME	LE	LE	ME	ME	LE	LE	LE	LE
Mali	MER	Mar/20	GIABA	LE	ME	LE	LE	LE	LE	LE	LE	LE	LE	LE
Senegal	MER	May/18	GIABA	LE	LE	LE	LE	LE	ME	LE	LE	LE	LE	LE
Sierra Leone	MER	Jan/21	GIABA	ME	LE	LE	LE	LE	LE	LE	LE	LE	LE	LE
	MER	Mutual Evaluation Report		HE										
	FUR	Follow-Up Report		SE										
				ME										
				LE										

SE Substantial level of effectiveness - The Immediate Outcome is achieved to a large extent. Moderate improvements needed.

ME Moderate level of effectiveness - The Immediate Outcome is achieved to some extent. Major improvements needed.

LE Low level of effectiveness - The Immediate Outcome is not achieved or achieved to a negligible extent. Fundamental improvements needed.



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III. Identified best practices

- The national AML/CFT Strategies are identifying the confiscation of proceeds and instrumentalities of crime as a policy objective
- Establishment of specialized agencies or court divisions to handle economic and financial crime cases, including ML
- The creation of Intelligence Services Community (a kind of an umbrella), which includes FIUs as well for coordination and exchange of operational information
- The creation of asset recovery agencies
- The operationalization of regional networks (ARINWA, WACAP)



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IV. Technical Assistance, Training & Tools

Workshops, Training & Courses AML/CFT Training Courses

Financial Disruption Training Package

Cryptocurrency Investigation Course

Counter-Cash Courier Training

Financial Investigation (AML/CFT) Training

FIU Analyst Training Course

AML/CFT Trainer Development Programme

Mock Trial

Money Transfer Services Training

OSINT Training Courses

Mentorships

AML/CFT Mentor Programme

FIU Analysts Mentor Programme

Legal Assistance

AML/CFT Advisory Services & Model
Legislation

IT Tools & Solutions

AML eLearning Course AML/CFT

National Certification Programme

GoAML Software

Regional cooperation

ARINWA

Sahel Judicial Platform

WACAP
RECEN-UEMOA

Technical support/partnership

National AML/CFT Strategy

ML/FT National Risk Assessment

ICRG Action Plan



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V. Conclusions

- Most of AML shortcomings already identified and recommendations made
 - Mutual Evaluation Reports
 - National AML/CFT strategies and related action plans
 - FATF ICRG Process and Action Plans (Burkina Faso, Senegal)
- Countries and TA providers should continue to work closely to implement the above instruments/plans
- Encourage the trend of the establishment of specialized courts and asset recovery offices dealing with ML cases
- Promote the exchange of regional best practices (south-south cooperation)
 - ARINWA
 - WACAP



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***Thanks for your
Attention!***

