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As the guardian of crime prevention and criminal justice standards and norms, the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (UNTOC) and its related Protocols, the UN Convention against Corruption (UNCAC), as well as the various international instruments on drug control and counter-terrorism, UNODC has unique expertise in addressing illicit trafficking and organized crime, as well as their linkages to corruption and terrorism. Through its Regional Office in Eastern Africa, UNODC has developed extensive knowledge of the drug and crime situation in the region, and has strong cooperation links with relevant national authorities and partner organizations.

### Commemoration of the United Nations International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit trafficking and Launch of the World Drug Report 2017



On 23 June 2017, UNODC launched the World Drug Report 2017 during an event held in Nairobi at the United Nations Office in Nairobi (UNON) Complex following successful launches the previous days in Vienna, New York and Geneva. The event was attended by members of the diplomatic community in Nairobi as well as UNODC and other UN staff. The launch event, chaired by Alan Cole, Officer in Charge of UNODC Regional Office for Eastern Africa (ROEA), included comments by Mr. Gideon Kimilu, Head of INTERPOL Regional Bureau Nairobi and Prof. John Muteti, Director, Research & Policy Development from the National Authority for the Campaign Against Alcohol and Drug Abuse (NACADA), who presented their respective organizations' views on the importance of the effective drug supply and demand interventions. The World Drug Report was subsequently presented by Johan Kruger, Head of Transnational Organized Crime, Illicit Trafficking and Terrorism Programmes, ROEA and Hussein Manji, Health & Social Development Specialist, ROEA.

For more information visit: <https://www.unodc.org/easternfrica/en/world-drug-report-2017.html>

The World Drug Report and further content is available through: <http://www.unodc.org/wdr2017/>

### Kenya: Wildlife and Forest Crime (WLFC)

#### Launch of the Kenya Wildlife Crimes Case Digest 2016



The *Kenya Wildlife Crimes Case Digest 2016* was officially launched by the Office of Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) on 10 May 2017. The Digest is composed of wildlife and forestry case summaries and full text judgments that have been heard and determined to be touching on wildlife and forestry crime issues. The digest serves as a resource for court users specifically prosecutors, magistrates, legal practitioners, researchers and students of law in order to inform them and sensitize them on various facets of wildlife and forestry crime cases.

The Digest would not have come to fruition without the dedication of the Wildlife Digest Committee, which was composed by: The Judiciary of Kenya, Kenya Forest Service, Kenya Wildlife Service, The National Council for Law Reporting (Kenya Law), The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, African Wildlife Foundation, Big Life Foundation, Space for Giants, Wildlife Direct.

## Ethiopia: Health & Social Development



### Evaluation of the NDCMP 2010-15 & Consultation Workshop for the Development of New NDCMP 2017-2022

UNODC supported the Ethiopian Food, Medicines and Health Care Administration and Control Authority in the evaluation of its National Drug Control Master Plan (NDCMP 2010-2015) and in the development of a new NDCMP. The purpose of the evaluation was to document achievements, good practices, challenges and lessons learnt with regard to implementation, management and coordination of the NDCMP that guided the country for the last five years.

The evaluation exercise was conducted on the 10<sup>th</sup> of May 2017 through a discussion forum with 21 participants drawn from 21 key national institutes such as government ministries, research institutes, professional associations and universities that have drug control mandate in the country. The evaluation exercise documented key implementation progresses, structural and operational impediments and lessons.

The country is currently in the consultation process towards the development of a new comprehensive NDCMP to guide the country and its partners from 2017 until 2022 to effectively respond to emerging demands on drug issues. This would result in the adoption of an evaluation report that will lay a foundation to benchmark and contribute to the new NDCMP. In relation to this development, a consultation workshop was conducted from 11 to 12 May 2017 where relevant information including identification, mapping of needs and interests, design and implementation, and coordination mechanisms for the new master plan were gathered.

## Somalia: Criminal Justice



### Joint Judicial Training on Penal and Procedure Codes

From 15<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2017, UNDOC, UNDP and UNSOM jointly organized training for 25 participants comprising of legal aid workers, judges, public prosecutors, and registrars in Baidoa, the South West State of Somalia. UNODC trainers lectured on the Penal and Procedure Code of Somalia and UNDP trainers lectured on civil procedure in relation to drought and Traditional Dispute Resolution as well as Sexual Gender Based Violence in Conflict. This initiative was taken under the Somalia Joint Rule of Law program which seeks to promote joint trainings for the Judiciary in all the Federal Member States of Somalia in accordance with the Federal Government structure in Somalia and also to improve the capacity of the Judiciary in the discharge of their duty. This training marks the beginning of series of joint trainings for the Judiciary and other trainings are scheduled to be held in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter.

Following a request by the Attorney General in the Puntland State of Somalia, UNODC launched training on the law of evidence from 10 to 12 June 2017 for thirty six (36) participants comprising of judges and prosecutors. Seven out of the total number of 36 were women. The participants were trained on the Somali Law of Evidence to enhance their knowledge on the rules of evidence, admissibility of evidence, evidential burden and other areas of law relating to evidence.

## Djibouti: Countering TIP/ SOM



### Training of Law Enforcement Officers and Magistrates on Criminal Investigation of Human Trafficking cases in Djibouti

UNODC Training of Trainers workshops were held under the auspices of the Ministry of Justice from 30 April to 4 May, and 21 to 24 May 2017 at Palais du Peuple, Djibouti. The four-day trainings were attended by professionals from different law enforcement agencies (including National Gendarmerie, National Police, Coast Guard, and National Security) and magistrates (members of the Public Prosecutor's Office and Judges at the Court of First Instance) working in the field to combat Trafficking in Persons (TiP). The purpose of the training workshops was to train the main stakeholders, namely magistrates and law enforcement officers, on the complexity of investigating and prosecuting potential trafficking situations while ensuring victim-centred approach. Through practical simulation exercises conducted during the training, participants have acquired criminal investigation, intelligence gathering and victim interview skills. During the training, participants used modules developed by UNODC through a consultative process with the law enforcement authorities. In accordance with these modules and the UNODC anti human trafficking manual for criminal justice practitioners, the training workshops focused on the conduct of criminal investigations of trafficking in persons cases in Djibouti.

Participants were overall satisfied with the practical exercises and provided positive feedback. Some investigators wished to carry out investigations on the human trafficking cases in Djibouti by applying the skills that they have learned during the training. The training sessions were closed by the Secretary General of the Ministry of Justice, Abdi Ismaël Hersi. The Secretary General thanked the participants who are now in a position to support their respective institutions in implementing the law of 24 March 2016 on the fight against trafficking in persons and the smuggling of migrants, and to train their respective officials to combat the TiP.



## Somalia: Countering TIP/SOM & Criminal Justice



### UNODC Commended for effective partnership with Attorney General's Office in Puntland

In recognition of UNODC's efforts, the Attorney General of Puntland, Mohamud Hassan Osman, in mid-April, issued UNODC with a certificate of appreciation and effective collaboration. UNODC's support to the Attorney General's office is being implemented within the framework of the 2013-2017 United Nations Joint Rule of Law Programme for Somalia, as well as with the financial support of the United States Departments, Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons.

Since 2014, UNODC's Transnational Organized Crime and Illicit Trafficking programme in coordination with the Criminal Justice programme have been supporting the Attorney General's Office in Puntland to enhance access to justice and basic policing services. Following agreement with justice actors in Puntland, UNODC focused its efforts on increasing the knowledge and understanding of the police, prosecutors and judges on the existing legislation relevant to addressing contemporary crime challenges such as trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants. The main laws include the penal code, criminal procedure code, the immigration act, the labour regulations code and the law of evidence. UNODC has also worked with justice actors particularly the police towards improving their investigative capabilities using available technology and existing opportunities.

In the next quarter, the Attorney General's Office will receive computers to further professionalize its prosecutorial role. UNODC is also considering a request from the Deputy Attorney General to assist with the enactment of legislation to address trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants in Puntland.

## Kenya: Police Reform



### Kenyan Police Reforms Mentoring and Coaching Rolls Out to Police Stations

180 police station commanders across six Kenyan counties received mentoring and coaching from UNODC trained police reform champions in order to implement the roadmap to transformation of the National Police Service (NPS).

The programme follows a period of training, facilitated by UNODC, in which all senior officers – including station officers – were trained on the various reforming policies and regulations which now apply to the police. They range from the new Service Standing Orders, to a Human Rights Strategy, to Regulations on Use of Force – and some 35-plus other documents which have been summarized for the benefit of officers. Starting in April, the programme's emphasis moved to direct mentoring and coaching of the station officers in Migori, Homabay, Kisii, Nyamira, Nyeri and Nyandarua. A team of 20 Reforms Champions led by 5 Directors visited different police stations, posts and wards across a 2 week period. Their main task encompassed mentoring based on the Action Point Work Plan, a document that was designed to guide commanders in the reporting of activities done against various reforming outputs.

The reform champions were trained on coaching techniques and a mentoring methodology for use in the field activities. The provision of this support to the NPS is aimed at fast tracking the reform implementation at the station and ward levels by adopting new work processes and changing of the mindset which will eventually lead to better service delivery by police officers in Kenya. In June, all reform champions returned to visit their mentees at the station level to gauge progress.

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