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COMING NEXT MONTH!

Kigali, Rwanda, 3rd - 5th December, 2019
Human Trafficking Workshop

Entebbe, Uganda, 3rd - 7th December, 2019
Cybercrime/Digital Evidence for Counter Terrorism Investigations and Prosecutions Workshop

Asaba, Nigeria 11th - 12th December, 2019
Human Trafficking Workshop

Addis Abba, Ethiopia, 12th December, 2019
AGA-AAP & Interpol Representatives Meeting

CWAG AAP is now AGA-AAP!

We are delighted to announce that our name has changed from Conference of Western Attorneys General | Africa Alliance Partnership (CWAG AAP) to Attorney General Alliance | Africa Alliance Partnership (AGA-AAP).

This came about as a result of the formation of the Attorney General Alliance (AGA) from our parent organization the Conference of Western Attorneys General (CWAG), a testament to their expanded reach across the United States and internationally. The name Attorney General Alliance (AGA) represents an association of Attorneys General, federal, state and foreign officials, and public and private sector partners throughout the world. As CWAG continues to focus predominantly on core western issues, AGA will take on emerging issues in the West and beyond.

Subsequently, the Africa Alliance Partnership takes on the new prefix, ‘Attorney General Alliance’.

Since our inception in 2016, the Africa Alliance Partnership has trained African legal officers and prosecutors in the investigation and prosecution of transnational crimes including Human Trafficking, Money Laundering, Counterfeit Drugs, Cyber Crime, and Wildlife Trafficking. We have also collaborated with African Ministries of Justice, Attorneys General, Solicitors General, and Public Prosecution agencies to share knowledge and experiences in fighting transnational crimes.

We are currently working with government partners in Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Nigeria, Rwanda, South Africa, Uganda and Zambia, and are set to establish more partnerships throughout Africa.

As the CWAG-AAP programme transitions to AGA-AAP, our focus on combating transnational crimes on the continent remains unwavering.

The Africa Alliance Partnership (AAP) programme will be adapting its branding and online presence to align with the new name: Attorney General Alliance | Africa Alliance Partnership (AGA-AAP).

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As we approach the end of the year, the AGA Africa Alliance Partnership wishes to thank all our partners, stakeholders and facilitators for a successful year that has been.

We are grateful for your support throughout the year and looking forward to continued combined efforts to combat transnational crimes in the African Continent in 2020.

All the best 2020!!!
Dear Readers,

It is my pleasure to introduce the twentieth edition of the AGA-AAP monthly newsletter. A big thank you to all our readers for making it a point to read the AGA-AAP monthly newsletter. In addition, I am grateful to our partners, stakeholders and facilitators for making the 2019 workshops successful.

In November, AGA-AAP participated in the 24th East Africa Law Society Annual Conference themed “The role of law and lawyers in developing regional economic communities” in Kigali, Rwanda.

The Africa Alliance Partnership was also delighted to collaborate with the Judiciary Training Institute (JTI) and the British High Commission (BHC) on a three-day Human Trafficking and Electronic Evidence workshop for magistrates in Nairobi, Kenya.

AGA-AAP is excited to announce a new partnership with Freedom Now Africa (FNA) in which a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed on 13th November, 2019 to work jointly in capacity building Law Enforcement to combat Human Trafficking in Africa.

We were also pleased to showcase the strides we are making in Africa towards combating transnational crimes through collaboration with the United Nations Office on Drugs & Crime (UNODC) in organizing a four-day workshop on Gender Based Violence & Cybercrime in Johannesburg, South Africa.

I wish to thank the East Africa Law Society (EALS), Judiciary Training Institute (JTI), British High Commission (BHC), the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, Kenya, United Nations Office on Drugs & Crime (UNODC), South African Police Service (SAPS) for their unending support in ensuring that AGA-AAP achieves its mandate in Africa. In addition, I wish to thank Willy Rubeya, president of East Africa Law Society (EALS), Hanningtone Amol, Chief Executive Officer of the East Africa Law Society (EALS), Hon. Justice Kathurima M’Inoti, Director of Judiciary Training Institute, Dr. Freda Gitihuru, Deputy Director, Judiciary Training Institute, Jennifer Bairner, Criminal Advisor, British High Commission, Hon. Lady Justice Jessie Lesii, Presiding Judge, Criminal Division of High Court of Kenya, Major General Bafana Linda, the National Head of Family Violence, Child Protection & Sexual Offenses, and Zhuldyz Akisheva, Regional Representative, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Southern Africa for gracing the November workshops.

Additionally, I wish to thank the facilitators of the month: Hon. Judge Sean D. Wallace, Judge of the Circuit Court for the Seventh Circuit of Maryland, Justin McNabney, Deputy Chief of the Human Trafficking Response Unit, New York County District, Raffaela Belizaire, Deputy Chief of the Hate Crimes Unit, New York County District, Chris Gay, Co-founder and president of Freedom Now Africa, Stephen Kiptinness, Senior Partner Technology and Intellectual Property (TIP) Practice, Dr. Isaac Rutenberg, Director of the Center for Intellectual Property and Information Technology Law (CIPIT) at Strathmore Law School, Hon. Abdulqadir Lorot, Judicial Officer, JTI, Sandro Donati, Crime Prevention & Criminal Justice Officer, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Regional Office for Eastern Africa (UNODC-ROEA), Bernard K. Chepkwony, superintendent of police, Directorate of criminal investigation, Evelyn Mboya, Officer in-charge, Cyber division, Directorate of Criminal Investigations, Anti-Human Trafficking and Child Protection Unit (AHTCPU), David Gitau, Detective Constable at the Anti-Human Trafficking and Child Protection Unit (AHTCPU), Ruth Juliet Gachanja, Child rights and Anti-human Trafficking Advisor, Sophie Otiende, Programme Consultant, Awareness Against Human Trafficking (HAART) Kenya, AGA-AAP country coordinators, Dictum Strategic Communications and Public Affairs, Artikulate Company Limited and Renaissance Strategic Solutions for ensuring that November’s workshops were successful.

Regards,
Markus Green ESQ.
AGA-AAP participated in the 24th East Africa Law Society Annual Conference themed “The role of law and lawyers in developing regional economic communities” on 6th - 8th November 2019 in Kigali, Rwanda.

The conference brought together over 600 lawyers from East Africa to discuss the latest trends, insights and extent of transnational crimes in the East African region.

H.E Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda during his keynote address emphasized that lawyers must at all costs fight for the East Africa rights and freedoms. He further added:

“To deepen the economic integration agenda, which includes trade in services, qualified lawyers should be able to practice anywhere in the East African Community, removing unnecessary barriers. This should be a win for all of us in the region and also serve as an example for other regulated professions.”

John Edozie, AGA-AAP International Advisor noted that transnational crime networks not only present a serious threat to national security, stability, prosperity and regional integration, but also undermine the deepening of the rule of law in Africa.

Mr. Edozie noted that these criminal networks continue to fund corruption, capture weak institutions, co-opt law enforcement, investigation and prosecution agencies and individuals. He also observed:

“From AGA-AAP’s standpoint, the future of crime is global, online and mobile and as such, efforts by stakeholders like all of us in the room today should also reflect the trend.”

In a panel discussion, AGA-AAP speaker Dr. Bright Gameli Mawudor, Cyber Security Expert and founder of the Cyber Security collective Africa hackon, together with other panelists, explored several aspects of cybersecurity in Africa aimed at examining the role of the Legal Profession in the 4th Industrial Revolution.
AGA-AAP in collaboration with the Judiciary Training Institute (JTI) and the British High Commission (BHC) held a three-day workshop on Human Trafficking and Electronic Evidence from 11th to 13th November 2019 in Nairobi, Kenya. The training brought together 50 magistrates from several parts of the country and was aimed at sharing knowledge on the tools and techniques used in the Detection, Investigation and Prosecution of Human Trafficking in Kenya.

Hon. Justice Kathurima M’Inoti, Director of Judiciary Training Institute, in his opening remarks, noted that the prosecution of human trafficking cases in the country is slow paced as most judges, magistrates and prosecutors lack proper training in handling such cases. He also observed:

“Trafficking in Persons is a complex crime with challenges from investigation to prosecution. It involves vulnerable groups of persons, women, children, the poor, perpetrated by a chain of people including recruiters, relatives, etc. Forced labour, servitude, illicit harvesting of human organs, testing the tools for prosecuting such crimes.”

Jennifer Bairner, Criminal Justice Advisor, British High Commission underscored the fact that human trafficking is a crime that affects all of the African countries and all of the people within.

“For the trafficking victims, courts are unfamiliar territory unlike for magistrates whom courts are their places of work. This training will provide an understanding of the problem for these magistrates and how they can handle human trafficking cases once they are brought before them.”

Dr. Freda Mugambi-Githiru Deputy Director Judiciary Training Institute facilitated the opening and closing ceremony making reference to JTI, AGA-AAP and BHC’s previous successful partnership in September 2019. She expressed gratitude to AGA-AAP, JTI and BHC for their effort towards equipping judicial officers in fighting transnational crimes.

Markus Green, AGA-AAP Board Member expressed sad sentiments noting that human trafficking, an organised crime involving the use of the victims for sex and labor, is a multi-billion shilling illegal industry.

He added that an understanding of electronic evidence will help prosecutors make early detections because the purpose of trafficking is to obtain money, move and hide the money quickly using various forms of technology.

“In order to make those detections, you have to understand electronic evidence. So what we are trying to do is share the best practices including latest information in terms of changes in law and technology so that the magistrates and the judges can understand this vice better. Our aim is to protect the victims as well as deliver justice,” he said.
Hon. Lady Justice Jessie Lesiit, Presiding Judge, Criminal Division of the High Court of Kenya took participants through an enlightening session on Bail and Bond consideration in human trafficking cases. She provided the general principles which include balancing the rights of accused person and public interest. The accused person must be presumed innocent until found guilty. They have a right to liberty and reasonable bond terms. However, the rights of the victims must be considered before granting bail.

“The burden should be on the prosecution and not the accused person to at least demonstrate the existence of compelling reasons which must be stated, described and explained.”

Hon Judge Sean D. Wallace, Judge of the Circuit Court for the Seventh Circuit of Maryland facilitated a session on An international perspective on electronic evidence management in human trafficking cases.

He took participants through the history of the computer from the time it was a huge machine to what it is today. He also provided an actual case study demonstrating how law enforcement officers were able to locate a trafficking suspect based on phone record pings from different towers.

Justin McNabney, Deputy Chief of the Human Trafficking Response Unit, New York County District, delved into Investigations & Evidence in human trafficking cases and victim protection and assistance. He noted that as many as 80% of people who engage in prostitution, have been victims of crimes, including sex trafficking. He underscored the need to screen all prostitution cases for signs of trafficking.

“Even without a cooperative victim, a successful conviction can be achieved.”

He also noted that human trafficking is a business crime and there are financial records that can be used to build a case.

Raffaela Belizaire, Deputy Chief of the Hate Crimes Unit, New York County District shared her expertise on the subject Inter-Agency Cooperation and Collaboration.

She examined “Sex Tourism” and how to build a case using the Jennifer and Alfred Cotton case study as well as the several outcome and resolution of that investigation.

“Overall philosophy is to disrupt the structures that permitted human trafficking. If the US are exporting our demand for sex trafficking by feeding on the vulnerabilities of another nation, we as prosecutors have a duty to intervene.”
Stephanie Kiptinness, Senior Partner Technology & Intellectual Property (TIP) Practice led an eye opening session on Collection, Analysis, Preservation, Admissibility & Place of Digital and Electronic Evidence: The Role of the Court and Emerging Jurisprudence. He provided an overview of the World Wide Web noting that the nature of the internet is fragmented and layered with no centralized government which catalyzes deviant and criminal activity.

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Seasoned Judicial Officer Hon. Abdulqadir Lorot, led an eye opening session on Active Case Management in Human Trafficking Cases.

He analyzed several human trafficking cases, the role of key actors as well as the inter-agency collaboration and stakeholder engagement.

Hon. Lorot noted that human trafficking cases manifestation included sexual offences, prostitutions, kidnapping, child theft, terrorism, etc. noting that active Case Management ensures efficient and expeditious management of criminal cases.
HUMAN TRAFFICKING & ELECTRONIC EVIDENCE WORKSHOP, NAIROBI, KENYA


He noted that the purpose of the trafficking in persons protocol are to prevent and combat trafficking, paying particular attention to women and children and to protect and assist victims of trafficking with respect to human rights and to promote co-operation among state parties.

Evelyn Mboya, Officer in-charge, Cyber division, at the DCI Anti-Human Trafficking and Child Protection Unit (AHTCPU) and David Gitau, Detective Constable at the Anti-Human Trafficking and Child Protection Unit (AHTCPU) took participants through an eye opening session on Investigation And Evidence In Human Trafficking cases.

They examined the mandate of the AHTCPU exploring the process of human trafficking investigations and evidence in human trafficking cases, highlighting some of the challenges that victims and witnesses go through including severe trauma, memory lapses, confusion, recanting witnesses, ineffectve communication with the victim due to diversity in race, religion, language barrier, among others.

Ruth Juliet Gachanja, Child rights and Anti-human Trafficking Advisor took participants through the topic: Introduction and overview of the concept of Trafficking in Persons. She outlined the supply and demand of human trafficking as she outlined the push and pull factors that perpetuate this crime.

She also gave heart-breaking real-life examples of cases she has handled noting that a prosecutor may have to look keener to identify trafficking as it is usually well camouflaged.

Sophie Otiende, Programme Consultant, Awareness Against Human Trafficking (HAART) Kenya facilitated a session on Victim protection and assistance during trial, the role of the court (victim impact statement and witness protection). She narrated her own sexual abuse and trafficking experience. Her clarion call was "Do No Harm." She noted that without a trauma-informed lens, victims are vulnerable to further victimizations as they may not exhibit the typical traits of the mythical 'perfect victims'.
A memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed between AGA-AAP, represented by Programme Director Chukukere Unamba-Oparah and Freedom Now Africa represented by the co-founder and president Chris Gay, on 13th November, 2019.

The MoU aims at fostering international understanding and cooperation of a network of global support to combat transnational crimes across Africa.
Hon. Justice Kathurima M’Inoti (centre) with representatives from AGA-AAP, British High Commission and Judiciary Training Institute together with Workshop facilitators and participants

Hon. Francis Andayi, Chief Magistrate, Milimani Law Courts delivering the vote of thanks during the closing ceremony

Dr. Isaac Rutenberg speaking during a panel discussion. Looking on: Ho. Judge Sean D. Wallace and Stephen Kiptinness

Judge Sean D. Wallace flanked by Dr. Freda Githiru and Chukukere Unamba-Oparah, presents a certificate to one of the magistrate at the workshop with during the closing ceremony

A cross-section of the workshop participants
AGA-AAP in collaboration with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) held a four-day workshop on Gender-Based Violence (GBV) & Cybercrime from 19th to 22nd November 2019 in Johannesburg, South Africa.

The four-day workshop brought together 45 participants from stakeholder agencies which are against Gender-Based Violence and Cybercrime including the South African Police Services (SAPS). The workshop was aimed at strengthening the ability of police and prosecutors to investigate and prosecute gender-based violence that stems from the misuse and abuse of technology.

**Major General Bafana Linda, the National Head of Family Violence, Child Protection & Sexual Offenses at the South African Police Service (SAPS)** officially opened the workshop noting that cybercrime is a crime without borders and that a child might be communicating with a suspect from a different country without the knowledge of their parents.

He also highlighted the dangers of communicating and sending pictures to strangers on social media as well as letting children into the cyberspace without parental control.

**Zhuldyz Akisheva, the representative for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Regional Office for Southern Africa** expressed appreciation to AGA-AAP for their efforts towards stemming transnational crimes.

She noted that the workshop was a great avenue to exchange views as it provided an opportunity for different parties to learn from one another and establish a professional network.

She mentioned the fact that the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) recently published a report on homicide which reveals that more and more women are dying in the hands of their intimate partners.

**Markus Green, AGA-AAP Board Member**, noted that the global increased focus on detecting, investigating and prosecuting GBV and cyber crimes has added pressure on the legal system to assess responsibility and appropriately punish perpetrators.

“I cannot emphasize enough the need to globally collaborate to fight transnational criminal activities, through developing effective capacity-building programmes on ways in which cyber crime and modern technology is related to GBV and other transnational crimes as a whole.”
Ms. Melba Pearson, the Deputy Director for the American Civil Liberties Union (ALCU) of Florida engaged participants in a discussion on Legislation and the role it plays in enabling gender based violence procedures and making sure that standardized procedures as to how cases can be handled are followed.

She examined the key aspects of legislation noting that the force of the legislators is the people, whether it be consent parties, activists, law enforcements or prosecutors who when they come together as a group can apply pressure to create laws that can prevent crimes from happening to victims.

Adrian Van Nice, Chief Trial Deputy, Boulder County District Attorney’s Office facilitated a session on Internet Architecture. She took participants through the different websites where criminals take advantage of weak technological capacity by authorities to trade in drugs, for sex trafficking, child pornography as well as carrying out other illegal online activities.

“Chartrooms are utilized to abuse, bully, exploit and groom the victim into sex trafficking, negotiate and exchange images through these related social media platforms. It is important when working with different platforms to know what’s required for file sharing.”

Audace Garnett, Technology Safety Specialist with Safety Net at the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) led a presentation on the Definition of Gender Based Violence, the abuse of technology and Cybercrimes related to GBV. She identified how common technology looks, its major operations and stated several reasons why people use it, noting that it has its own merits and demerits: the main one being the misuse.

“Young people need to understand that abusers are misusing technology and are able to gather data which is being shared on social media platforms.”

Adrian Van Nice also took participants through a practical exercise which required them to brainstorm, report their deliberations and propose a way forward.

During the Q and A session, she guided participants on how to trace an email and obtain IP address using a desktop or laptop, and physical examples on the process of how to figure out who, and where the email is from.
PHOTO GALLERY

Major General Bafana Linda, Zhuldyz Akisheva with AGA-AAP representatives and AGA-AAP facilitators

L-R Major General Bafana Linda and Zhuldyz shaking hands with Markus Green

Major General Bafana Linda with UNODC, AGA-AAP representatives and workshop participants

Participants during the workshop

Audace Garnett, Technology Safety Specialist with Safety Net at the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) speaking during the question and answer session
Train Judiciary staff on human trafficking cases, State told

**Summary**

- The government has been challenged to help tackle the human trafficking menace in Kenya by setting aside funds for training of Judiciary staff to prosecute such cases.

Kenya accounts for about 268,000 cases of human...
Markus Green, AGA-AAP Board Member briefing the South African Broadcast Corporation (SABC) and other broadcasting media in South Africa on the Gender-Based Violence Workshop.
Dr. Bright Gameli Mawudor

Dr. Bright Gameli Mawudor is a Cyber Security Services at Internet Solutions Kenya and founder of the Cyber Security collective Africahackon, the first ever Live Demonstration Cyber Security Conference in East and Central Africa.

He acquired a PhD in IT Convergence and Application Engineering with concentration in Information Security from Pukyong National University, South Korea. He has over 15 years of professional experience in Cyber Security industry with strong expertise in Cyber Security Strategy building, Resilience and system penetration testing.

Dr. Bright has also presented at over 100 Cyber Security conferences, lectured at various universities and contributed to cyber security publications. He was also Top 40 Under 40 2016 of young entrepreneurs in Kenya and worked with world class organizations such as Cellulant and Ushahidi.

Dr. Mawudor, has performed various evaluations and selections of Cyber Security tools and successfully implemented IT security systems to protect the Confidentiality, Availability and Integrity of critical business environment to curb and mitigate risks. Technically highly skilled in various environments, especially in the Cyber Security space, dedicated and a team player with excellent leadership qualities.
Sean D. Wallace

Hon. Judge Sean D. Wallace is a Judge of the Circuit Court for the Seventh Circuit of Maryland. He was appointed to the Court in 2002, elected that year to a fifteen-year term, and in 2018 won election to another term. For most of his time on the bench, Judge Wallace has presided over complex civil litigation, including business and commercial disputes, in addition to major criminal prosecution. He has also been designated to sit on the Maryland Court of Special Appeals.

Judge Wallace is a founding member of the American College of Business Court Judges (ACBCJ) and was President in 2013-14. He also served as Business Court Representative to the Business Law Section of the American Bar Association from 2010-2012.

He served as Vice-Chairman of the Business and Commercial Courts Committee of the National Conference of State Trial Judges in 2006-2007. He also chairs the Maryland Judiciary’s subcommittee on Business and Technology Case Management.

Judge Wallace was elected as an Inaugural Fellow of the Advanced Science and Technology Adjudication Resource Center (ASTAR) in 2006. He has served on the Judicial Advisory Board for the Law and Economics Center at George Mason University Scalia Law School for the past eight years. He has lectured frequently on various legal topics, including to the International Judicial Academy, the Practicing Law Institute in New York City, and Georgetown University Law Center CLE programs, the Judicial Institute of Maryland, the ACBCJ, and the Maryland New Trial Judge’s Orientation. Judge Wallace was on the adjunct faculty of the National College of District Attorneys, lecturing regularly across the country from 2002-2006.

Prior to his appointment to the bench, Judge Wallace was County Attorney and represented the County before federal and state trial and appellate courts. He was also in private practice for a number of years, focused mainly on federal and state litigation.

He received his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Maryland, School of Law in 1985 and his undergraduate degree from Hampden-Sydney College in 1982. In 2001, he was resident in the Harvard University program for Senior Executives in state and local government.

Judge Wallace has been admitted to practice in the courts of Maryland and the District of Columbia, as well as many federal courts at both the trial and appellate levels. He served on the Board of Governors of the Maryland State Bar Association from 2003-2005, and was President of the Prince George’s County Bar Association the prior year. He served 16 years on the Maryland Attorney Grievance Commission Peer Review Committee before ascending to the bench. Judge Wallace also has been active in the Digges Inn of Court (1986-1988) and the Southern Maryland Inn of Court (2011-present.)
Justin McNabney

Justin McNabney joined the Manhattan District Attorney’s Office as an Assistant District Attorney in 2011. Since then, he has prosecuted a variety of violent crimes, including rape, robbery, burglary, and murder. In 2019, Mr. McNabney was appointed the Deputy Chief of the Human Trafficking Response Unit, where he supervises a unit of twenty prosecutors working on trafficking-related cases, as well as a support staff of five analysts, two investigators, and a social worker.

Mr. McNabney also manages the Human Trafficking Intervention Court, a pioneering effort to intervene in the lives of people engaged in prostitution with counseling, legal representation, and other resources. Before joining the District Attorney’s Office, Mr. McNabney worked at a national law firm and clerked for a judge of the United States Court of Appeals. Mr. McNabney graduated from Stanford Law School.

Raffaela Belizaire

Raffaela Belizaire joined the Manhattan District Attorney’s Office as an Assistant District Attorney in September 2009. She was appointed Deputy Unit Chief of the Hate Crimes Unit in October of 2017, has been a homicide assistant since July of 2018, and has been a member of the Sex Crimes Unit since 2013. From 2016 until 2017, she served as Criminal Court Supervisor where she supervised the first and second year prosecutors in her Trial Bureau.

During her time as an ADA she has investigated and tried a great variety of cases including sexual assaults and other violent crimes, gun point home invasion robberies, and criminal fatalities. ADA Belizaire graduated with honors from the University of Texas School of Law in May 2009.
Chris Gay

Chris Gay is a human rights advocate and abolitionist with over eighteen years’ experience working in sub-Saharan Africa. Chris is the co-founder and president of Freedom Now Africa, a non-profit working to prevent and end human trafficking and modern slavery in Africa. As former managing director for ending modern slavery at Engage Now Africa from 2014 – 2019, Chris developed the End Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking initiative (EMSHT), a specialized prevention, rescue, rehabilitation, prosecution and partnership-building program that resulted in hundreds of trafficking victims being rescued, their traffickers arrested, and nearly a dozen convictions.

Chris holds an Advanced Graduate Certificate in Transnational Organized Crime Studies (ACTOS) from John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY. In 2019 he was a panelist at the 68th UN Civil Society Conference and spoke on Preventing, Rescuing, and Healing Victims of Human Trafficking. In Vienna he participated in the 2019 United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (UNTOC) and its review mechanism. The United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime (UNODC) elected Chris to represent the first ever civil society organization member group in the Conference of the Parties related to UNTOC and its protocols.

In 2018 Chris was recognized by MIT Lincoln Lab as a thought leader on human trafficking, MIT went on to invite him to become a member the Department of Homeland Security Science & Technology Human Trafficking Advisory Board. In 2017 the Utah Attorney General asked Chris to join the Utah Trafficking In Persons (UTIP) Education and Training Subcommittee as an International partner representing Engage Now Africa. That same year in Geneva he participated in the UN’s first ever workshop on Witchcraft and Human Rights. As a result, ENA was recognized and endorsed by abolitionist and professor Dr. Kevin Bales.

Chris has worked extensively in the non-profit and fair trade world. As the founder and owner of Ayindisa, LLC, a Fair Trade Federation Member handicraft business (2008 – 2015), he worked directly with over 100 artisans in West Africa to sell their handcrafts in the US. While employed as a counselor at Trinity School for Children, a California residential youth facility, Chris helped juvenile boys recover from severe physical, sexual, emotional, and psychological abuse and the resulting trauma.

For six years, Gay was an animal caregiver and veterinarian technician at Best Friends Animal Society, the nation’s largest no kill animal sanctuary helping abused and neglected animals. His great loves are his family, music, tacos, reading books, playing the guitar, and going on long walks.
Stephen Kiptinness

Stephen is currently the Senior Partner Technology and Intellectual Property (TIP) Practice, with extensive expertise in the ICT sector. He has amassed experience from the various organizations and institutions he has served over the past eighteen years. Stephen has been involved in the advisory of key transactions and consultancies which included legal and regulatory affairs in the ICT industry. Among the reputable corporate (public and private) entities both locally and internationally he has served in, include: Orange Telkom Kenya, Communications Authority of Kenya, Commonwealth Telecommunications Organization, the Kenya Network Information Centre and Oraro & Company Advocates.

Stephen has advised and undertaken consultancies for various Governments in the East African Community as well as advised several Non-Governmental Organizations. Some of the clients Stephen currently acts for include interalia global technology companies, mobile telecommunication companies, tower companies, numerous content and application service provider companies, and leading companies in disruptive technology services. Stephen also acts for several ICT State Agencies and Departments within the Government of Kenya.

Stephen served as one of the inaugural Directors of the Kenya ICT Board where he provided strategic leadership and direction on Business Process Outsourcing (BPO), digital inclusion Initiatives (Pasha), the development and launch of a Government E-portal to connect Government Departments & Ministries, and ICT investment in Kenya. Stephen is currently a Director on the Board of the Competition Authority of Kenya and Director Legal at the Kenya Network Information Centre KeNIC) the KE Country Code Top Level Domain Registry.

Stephen is a past member of several Ministerial appointed committees as well as a past member of several national, regional & professional committees on ICT and Competition Law. He has published papers and presented papers in several fora regionally and globally.

Stephen also teaches in the LL.B & LL.M programs at the University of Nairobi School of Law, in the subject areas of Telecommunications Law, Law Science & Technology, Cyberspace law and Competition Law in addition to having research interests in internet regulation, cybercrime and data protection.

Stephen read law at the ILS Law College Pune, where he graduated with an LL.B (Hons.) degree, thereafter proceeding to the London School of Economics where he obtained an LL.M. in Information Technology Law & Telecommunications Law. Stephen also has a Diploma in Computer Science and a Certificate in French. He is an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya of Eighteen (18) years standing, a Certified Public Secretary in good standing and a Patent Agent.
Hon. Abdulqadir Lorot

Hon. Abdulqadir Lorot H.R is a Judicial Officer based at the Judiciary Training Institute (JTI). He holds a Bachelor of Laws from the inaugural class of the Faculty of Law at Moi University, 1999. He was admitted to the Bar in 2001 and practiced law briefly in the boardroom, court and with civil society before joining the Bench as a District Magistrate (II) Prof. in January 2003. He is on the verge of graduating with a Master of Arts Degree in International Conflict Management (M.A (ICM)) at the Institute of Diplomacy and International Studies, (IDIS) University of Nairobi. He holds a Diploma in International Humanitarian Law, International Humanitarian Law Institute, San Remo, Italy (2012).

He has served at the Machakos Law Courts, Thika Law Courts and Milimani Commercial Courts, Nairobi, Nkubu Law Courts, Gichugu Law Courts, Gatundu Law Courts, Githunguri Law Courts, Makadara and Kapsabet Law Courts. He was Vice Secretary-General, East Africa Magistrates and Judges Association (EAMJA) 2015 – 2017, Secretary-General of the Kenya Magistrates and Judges Association (KMJA) between 2009 and 2013; Member, East Africa Magistrates and Judges Association (EAMJA) Council 2013 – 2015; Secretary, Rules Committee, 2009-2010. It is during his tenure that the Civil Procedure Rules (2010) and the Court of Appeal Rules (2010) were promulgated. He was instrumental in the harnessing and collating the proposed changes in the Rules hitherto in force to how they appear now, and the drafting of key Practice Directions in the furtherance of the effectiveness and grounding of the rules.

He was a Member of the Supreme Court Rules Technical Committee which developed the Supreme Court Rules (2012) and the Supreme Court (Presidential Elections) Rules, both which were instrumental in the disposal of the first Presidential Election Petition before the Supreme Court. He represented the Judiciary and KMJA as a member of the Reference Group of the Committee of Experts (CoE) in the process towards the Constitution of Kenya 2010 and was particularly active in the development on the Chapter on the Judiciary.

In September 2012, appointed Commissioner, The Judicial Commission of Inquiry into the Ethnic Clashes in the Tana North, Tana River and Tana Delta Districts, and which task was concluded and the report handed over to His Excellency the President of the Republic of Kenya in May 2013, who has commenced its implementation.

He is a Member of the Judiciary Performance Measurement and Management Steering Committee (PMMSC) and a Member of the National Council on the Administration of Justice Technical Committee (NCAJ-TC) and Chairperson of the CUC Special Working Group. Under his stewardship, the CUC Working Group has developed a manual for Investigators, Prosecutors and the Courts on Combating Trade in Illicit Goods with support of Industry players and the Kenya association of Manufacturers (KAM). He is a Trainer on Civil Procedure and Practice, Criminal Law and Practice, Refugee Law and Practice, Sexual Offences, Organised Crime, Environmental Crimes and Sentencing; inter alia.
Mr. Sandro Donati is a Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Regional Office for Eastern Africa (UNODC-ROEA). His focus is on assisting member states in the East and the Horn of Africa to harmonize their domestic laws to the international protocols on transnational organize crime (UNTOC), trafficking in persons (TIP Protocol) and smuggling of migrants (SOM Protocol) and to reinforce international cooperation in criminal matters.

Dr. Isaac M. Rutenberg, Phd, Jd

Isaac Rutenberg is a Senior Lecturer and is also the Director of the Center for Intellectual Property and Information Technology Law (CIPIT) at Strathmore Law School in Nairobi, Kenya. He is also an Associate Member of the Center for Law, Technology, and Society, at the University of Ottawa. Dr. Rutenberg teaches and researches various aspects of IT law, including data protection and information controls, e-Commerce, e-Evidence, and the interface between IT law and intellectual property law.

His most recent publication, Cyber Law in Kenya, is a comprehensive text on ICT law and policy in Kenya. He is registered to practice law in California, and is registered to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the Kenya Industrial Property Institute. He holds a JD (law degree) and a PhD in chemistry.
Bernard K. Chepkwony

Bernard K. Chepkwony is superintendent of police currently attached to Directorate of criminal investigation headquarters as in charge transnational organised crime unit He has 37 years of working experience in the National Police Service. For the better part he has been engaged in investigation duties having joined the then Criminal Investigation Department in 1991. The mandate of TOCU is to investigate into cases of human trafficking, arms trafficking, money laundering, unlawful dealing in game trophies among others. Bernard has undergone training and participated in workshops facilitated by various organizations i.e. NCA, UNODC, and IOM on matters related to human trafficking.

He joined the unit in January 2019 and for the period he has handled quite a number of cases most of them active in court, while a few are finalised. One of the cases finalised his CR A11/13/2019 CF 33/2019 Accused Francis Njuguna Kagunda and Abdisiad Osman Abdi (prison officer) were both charged for the offence of trafficking in person contrary to section 3(5) of the counter trafficking in persons act no 8 of 2010. The accused were sentenced to 30 years imprisonment or a fine of 30 million by chief magistrate court no 2 of Jomo Kenyatta International Airport on 7/11/2019. The tocu has from January 2019 rescued 242 victims of human trafficking as follows; 200 Ethiopians, 12 Nepalese, 2 Indians, 27 Burundians.

Evelyn Mboya

Chief Inspector Evelyn Mboya is Officer In-charge, Cyber Division, at the Directorate of Criminal Investigations Anti-Human Trafficking and Child Protection Unit (AHTCPU). She holds a Bachelor's degree in Education, and is trained on basic investigations on human trafficking, interviewing children and achieving the best evidence, ODPP’s training of trainers’ course, among others.
Detective Constable David Gitau has been with the Directorate of Criminal Investigations for 5 years. He joined the National Police Service in 2015 and attached to the Directorate of Criminal Investigations in 2016. He served as general investigations officer before moving to the Anti-Human Trafficking and Child Protection Unit in 2019 where he has specialized in conducting investigations involving trafficking, sexual abuse and exploitation of children. Detective Gitau is responsible for handling approximately 50 cases a year working with investigations team, High Risk victims, online child exploitation team and internet crimes against children.

By joining these teams, Detective Gitau has been involved in safeguarding over 55 children at risk of abuse or exploitation. Detective Gitau has presented both locally and regionally on the issue of child trafficking with regards to investigative and intervention techniques for law enforcement and NGOs in Kenya, Uganda, Somalia and Ethiopia. He hold a Master of Arts Migration, Organised Crime and Human Trafficking from St Mary's University London and a bachelors degree in sociology from The University of Nairobi. He is an authorized user of Interpol's International Child Sexual Exploitation Database.

Bazanya Fayid

Bazanya Fayid is an experienced human rights and commercial transactions litigation lawyer. He obtained a Bachelors degree in law at Makerere University Kampala. He pursued a Diploma in legal practice from the Law Development Centre in Kampala. He worked as a legal associate for Asiimwe Namawejje & Co. Advocates where he majored in commercial litigation, employment law, criminal law and domestic relations. In 2015, he joined Megha Industries (U) Ltd a leading conglomerate of manufacturing companies where he worked as in-house legal counsel. He represented the companies in high profile engagements including meetings with His Excellence Yoweri Kaguta Museveni the President of the Republic of Uganda.

In 2017, he joined J.L Oulanyah & Co. Advocates as an Associate where he climbed the ranks to Associate Partner and is now working closely with Hon. Jacob. L. Oulanyah, the Deputy Speaker of the Parliament of Uganda. Fayid has taken keen interest in human rights law practice, he has partnered with Freedom Now Africa and Make A Child Smile; charitable organizations whose major objective is to combat human trafficking and child sacrifice in selected African states like Ghana and Uganda. His professional input has been pivotal in the organizations’ successes that include; the rescue of several women victims of human trafficking from the Middle East and within the East African region, their rehabilitation and community reintegration; the arrest and prosecution of several human trafficking offenders. Alongside his work schedule, he also offers legal tutorials in the Life University Branch in Kampala, Uganda.
Ruth Juliet Nyambura Gachanja

Ruth Juliet Nyambura Gachanja is an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya. She is a child rights and anti-human trafficking specialist with immense experience as a result of working in various human rights organizations and a variety of consultancies. Miss Gachanja has worked as a victim advocate in International Justice Mission-Kenya as well as an advocacy officer in Klevis Kola Foundation in London. Ms. Gachanja later joined The CRADLE – The Children Foundation where she first worked on Policy and Legislative Advocacy and thereafter becoming the Executive Director in 2014. While working at The CRADLE, she spearheaded the enactment of the Victim Protection Act and the implementation and review of the Children's Act, and the Counter Trafficking in Persons Act.

In 2014, while representing the civil society organizations, Ms. Gachanja was elected as the first Chairperson of the Advisory Committee on Human Trafficking established under the Counter Trafficking in Persons Act. Through her leadership the Committee developed the first National Plan of Action on Trafficking in Persons (2013-2017), the National Referral Mechanism and the implementation regulations to the Counter trafficking in Persons Act, together with carrying out capacity building initiatives for law enforcement officers. Ms. Gachanja played a significant role in advocating for Kenya’s position on the US-TIP report, moving from Tier 2-watchlist to Tier 2. She has continued to support the work of the government and the civil societies through carrying out trainings for various agencies, developing curriculum on migration and human rights for the Kenya National Commission on Human rights, moderating and facilitating international discussions on human trafficking and child protection. She is supporting the Advisory Committee to review and redraft the National Plan of Action on Combating Human Trafficking 2018-2022.

She is a graduate of Middlesex University (United Kingdom), where she obtained her Masters in Law (LLM): Minorities, Rights and the Law and Moi University, Eldoret, where she obtained her Bachelor of Laws. Ms. Gachanja also holds academic qualification in International Development Studies from the University of Oslo. She is currently equipping students with her knowledge and experience in Human rights work at the Kabarak University where she works as an Assistant Lecturer and is also the Child Rights Technical Advisor to the NCAJ Special Taskforce on Children Matters. She is also championing the work of Love Justice International – an international NGO that works on intercepting human trafficking through transit border monitoring.

Sophie Otiende

Sophie oversees the victim’s department at HAART Kenya. This entails the coordination of all the services offered to victims of trafficking that the organization gives assistance. Her team conduct rescues, rehabilitation and reintegration of victims of trafficking in Nairobi and its’ environs using the principles of trauma-informed and victim-centered care. Her responsibility also includes development of systems, fundraising and curriculum development. Sophie has a background in education and has worked in development for grassroots organizations in Kenya for the past 12 years. She has co-authored manuals on training for child trafficking, best practice on victim’s assistance and a toolkit for grassroots mobilization. Sophie is a survivor of child trafficking.
Zhuldyz Akisheva

Zhuldyz Akisheva is the Representative for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Regional Office for Southern Africa. She oversees UNODC Portfolio in all SADC countries under the framework of the UNODC-SADC Regional Programme “Making SADC Community Safer from Drugs, Crime and Terrorism”. Ms. Akisheva has more than 20 years of extensive experience in multilateral cooperation and international development across Asia and Africa. Prior to joining the Regional Office, she served as the UNODC Country Manager in Viet Nam (2010-2015), Head of UNODC Programme Office in Kyrgyzstan (2008-2010), Deputy Regional Representative at the UNODC Regional Office for Central Asia (2004–2008).

She also worked at UNODC HQs in Vienna at different posts (2000-2004). A lawyer from Kazakhstan Ms. Akisheva began her career as Assistant to Lecturer, Kazakh State University, Law Faculty. Before joining United Nations as a staff member in 2000, Ms. Akisheva had also worked for the Permanent Mission of Kazakhstan to the United Nations in New York, Director of the UN and International Cooperation Division, MFA Kazakhstan and hold other senior level diplomatic assignments. She holds master’s degree in law and post-graduate diploma in political science and international relations. Ms. Akisheva completed a number of professional UN training courses in Austria, USA and Italy.

Melba Pearson

Melba Pearson, known as “The Resident Legal Diva”, is an attorney and the Deputy Director for the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Florida. Before joining the ACLU, Ms. Pearson was an Assistant State Attorney in Miami-Dade County for 16 years. She ended her prosecutorial career as the Assistant Chief in the Career Criminal/Robbery Unit, supervising junior attorneys while prosecuting homicide cases. Ms. Pearson is a frequent guest lecturer on a wide array of legal issues. A prolific writer and blogger, she has published numerous popular and scholarly articles on topics including police encounters, domestic violence, crimes against women, criminal trial procedure, along with everyday legal concerns.

Publications that have profiled, featured or quoted her include The New York Times, The Baltimore Sun, Essence Magazine, The Huffington Post, The Miami Herald, and The Root, Ebony Magazine. Ms. Pearson is a regular guest on the Local 10 Sunday morning political television show "This Week in South Florida." She has also been a guest on national media regarding legal trends.

Lastly, she writes her own blog covering real life and the law at The Resident Legal Diva. Ms. Pearson is the Immediate Past President of the Gwen S. Cherry Black Women Lawyers Association in South Florida; Co-Chair of the Prosecution Function Committee of the American Bar Association; and Past President of the National Black Prosecutors Association (NBPA), now serving as the NBPA Foundation President.
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Adrian Van Nice

Adrian Van Nice is Chief Trial Deputy in the 20th Judicial District, Colorado, better known as the Boulder County District Attorney’s Office, where she has worked since 1999. She currently supervises the At-risk/Economic crimes unit, the Community Protection Division, and the Juvenile Unit and prosecutes major crimes and elder abuse offenses. She prosecuted Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault cases exclusively for 5 years and has previously acted as the office liaison/specialist in gang and drug investigations and prosecutions.

She is a member of the Board of the NDAA Women Prosecutors Section, a member of the Colorado Forensic Compliance Team, and serves on the advisory board for the Colorado SAFE/SANE program. She teaches throughout Colorado and Nationally on topics related to Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence investigation and prosecution, prosecution of child sexual assault, evidentiary issues for prosecutors, and trial skills.

Audace Garnett

Audace has over a decade of experience working in New York City with victims of crime. She began her career as a disability advocate at a non-profit organization named Barrier Free Living. Audace has also worked at the Brooklyn District Attorney's Office where she served as the Teen Services Coordinator in the Victim Services Unit serving as the liaison between survivors 24 & under the New York City Police Department, courts, schools and community organizations.

After six years at the district attorney’s office, she then went on to prevention and intervention work at a Teen Dating Violence prevention and intervention program named Day One where she trained adult professionals around the intersection of teen dating violence and domestic sex trafficking. She is currently a Technology Safety Specialist with Safety Net at the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) where she focuses specifically on the intersection between domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and technology. Audace was born in Guyana and raised in New York City which is where she currently resides with her 7 year old daughter, Niya.
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