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- Nigeria, 27th - 28th February, Administration of Criminal Justice and Rape – Kaduna State Ministry of Justice

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Dear Readers,

I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year!

It is my pleasure to introduce the twenty-first edition of the AGA-Africa monthly newsletter and the first of 2020. We continue to work with our partners to strengthen the rule of law and combat transnational crimes in Africa.


AGA-Africa also collaborated with the Intergovernmental Authority on Development Security Sector Program (IGAD SSP) to organize a five-day workshop on Cybercrime & Electronic Evidence for Counter-Terrorism Investigations and Prosecutions workshop in Entebbe, Uganda.

In the following week, we held a workshop and symposium on Winning in the Fight Against Human Trafficking in Delta State, Nigeria in collaboration with the Delta State Task Force on Human Trafficking and Illegal Migration of the Ministry of Justice and National Agency for Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP). AGA-Africa representatives also held a meeting with the Interpol representatives in Addis Abba, Ethiopia to explore possible collaborations.

I wish to thank the Africa Prosecutors Association (APA), Hon. Counsel Hamada El Sawi the Prosecutor General of the Arab Republic of Egypt and the President of the African Prosecutors Association (APA), Aimbale Havugiyaremye the Prosecutor General of Rwanda as we congratulate him on his new appointment, Commander Abebe Muluneh the Director of Inter-governmental Authority on Development Security Sector Program (IGAD SSP), Peter Mrakpor the Attorney General & Commissioner for Justice of the Delta State and Chairman of the Delta State Taskforce on Human Trafficking & Irregular Migration and Dame Julie Okah-Donli the Director General of National Agency for Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP) for gracing the AGA-Africa’s December workshops.

Special thanks to the facilitators of the month: John Bridge, Director of Financial Crimes Technology, Trust Stamp, Jessica Schutzman, Bureau Chief-Financial Crimes for Bureau Chief — Financial Crimes for Ulster District Attorney’s Office in New York State, Pierre Griffith, Assistant District Attorney of the Human Trafficking Response Unit, New York County District Attorney’ Office, Leah Branch, Supervising Attorney of the Human Trafficking Response Unit, New York County District Attorney’ Office, Anita Nyanjong, Programme Manager, Equality Now for facilitating two workshops, Miiko Anderson, Senior Deputy District Attorney for Fresno County District Attorney’s Office, Godwin E. Morka, Director, Research & Programme Development, NAPTIP, Mrs Tolu Odugbesan, Assistant Director, Research & Programme Development, NAPTIP, Mabel Bauleni Nawa, Chief Administrator, National Prosecution Authority, AGA-Africa country coordinators, Dictum Strategic Communications and Public Affairs (Rwanda & Uganda) and Punuka Attorneys and Solicitors (Nigeria) for organizing & coordinating successful workshops in their respective countries.

We look forward to a more productive 2020!

Regards,
Markus Green ESQ.
AGA-Africa addressed a session on human trafficking at the 14th Annual Africa Prosecutors Association (APA) conference themed “Africa upholding the Rule of Law in fighting Transnational Crimes and Genocide” on 2nd – 5th December, 2019 in Kigali, Rwanda. The plenary session was attended by over 500 participants including prosecutors and other justice, law and order sector stakeholders from 17 APA member countries which included Angola, Botswana, Burkina Faso, cape Verde, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Seychelles, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Niger.

The conference was presided over by Hon. Johnston Busingye the Minister of Justice of Rwanda, Hon. Counsel Hamada El Sawi the Prosecutor General of the Arab Republic of Egypt in his capacity as the President of the African Prosecutors Association (APA) and Aimable Havugiyaremye the Prosecutor General, Rwanda. AGA-Africa was represented by John Edozie, International Advisor and Caroline Mbabazi, country Coordinator for Uganda and Rwanda.

AGA-Africa facilitator Anita Nyanjong, Program Manager for Equality Now led a session on **Combating Human trafficking in Africa**. She highlighted the forms of modern day slavery which include forced labor, debt bondage or bonded labor, human trafficking, descent-based slavery and child slavery noting that an estimated 24.9 million victims are trapped in modern-day slavery and that African countries need to combine efforts to fight the trafficking menace.

**PHOTO GALLERY**

L:R Johnston Busingye, Minister of Justice of Rwanda, Hon. Counsel Hamada El Sawi, Prosecutor General of the Arab Republic of Egypt and the President of the African Prosecutors Association (APA) and Aimable Havugiyaremye, Prosecutor General, Rwanda

Johnston Busingye, Minister of Justice of Rwanda with the conference delegates

A cross-section of the conference delegates
AGA-Africa hosted the first Human Trafficking Workshop in collaboration with Africa Prosecutors Association (APA) during the 14th Annual Africa Prosecutors Association (APA) conference on 3rd - 5th December 2019 in Kigali, Rwanda.

The workshop was aimed at building capacity of prosecutors and investigators on investigation and prosecution of human trafficking cases as well as offering training on the handling of victims and survivors of trafficking during the investigation prosecution process.

The three-day workshop brought together 50 participants from 10 member countries which included Mauritius, Kenya, Zambia, Egypt, Morocco, Rwanda, Uganda, Angola, Namibia and Mozambique.

**Hon. Counsel Hamada El Sawi, Prosecutor General of the Arab Republic of Egypt and the President of the Africa Prosecutors Association (APA)** in his opening remarks expressed appreciation to Rwanda for accepting to host this year’s APA Annual Conference and wished the participants wonderful deliberations over the course of the three-day workshop.

Hon. El Sawi implored the participants to take full advantage of the workshop so as to benefit from the wealth of experience brought by the facilitators as well as share their own valuable experience.

**Aimable Havugiyaremye, Prosecutor General, Rwanda** in his opening remarks noted that Rwanda is at the forefront of fighting cross-border crimes like human trafficking, money laundering, among others, and that the country welcomes collaboration from other African stakeholders to strengthen this effort.

“We are trying to control these crimes although traffickers are not sleeping either. They keep changing techniques. So we need to share skills and train our investigators and prosecutors on handling human trafficking cases.”

**John Edozie, AGA-Africa International Advisor** thanked the participants in attendance and expressed hope that the experiences, lessons and techniques learned through out the workshop.

“Human trafficking vice needs international collaboration, sharing information to gather as much information as possible for perpetrators to be brought to book.”
AGA-Africa Facilitator, Pierre Griffith, Assistant District Attorney of the Human Trafficking Response Unit, New York County District Attorney’ Office facilitated a session on Labor Trafficking: International Trends and Investigations pointing out that 75% of trafficking worldwide is estimated to be labor trafficking and it can take various forms from sweatshop factories, hotel/resort house keeping, mining and dangerous and low paid labor.

AGA-Africa Facilitator, Leah Branch, Supervising Attorney of the Human Trafficking Response Unit, New York County District Attorney’ Office examined Child Trafficking: International Trends and Investigations quoting the Sex Trafficking of a Child-Penal Law 230.34-a that states that a person is guilty of child sex trafficking when he or she, being twenty-one years old or more, intentionally advances or profits from prostitution of another person and such person is a child less than eighteen years old.

She noted that some of the challenges to Child Trafficking Prosecutions include difficulties in getting the victims of child trafficking to report on

AGA-Africa Facilitator, Anita Nyanjong, Programme Manager, Equality Now took the participants through an interesting session on Human Trafficking, sex Trafficking and the sexual exploitation: A gendered Equality Perspective.

She examined the common patterns of sex Trafficking highlighting that whilst there are a few who enter prostitution by their free choice, the majority are compelled by factors such as poverty, lack of viable income, and demand.

“Varying and complex paths lead women and girls to sex trafficking and prostitution – poverty, inequality, violence, discrimination, and manipulation by others.”
Hon. Counsel Hamada El Sawi, Prosecutor General of the Arab Republic of Egypt, President of the African Prosecutors Association (APA) with Aimable Havugiyaremye, Prosecutor General and the AGA-Africa representative, workshop dignitaries, speakers and participants

A section of the Human Trafficking workshop participants in Kigali, Rwanda

Participants during interactive group discussion session

John Edozie, International Advisor, AGA-Africa presents a certificate to a workshop participant during the closing ceremony
AGA-Africa in collaboration with the Intergovernmental Authority on Development Security Sector Program (IGAD SSP) held a **Cybercrime & Electronic Evidence for Counter-Terrorism Investigations & Prosecutions Workshop** on 3rd – 7th December, 2019 in Entebbe, Uganda.

Funded by the European Union Trust Fund (EUTF) and administered by the Austrian Development Agency (ADA) under the IGAD Promoting Peace and Stability in the Horn of Africa Region (IPPSHAR) programme, the workshop was aimed at equipping trainees with an advanced knowledge and practical skills on handling and managing digital evidence/forensics through the investigation processes and prosecution of terrorism cases, as well as strengthening the cooperation and coordination among the relevant agencies at various levels.

Among the topics discussed were: Cybercrime and Cyber Terrorism: UN perspective, Information Security and Current Hacking Trends, Practical exercises on investigation and identification of digital evidence and Interpretation of digital evidence investigator and prosecutors’ perspective.

**Commander Abebe Muluneh, Director of IGAD SSP**, in his opening remarks, emphasized the importance of having the capability in dealing with digital evidence and the overall cybercrime dynamism.

He noted that due to the increasing complexity of terrorism cases, successful prosecution in terrorism cases requires intense coordination during the investigation phase related to the gathering of evidence and on the use of general or specific investigative tools available. He noted in part:

“...considering the transnational and trans regional threat of terrorism, strengthening law enforcement and judicial cooperation between States is crucial.”

**Nejat A. Issa, Program Officer, IGAD SSP**, in her remarks, welcomed the participants to the workshop urging IGAD Member States to engage in enabling the use of procedural protective measures, adopting a tailored, flexible, and comprehensive approach to questioning, assisting and protecting witnesses, assisting persons processing sensitive or classified information to testify, establishing witness protection programs, and strengthening the use of expert witness in court.

Their sessions focused on understanding how the different IGAD member states present identify, preserve, collect and analyze digital evidence for use in prosecution. John and Jessica shared their experience on how to identify digital evidence, providing examples of some types of cyber-enabled crimes like romance scams, initial coin offering scams, money laundering, check cashing scam, insurance fraud and various types of trafficking.
AGA-Africa in collaboration with the Delta State Task Force on Human Trafficking and Illegal Migration of the Ministry of Justice and National Agency for Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP) held a workshop and symposium on Winning in the Fight Against Human Trafficking on 11th -12th December, 2019 in Delta State, Nigeria.

The workshop brought together judges, lawyers, regulatory agencies, legislators, human rights activists, Government officials, and the general public. The training was tailored towards raising lively and thought-provoking discourse on various issues surrounding human trafficking in Nigeria whilst also learning about global practices that have been effective in combatting human trafficking.

**Peter Mrakpor**, Attorney General & Commissioner for Justice of the Delta State and Chairman of the Delta State Taskforce on Human Trafficking & Irregular Migration, in his opening remarks, noted that the perpetrators of this crime have become more daring in their approaches which means that stakeholders must not relent in their fight against this menace.

“There is need to strengthen our enforcement mechanism both preventive and punitive, internationally and domestically.”

**Dame Julie Okah-Donli**, Director General, NAPTIP, remarked that Human Trafficking is a complex crime that goes beyond national borders and requires the cooperation of International community to effectively stem the tide of the crime. She however noted that corruption and security agencies are frustrating the justice system.

“There are protocols that NAPTIP follows to rehabilitate, shelter, counsel and empower the victims of Human Trafficking.”

**Markus Green**, AGA-Africa Board Member, noted that Human Trafficking is estimated to be a $150 billion industry that affects 27 million people globally.

He also pointed out that so many victims are treated like the defendants, a concept that the workshop experts were to examine in depth.

“Countries need to work together. It takes individuals in the justice system to stand up for victims and work towards a more perfect justice system.”
AGA-Africa Facilitator, Miiko Anderson, Senior Deputy District Attorney for Fresno County District Attorney’s Office took participants through a session on Winning the fight against Human Trafficking.

She examined the California Statutory Law and the Investigation of Human Trafficking cases pointing out that Human Trafficking is often reported and investigated initially as a completely different crime a concept that prosecutors ought to factor in during the prosecution process.

Godwin E. Morka, Director, Research & Programme Development, NAPTIP took participants through The Global Overview of Human Trafficking. He explored the common patterns of human trafficking in Africa and the human trafficking trends between Africa and Europe.

"9.2 million Africans are victims of modern day slavery as of 2016 and 23% of the total global modern day slavery population in Africa are engaged in forced labor, forced marriages and sexual exploitation."

AGA-Africa Facilitator, Anita Nyanjong, Programme Manager, Equality Now facilitated a session on Sexual Exploitation and Gender Inequality pointing out that sexual exploitation of women and girls is influenced by historical and structural power imbalances between women and men which exist in varying degrees across all communities.

"It is not just trafficking and prostitution laws that need to change; those that discriminate against women and girls and contribute to their vulnerability and entrench male entitlement also need to change."

Tolu Odugbesan, Assistant Director, Research & Programme Development, NAPTIP examined the topic Gender Issues in Trafficking in Persons noting that human trafficking is thought to be one of the fastest-growing activities of trans-national criminal organizations.

She highlighted that a victims’ gender affects the purpose she or he is being trafficked since women are more likely than men to be trafficked into prostitution while men are more likely than women to be trafficked for exploitative labor and organ harvesting.
Peter Mrakpor, Honorable Attorney General & Commissioner for Justice, Delta State with NAPTIP & AGA-Africa representatives, facilitators and the workshop participants.

Dame Julie Okah-Donli, Director General, NAPTIP and other workshop delegates in a panel session at the workshop.

Markus Green, AGA-Africa Board Member during a media brief at the Human Trafficking workshop.

A cross-section of the workshop human trafficking participants.
AGA-AFRICA IN THE MEDIA: RWANDA, UGANDA, NIGERIA

Kigali, Rwanda

Prosecutors Get Trained On Human Trafficking Investigation

By Williams Ekechukwu December 01, 2019 at 0:04 pm

Sixty prosecutors and investigators across the country have started essential training in investigating and prosecuting human trafficking and transnational crimes.

The three-day training that started at Lemigo hotel runs from 3 to 5 December, this year.

Entebbe, Uganda

REGIONAL TRAINING ON CYBER/DIGITAL EVIDENCE/FORENSICS ON COUNTER-TERRORISM INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION CONDUCTED

7 December 2019, Entebbe-Uganda - The IGAD Security Sector Program (IGAD SSP), with support from the European Union Trust Fund (EUTF) administered by the Austrian Development Agency (ADA) under the IPPPAR program conducted a five days regional training on “Cyber/Digital Evidence/Forensics on Counter-Terrorism Investigation and Prosecution” held on 3-7 December 2019 in Entebbe, Uganda.

Delta State, Nigeria

In Delta, Stakeholders Meet To Prevent, Detect And Punish Human Trafficking

The Guardian (Nigeria)

THE global fight against trafficking in persons and other related vices came under scrutiny, in Asaba, Delta State, as the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking In Persons (NAPTIP) engaged stakeholders on how to tackle the menace.

Attention was drawn to the United Nations’ (UN) Palermo Protocol, which is to prevent, suppress and punish trafficking in persons, especially women and children. The Protocol supplements the UN Convention Against Transnational Organised Crime.

Titled: ‘Winning the Fight Against Human Trafficking in Nigeria,’ the topics were carefully chosen to reflect the mood, as it was collectively agreed that human trafficking is an evil trade ravaging the society, and must be uprooted. Unfortunately, the criminal activity remains attractive, despite concerted efforts by government and conviction of 404 traffickers, with several others being prosecuted across the country.

It was fireworks at the two-day workshop, organised by the Attorneys General Alliance/african Alliance Partnership,

AGA/AAP, in conjunction with Delta State Task Force on Human Trafficking, as international and local legal luminaries, top security operatives, the clergy and human rights activists debated reasons, shortfalls and ways out of the web human traffickers have cleverly knitted. However, there was a consensus that lack of good governance, discriminatory traditions against women, greed, failed family values and low self-esteem are some of the contributory factors that must be tackled, especially by faith-based organisations, seen as the greatest societal influencers, if the battle
Leah Branch

Leah Branch joined the New York County District Attorney’ Office in 2013 where she was assigned to serve as an Assistant District Attorney in the Trial Division. ADA Branch joined the Human Trafficking Response Unit as an Assistant District Attorney in the fall of 2016. In May of 2019, ADA Branch became the Supervising Attorney of the Human Trafficking Response Unit and continues to serve in that role. ADA Branch graduated from the Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law in 2013 with a J.D. and Furman University in 2008 with a bachelor of arts in Political Science.

Pierre Griffith

Pierre Griffith received his undergraduate degree from Harvard University and his law degree from the University of Pennsylvania, where he also received a Master’s degree in Criminology. After finishing graduate school, Pierre joined the New York County District Attorney’s Office in 2014. He served for 5 years in Trial Bureau 80 and was a member of the Sex Crimes Unit for 2 years. He has tried a variety of cases to verdict, including arson and attempted murder. Pierre is currently a member of the Violent Criminal Enterprises Unit and the Human Trafficking Response Unit, where he investigates and prosecutes a variety of conspiracies involving sex trafficking, gun trafficking, attempted murder, and murder.

Anita Nyanjong

Anita Nyanjong is an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya with and a holder of a Masters degree in Public International Law at The University of London – Queen Mary. Anita has extensive experience within the African region, advocating for the advancement of human rights and judicial and legal systems strengthening. Anita has worked as a Programme Manager, Access to Justice with the International Commission of Jurists and also served as a researcher, analyzing the impact of strategic litigation on torture in detention, with the Open Society Justice Initiative. She currently leads Equality Now’s End Sex Trafficking Campaigns within the African region, and last year she spoke at the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences in Rome on the impact of Gender inequality and Poverty on Sex Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation of Women and Girls in Africa. She is currently serving as a member of the Kenyan Judiciary Taskforce on Informal and/or Alternative Justice Mechanisms.
Jessica Mila Schutzman

Jessica Mila Schutzman is a multi-lingual attorney currently serving as Bureau Chief — Financial Crimes for Ulster District Attorney’s office in New York state where she focuses on investigating and prosecuting varied types of fraud, corruption, money laundering, and cybercrime (including crimes involving cryptocurrencies). Ms. Schutzman leads a Task Force (federal, state, local law enforcement) investigating extensive fraud, trafficking, and money laundering with international connections to Ecuador, Mexico, and Guatemala. She is a member of a Federal Financial Crimes Task Force (federal, state, local agencies) tasked with reviewing FinCEN filings and investigating financial crimes often with ties overseas, including money laundering, fraud, corruption, cybercrime, and terrorist financing.

Ms. Schutzman also leads Brava Global, an advisory firm focused on helping online companies navigate the numerous (and often tumultuous) risks and regulations in the international regulatory and related business environments powering FinTech, Big Data, AI, and digital currencies. Ms. Schutzman is among only a few people with extensive experience from the perspective of a user — managing an international, licensed financial services company; a prosecutor — as bureau chief and lead prosecutor of the Financial Crimes Unit (including cyber/crypto-crimes) for the District Attorney in New York state; and an international risk mitigation specialist — managing Trustee, Company Management, and Regulatory Compliance functions for numerous international companies across a variety of diverse jurisdictions, including Gibraltar, British Virgin Islands, Delaware, Wyoming, United Kingdom, Ireland, Hong Kong, and Panama.

Ms. Schutzman is an adventurer, outside the box thinker, and an executive team player with a passion for innovative solutions to big challenges.

John Bridge

John Bridge is Director of Financial Crimes Technology at Trust Stamp, a biometrics/artificial intelligence company. Prior to Trust Stamp, John spent twenty-five years as a Senior Inspector with the United States Marshals Service, Investigative Operations Division.

John was a founding member of a specialized unit within the Marshals Service that conducted investigations related to the financial industry and ecommerce platforms. Prior to the Marshals Service, John spent eight years in the United States Marine Corps as a military policeman and criminal investigator. In addition to his work history, John has served in a volunteer capacity with several organizations. John has been an active member of the International Association of Financial Crimes Investigators for fifteen years, serving in many leadership positions.

John helped establish the Cyber Financial Industry Group within the IAFCI, helped launch a certification (the Certified Cyber Crime Investigator certification) and established a recurring annual cyber fraud summit, now in its seventh year.

John was an early adopter of blockchain technology, served as a charter member of the DC Blockchain Alliance and was recently appointed to a board by the Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina Blockchain Initiative.
Dame Julie Okah-Donli

Dame Julie Okah-Donli is a highly motivated and result oriented legal expert with over 25 years of invaluable experience with top-notched managerial and leadership skills.

She has held many positions in government and in the private sector, some of which include, Manager of Securities & Exchange Commission (SEC); Company Secretary / Legal Adviser of Nigerian Capital Market Institute, Head of UBA TRUSTEES PLC, Abuja Regional Office, and Executive Assistant to the Governor of Bayelsa State. Prior to this she was the Principal Partner of Julie Okah & Co (Legal Practitioners). A woman of many parts, she is a member of various bodies such as Nigerian Bar Association, International Bar Association and Nigeria Institute of Management, to name a few.

She is a fellow of Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators International (FCIS), Associate of Chartered Arbitrators of Nigeria (AcArb) and Fellow, Certified Institute of Auctioneers (FCIA). She is also a philanthropist and engaged in charity work e.g. she is the founder of Julie Donli Kidney Foundation.

Mrs Okah Donli’s invaluable skills and experience granted her the ability to persuade the Nigerian government to extend the Whistle blowing Policy to human trafficking issues. This allowed for easier communication between informants and NAPTIP without fear of revealed identities. Amongst her many accomplishments, she established a Rapid Response Squad (NAPTIP-RRS) under the Director-General’s office, through which many criminal activities were quashed. She further established a Reform Unit to ensure prompt service delivery, anti-corruption and gender balance.

Godwin Morka

Godwin Morka is the Director, Research & Programme Development, with the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP).

He served as Pioneer Zonal Head of the Lagos Zonal Office of the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP) as well as Head of Research and Programme Development at the headquarters. Prior to that, he was an Editorial/Media Consultant to UNICEF, Federal Ministry of Women Affairs and the Federal Ministry of Information on issues of women and children’s rights promotion and protection. He is a member of the group of experts on Migration of the AU/EU Migration Dialogue, since 2013, and a member of the roster of experts on Africa-Caribbean and Pacific Group on Migration. He has also served in the team of experts on the EU-Nigeria Dialogue on Return and Readmission, among other such Migration-related assignments.

A versatile individual active in the fight against human trafficking in Nigeria and the world with particular interests in:
- National Development
- Foreign Policy Development and Analysis;
- Women and child rights advocacy;
- Child Protection;
- Human Trafficking;
- Migration
- International Relations;
- Peace Keeping and Conflict Resolution; and
- Criminology.

He is goal driven and is passionate about teamwork, possessing over 20 years’ experience in the private sector before joining the Federal Public Service in 2004.
Miiko Anderson

Miiko is a Certified Legal Criminal Specialist and Senior Deputy District Attorney for Fresno County District Attorney’s Office. She has served as a prosecutor for over 11 years, where she vertically prosecuted Gang and Domestic Violence cases as a Specialty Unit prosecutor. She has successfully tried and obtained convictions on serious and violent cases, including spousal rape, forced oral copulation, aggravated mayhem and attempted murder with related gang enhancements. As of April of 2016, Miiko was tasked with leading the Fresno County District Attorney’s Human Trafficking Task Force which is comprised of multiple law enforcement agencies including FBI, Homeland Security, US attorney’s Office as well as various local agencies. The goal of the task force is to share intel, develop successful investigation techniques, aggressively and comprehensively combat human trafficking, and promote public awareness.

Miiko has worked to educate the public and law enforcement on human trafficking. In collaboration with Fresno PD’s Vice unit, she has trained patrol officers and detectives on how to identify, respond and effectively investigate suspected Human Trafficking cases. Additionally, Miiko has provided POST certified training to several local Police Chiefs from surrounding police agencies.

Miiko has also provided Mandatory Continuing Legal Education to attorneys on the topic of Human Trafficking, and has trained multiple non-government agencies on this complex issue. In 2017, Miiko was invited a closed meeting with Senator Diane Feinstein and other stake holders to discuss proposed legislation and the challenges of prosecuting human trafficking cases. In September of 2017, the Human Trafficking unit was formed in the Fresno County District Attorney’s Office and Miiko was designated as the sole prosecutor. As a result, Miiko has successfully tried and convicted multiple human traffickers, and has obtained multiple life sentences for the most egregious traffickers.

Miiko also serves as member of the Board of Directors for Breaking the Chains, which is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing long term resources to survivors of human trafficking. In November 2017, Miiko was awarded the Courageous Prosecutor of the Year for her tireless efforts to combat human trafficking. In April of 2018, Miiko was awarded Freedom Fighter’s award for her work to combat Human Trafficking. In 2018, Miiko worked with the Mayor Brand of Fresno and other stakeholders to help develop a comprehensive way to attack the crime of Human trafficking.

Anita Nyanjong

Anita Nyanjong is an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya with and a holder of a Masters degree in Public International Law at The University of London – Queen Mary. Anita has extensive experience within the African region, advocating for the advancement of human rights and judicial and legal systems strengthening. Anita has worked as a Programme Manager, Access to Justice with the International Commission of Jurists and also served as a researcher, analyzing the impact of strategic litigation on torture in detention, with the Open Society Justice Initiative. She currently leads Equality Now’s End Sex Trafficking Campaigns within the African region, and last year she spoke at the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences in Rome on the impact of Gender inequality and Poverty on Sex Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation of Women and Girls in Africa. She is currently serving as a member of the Kenyan Judiciary Taskforce on Informal and/or Alternative Justice Mechanisms.
Tolu Odugbesan

Tolu Odugbesan (Mrs) is an Assistant Director, Research & Programme Development, with the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP). She is a pioneer staff of the Agency which she joined in April 2004. She has served in various capacities within the Agency such as: as a Shelter Manager, worked with NGOs and also headed the Rehabilitation Unit of NAPTIP at the headquarters.

She was also part of the Team that developed various policy documents in the Agency such as the National Policy on Protection and Assistance to Trafficked Persons in Nigeria, Standard Operating Procedures for the Investigators and Prosecutors, managed various projects geared towards elimination of human trafficking in Nigeria.

She is a member of the Institute of Personnel Management and is a Gender advocate. A resourceful individual in the fight against human trafficking in Nigeria and the world with particular interests in:
- Women and child rights advocacy;
- Child Protection;
- Gender Advocacy
- Human Trafficking;
- Migration
- Peace Keeping and Safety of Civilians

She has over 10 years’ experience in the private and public sector before joining the Agency in 2004.
JANUARY

**Kenya**
13th January – 21st February
AGA-Africa’s Prosecutors Mentorship Programme with the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions

**Zambia**
28th
AGA-Africa and WITA handover ceremony with the Ministry of Tourism

FEBRUARY

**Nigeria**
11th-13th
AGA-Africa participation in the IBA African Regional Conference on Anti-Corruption

**Malawi**
26th -1st March
AGA-Africa participation in the Malawi Annual Conference

**Ghana**
19th - 21st
AGA-Africa workshop on Counterfeit Drugs with the Food and Drug Authority (FDA)

**Malawi**
26th – 29th
AGA-Africa participation in the Malawi Annual Conference on Anti-Human Trafficking and Anti-Wildlife Trafficking

**Nigeria**
27th – 28th
AGA-Africa workshop on Administration of Criminal Justice and Rape with Kaduna State Ministry of Justice

MARCH

**Accra, Ghana**
2nd -9th
AGA-Africa’s Attorney Generals’ Visit to Accra, Ghana
Partnering with us means, your organization will help build public awareness and increase both organizational and individual capacity to combat the cross-border crimes in Africa.

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