

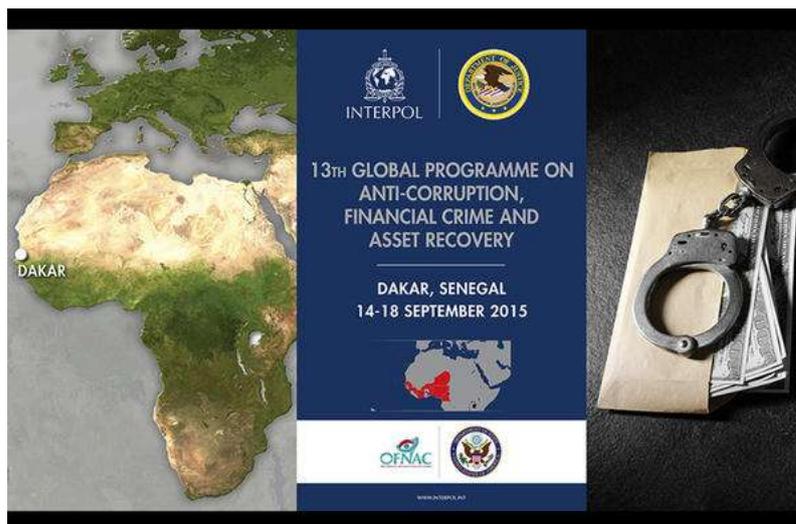


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13th Global Programme on Anti-Corruption, Financial Crime and Asset Recovery

The 13th Global Programme on Anti-Corruption, Financial Crimes and Asset Recovery, was held from 14 to 18 September 2015 in Dakar, Senegal. This training was delivered by INTERPOL's Anti-Corruption and Financial Crimes Sub-Directorate (AFC), in partnership with the US Department of State INL Bureau, the US Department of Justice and the Senegalese National Office Against Fraud and Corruption (OFNAC).



34 officials from eight countries participated, with diverse profiles such as prosecutors, police officers and investigators. Participants came from eight African countries: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Guinea, Nigeria, Senegal and Togo.

The training enabled participants to acquire new knowledge and new investigative techniques in the fight against corruption. It also enabled them to get to know each other and to plan future cooperation and information sharing. They learned more about INTERPOL's efforts in the fight against corruption and were engaged to cooperate more with INTERPOL and other partners in their future activities.

INTERPOL's role

The training was delivered by experts from INTERPOL General Secretariat, the FBI, the US Department of Justice, the Basel Institute on Governance, India and Senegal. The following subjects were covered during the training:

- Legal instruments in the fight against corruption
- Best practices to secure and present evidence
- Mutual legal assistance
- Processes and procedures for tracing assets: common challenges
- Management of digital evidence in corruption and asset recovery cases
- Role of INTERPOL/StAR Initiative in Anti-Corruption Investigation and Asset Recovery

Outcomes.

By the end of the workshop, participants learned the importance of targeting the instrumentalities and proceeds of crime, while as well giving attention to the need to diligently investigate and prosecute acts of corruption.

Following fruitful exchanges during the five-day training, the following recommendations emerged:

- Include international legal instruments in the field of anti-corruption and financial crime in national legislations
- Appoint a focal point to register on the Global Focal Points Platform
- Improve cooperation between national offices involved in the fight against corruption
- Reinforce regional and international cooperation in the fight against corruption
- Adopt better investigative techniques in order to identify, trace, freeze and recover illicitly obtained assets
- Create formal and informal networks dedicated to international cooperation in the frame of asset recovery investigations

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