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### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear fellow prosecutors,

I'm delighted to welcome you as we reflect on the great success of the IAP 30th Annual Conference and General Meeting hosted in Singapore. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Attorney-General Lucien Wong and his dedicated team at the Attorney-General's Chambers for the warm welcome and flawless organisation of his event.



Under the theme "The Versatile Prosecutor", this conference explored the cross-disciplinary skills that prosecutors must develop to respond effectively to the fast-changing nature of crime and its prosecution. The topics chosen for the plenary sessions and workshops, the quality of the speakers and the active engagement of the participants in each session will surely contribute to improving our daily work as prosecutors.

I would like to highlight two important aspects of this conference: the importance of coming together to share proposals and address common challenges, and the enormous potential of international cooperation in doing so.

In this edition of the newsletter, which focuses on the independence of prosecutors, it is important to recall that this principle is essential to justice. Prosecutors' independence enables them to act impartially, make decisions based on the law and evidence, and resist any outside influence or pressure.

The discussions in Singapore showed us that while the challenges to independence may differ from one jurisdiction to another, the principle itself is universal. Protecting it is vital not only to the credibility of our institutions but also to the confidence that citizens place in the rule of law.

I am confident that the ideas, connections and trust forged at our Annual and Regional Conferences help support our shared organizational capacity to face incoming challenges. Let us continue to support one another in upholding the highest standards of prosecutorial independence and professionalism.

Warm regards,

Juan Bautista Mahiques

**IAP President** 

### SECRETARY-GENERAL'S EDITORIAL

Dear fellow prosecutors,

Prominent in the second article of the IAP's professional standard is the independence of the prosecutor. The discretionary power of a public prosecutor in the prosecution of persons or institutions suspected of criminal offences must be able to be exercised independently without any political interference. And when national legislation gives authorities the right to give instructions to public prosecutors not to prosecute or to prosecute, this must be completely transparent and recognisable.



Roel Dona

IAP Secretary-General

The reason it is so prominent in professional standards is that this independence has often been under pressure over the years.

It seems obvious that where people question the independence of the public prosecutor, this has consequences for people's trust in the government or the institutions. As a saying goes in the Netherlands: trust comes on foot and goes on horseback. Declining trust in the government or its institutions will have a long-term effect and will take a long time to recover.

It would be too simple to think that this independence is only under pressure when there is direct interference in specific matters. Shortages of resources or people, as well as of effective tools or technologies, can also hinder prosecutors from carrying out their work effectively and independently. Limited resources can lead to choices being made in the work of the prosecutor that are not dictated by the case in progress, but by the limited resources. The same applies to restrictions on the use of modern technologies and restrictions on training.

Transparency of the work of a public prosecutor is also important. Without this transparency, it is impossible to check whether the work has been selected independently, without external input. Lack of transparency has direct consequences for trust in the institutions.

It is the mission of the IAP to highlight the professional standards time and again and to point out their importance. That is why we also pay attention to this in this newsletter. Enjoy reading.



## THEME ARTICLES: THE INDEPENDENCE OF PROSECUTORS (PART I)

## OPERATIONAL INDEPENDENCE OF PROSECUTORS IN UGANDA: DEVELOPMENT, IMPACT AND EMERGING TRENDS

By Jane Frances Abodo, Director of Public Prosecutions, Uganda

This article explores the ODPP's journey to independence, operational challenges and solutions, the impact of this independence, and best practices and trends shaping prosecutorial work in Uganda today.









## INDEPENDENCE, MEDIA AND PUBLIC OPINION: WHAT IMPACT? WHAT ATTITUDE SHOULD WE ADOPT?

By André Luiz Nogueira da Cunha, Public Prosecutor at the Public Prosecution Office of the State of São Paulo, Brazil

This article analyses the mechanisms supporting independence in Brazil, and also considers the balance that must be achieved between maintaining independence and transparency.



## HASHTAG PRESSURE: PROSECUTORIAL INDEPENDENCE IN THE AGE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

By Ben Brown, Crown Counsel, Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, Cayman Islands

The article highlights some of the operational risks of the impact of social media on prosecutorial independence, and also considers vital solutions and safeguards that need to be in place to mitigate such risks.







#### PROSECUTION INDEPENDENCE

By Nicholas Cowdery AO KC, Former President of the IAP

This article examines the concept of prosecutorial independence, and outlines the roles and responsibilities of a prosecutor to ensure that such independence is not diminished.



## INDEPENDENCE OF PROSECUTORS: A CASE STUDY OF FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA V. NTIEM

By Fatsuma Mohammed, Assistant Commander of EFCC II, Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, Abuja, Nigeria

This article examines the scope of prosecutorial independence and illustrates its practical application using a case study of Federal Republic of Nigeria v. Ntiem.







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# CROSSED VIEWS ON THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S OFFICES IN FRANCOPHONE COUNTRIES:

FIRST ASSESSMENT OF THE WORKS
CONDUCTED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF
FRANCOPHONE PROSECUTORS (AIPPF).

By Henry Ognan Dogo, First deputy at the prosecutor office of Atakpame, Togo,

This article presents the outcomes of two recent seminars examining the reality of the independence of prosecutor's offices in Francophone countries.

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## IINDEPENDENCE OF THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR BETWEEN SAFEGUARDS AND

**CONSTRAINTS: A READING OF** 

## THE SAUDI FRAMEWORK AND INTERNATIONAL REGULATION

By Dr. Abdullah Khusifan, Public Prosecutor, Public Prosecution of Saudi Arabia

This article examines how an appropriate balance is reached between the independence of prosecutors and the constraints imposed by the legal framework in Saudi Arabia.









## INDEPENDENCE OF PROSECUTORS: INDONESIAN PERSPECTIVE

By Redo Arliansyah, Junior Expert Prosecutor at the Bureau of Law and foreign Relations Institution, Attorney General's Office of the Republic of Indonesia

This article analyses challenges to prosecutorial independence in Indonesia and also outlines some of the strategies in place for strengthening independence.

Due to the extremely high number of articles received on the theme of the independence of prosecutors, we have split the submitted articles into two batches.

The submitted articles by the following IAP members will be featured in the next edition of the IAP newsletter which is due to be published in January 2026:

- Oluwakemi Oloyede-Naiyeju
- · Timothy Amerit
- Marcelo Batlouni Mendroni
- Dr Ylli Pjeternikaj
- José Domingo Pérez Gómez
- Rosya Amanda Gunawan Putri
- Naseer Ahmad Noorzai
- Dr. Rudi Pradisetia Sudirdja

Thank you to all IAP members who have contributed articles for publication.



## THE 30TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND GENERAL MEETING OF THE IAP, SINGAPORE 2025

The 30th Annual Conference and General Meeting of the IAP took place in Singapore from 07 - 10 September 2025. It was hosted by the Attorney-General's Chambers, Singapore, in conjunction with the IAP. The conference was extremely well attended, with over 450 participants from approximately 90 countries coming together to discuss the key conference themes and to build and strengthen their professional networks.

The overall theme for the conference was "The Versatile Prosecutor and the Administration of Criminal Justice", looking at the specialist expertise and cross-cutting capabilities that prosecutors need to cultivate in response to the constantly evolving criminal justice landscape,

Plenary Sessions and Workshops were held on the following topics:

- Turning the tables on new forms of crime
- Technological advancements and the presentation of evidence
- Obtaining and using expert digital evidence
- Strengthening international cooperation Best practices and innovative approaches to tackle barriers to effective international cooperation
- · Asset tracing and seizure
- International cooperation to tackle cyber offences Practical examples
- Future-proofing prosecutors
- Legal education and training
- Mental wellness and resilience

There was also a series of Specialist Network Sessions and Special Interest Sessions on the following topics:

- Economic crime and asset recovery
- Cybercrime
- Military prosecutions
- Associations
- Trauma-informed justice
- Human trafficking
- Junior prosecutors
- Heads of prosecuting agencies

In addition, there were two extremely engaging and informative Fireside Chat sessions - one with Ms Paula Llewellyn, Director of Public Prosecutions, Jamaica, and one with Mr Jagganaden Muneesamy, Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions, Mauritius (and one of the IAP Prosecutor of the Year 2025 award winners.

Further, the IAP was honoured that the conference was opened by Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam, President of the Republic of Singapore, and that the Keynote Opening address was delivered by Mr Edwin Tong SC, Minister for Law and Second Minister for Home Affairs of the Republic of Singapore.

Delegates also enjoyed a Welcome Reception at the Shangri-La Hotel which featured a fabulous Dikir Barat performance by members of the AGO, the Gala Dinner in the Flower Field Hall at Gardens by the Bay, a professional networking night at the Asian Civilisations Museum, and a wonderful Farewell Reception at Clifford Pier.

The IAP would like to thank the Attorney-General of Singapore and the Local Organising Committee for their exceptional hospitality, organisational abilities, professionalism, good humour and dedication to delivering a truly engaging, inspirational and beneficial conference. We would also like to thank all speakers, session chairs, rapporteurs, MC's and conference attendees for their constructive and invaluable inputs and engagement, and for all contributing to the overwhelming success and enjoyment of the conference.









The 7th IAP North America and Caribbean Regional Conference will take place from 09-12 November 2025 at the Grand Cayman Marriott Resort in the Cayman Islands. The Regional Conference will be hosted by the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions of the Cayman Islands, and is open to all IAP organisational and individual members.

The theme for the conference is "Emerging crime trends in the Caribbean: Closer collaboration and mutual legal assistance".

There will be plenary sessions on the following topics:

- Organised crime groups: Drugs and guns
- Hitting them where it hurts Asset recovery and confiscation
- Trafficking in persons: Regional trends, strategies and victim protection
- Domestic violence and the role of culture
- Developments in legal education and training
- Disclosure in the digital age

The social programme includes a Sunset Welcome Cruise, an official Reception hosted by HE The Governor of the Cayman Islands, and an official Conference Dinner at the Grand Cayman Marriott Resort.

Whilst this is a regional conference, the sub-themes have a global applicability and therefore contributions from prosecutors within and outside the region are all very welcome.

More details can be found on the conference website <u>here</u>

The closing date for registration is **Friday 31 October 2025**. We hope to see you there!



### THE 12TH IAP ASIA-PACIFIC REGIONAL CONFERENCE



The 12<sup>th</sup> IAP Asia-Pacific Regional Conference will take place in New Delhi, India, from 11-13 March 2026. The Regional Conference will be hosted by the All India Prosecutors Association.

Further details will follow in due course - for now, please save the date in your diaries!



## THE 31ST ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND GENERAL MEETING OF THE IAP

The 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference and General Meeting of the IAP will take place in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, from 15-18 November 2026, hosted by the Attorney-General and Public Prosecution of Saudi Arabia.

The overarching theme for the conference will be "The criminal justice system in the age of artificial intelligence: Opportunities, challenges and global applications". As with all of our annual conferences, there will be a mix of plenary sessions, workshops, special interest sessions and specialist network sessions covering a range of operationally relevant topics.

Please mark the dates in your diaries! More details will follow in due course.







## IAP-UNESCO GUIDELINES ON DIGITAL EVIDENCE COLLECTION

On 18 August 2025, UNESCO and the International Association of Prosecutors (IAP) launched a new set of Guidelines for Prosecutors on Digital Evidence Collection in compliance with international standards on freedom of expression and privacy.

Available in <u>English</u>, <u>French</u> and <u>Spanish</u>, these Guidelines provide practical tools for prosecutors to navigate digital evidence while protecting privacy and freedom of expression — two rights increasingly challenged in the digital era.

Digital technologies have transformed how information is produced, shared and stored, offering unprecedented opportunities for learning, access to information and freedom of expression. At the same time, they present complex challenges for justice systems: every byte can become evidence. Prosecutors now face the difficult task of enforcing the law while safeguarding fundamental human rights.

The launch took place during a webinar co-organized by UNESCO and the IAP, bringing together over 300 prosecutors, legal professionals, media representatives, and human rights actors from all around the world.

Key speakers included the authors of the Guidelines - Sabin Ouellet, former Chief Prosecutor of Canada and Simon Clements, former Chief Crown Prosecutor of England and Wales, who outlined the content and significance of the of this new tool.

A session on the Guidelines was also held during the Annual Conference in Singapore, which focused on their practical application and how to deal with some of the potential challenges that may be faced when balancing the needs of an investigation with the protection of human rights.

A follow-up webinar in early October will showcase practical applications of the Guidelines, providing prosecutors with real-world case studies.

This initiative builds on the UNESCO-IAP partnership launched in 2020, which has strengthened prosecutors' capacities to safeguard freedom of expression and the safety of journalists. It is part of UNESCO's flagship Judges' Initiative, which has engaged over 36,000 judicial actors across 160 countries since 2013. The Multi-Donor Programme on Freedom of Expression and Safety of Journalists provided support for this initiative.

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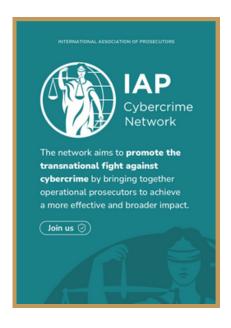


#### A MESSAGE FROM THE CYBERCRIME NETWORK

A year ago, we at the Dutch Public Prosecutor's Office enthusiastically accepted the offer to become a facilitator for the Cybercrime Network (CCN).

I am delighted to share that our Network is steadily growing with participants\* from different regions and that the activities being organized have been well attended. We can now look back on a fruitful year.

We decided to dedicate the first year to the theme of what we have called 'A Comprehensive Approach in the Fight against Cybercrime'.





The launch of the Cybercrime Network took place during the 11th IAP Regional Conference in Hong Kong SAR of PRC where we had many meaningful exchanges with fellow public prosecutors and presented during the plenary sessions on:

- 'Updating and modernising the armoury the need, the challenges, the effect and sharing of experience in law reform to combat technology crime'; and
- 'Rising above the changing landscape and challenges of decentralisation in the technological age'.





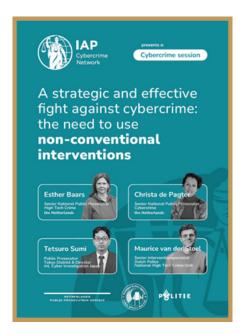
Thus far two webinars have been organised within this theme. The webinars are made available on the IAP website to (re)watch:

- The first webinar of the year (February) focussed on "<u>Operation Endgame</u>". This is a great example of an international operation with a comprehensive approach to fighting cybercrime, including a ray of different non-conventional interventions.
- During the webinar in June, our much appreciated colleague from Brazil, public prosecutor Fabricio Rocha Bastos, gave a presentation on "<u>Decentralisation and Digitalisation</u>".





And of course, we presented the Cybercrime Session during the 30th IAP Annual Conference in Singapore. In the Cybercrime session panelists from Japan and the Netherlands spoke about the need to use non-conventional interventions in the fight against cybercrime.





Mr Tetsuro Sumi, an experienced Public Prosecutor from Tokyo and Director for International Cyber Investigation at Japan's National Police Agency, gave an overview of the Japanese Police organization and the Japan Prosecutors Unit on Emerging Crimes (JPEC) and took us through several interesting cyber related investigations.

Our Dutch colleagues informed us about the Intervention Framework and Operation Poweroff. The above-mentioned Mr Fabricio Rocha Bastos acted as moderator

We were delighted with the number of participants in this session and the valuable discussions that took place.



A strategic and effective fight against cybercrime: the need to use non-conventional interventions

Cybercrime is inherently cross-border and can cause significant harm. Investigation and prosecution alone are often insufficient a broad and targeted approach is essential for effective intervention.

The intervention framework provides a structured method to:

prevent new cybercrime offences.

disrupt ongoing criminal activities.

prosecute offenders.

It enables tactical decision-making by targeting three key focus areas: perpetrators, victims, and infrastructures.

Join our cybercrime session to learn more about the framework, real-world examples, and best practices!

Want to convect Visit the Cybercrime Network stand in the main flyor or mail us at cybercrimenterors (sign-association.org)

We are concluding the year with a Webinar titled <u>A</u> <u>Comprehensive Approach in the Fight against Cybercrime:</u> <u>The Power of Digital Evidence</u> on 31 October that will detail an operational case where digital evidence was used to prove critical elements in a fraud and corruption case.

Our speaker that day will be Mr Mohomed Fenoz Rashmi Aslam, Acting Executive Director – Investigations, Intelligence and Assessment, Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC), Papua New Guinea. I had the pleasure of meeting him at previous IAP meetings and I was very impressed by his narrative of this case.



We will spend the rest of the year to consider, hopefully together with you, how we can further strengthen the network and be more effective in the fight against cybercrime.

**Esther Baars, Chair of the Cybercrime Network** 

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#### Invitation to join the IAP Cybercrime Network

to IAP members from all jurisdictions

#### The IAP Cybercrime Network

The IAP Cybercrime Network aims to promote the transnational fight against cybercrime by increasing its effectiveness and geographic reach. To achieve these aims, it brings together operational prosecutors located in different jurisdictions with different expertise and experience in the field of cybercrime. It offers a platform to its members to engage in active exchanges of operational knowledge as well as in thematic discussions. It further aspires to act as a catalyst for joint cross-national cybercrime operations.

The Cybercrime Network is facilitated by the Dutch Prosecution Service, who relaunched the Network in November 2024.

For the operational success of the Cybercrime Network, members should have a genuine interest and commitment to combatting cybercrime, and a willingness to collaborate and engage with peers from other jurisdictions. Involvement in the network will provide members with a forum to exchange information and expertise, and will also enable members to apply to contribute to the Cybercrime Network articles in the IAP newsletter, to the content of webinars, and to participate in panels during IAP conferences.

#### Membership to the IAP Cybercrime Network

There are three main ways in which you can join the IAP Cybercrime Network:

- 1. If you are an individual IAP member, then you have the opportunity to select one or more specialisms that are associated with your individual membership profile. If you select 'cybercrime', then you will automatically also become a member of the Cybercrime Network;
- 2. Organisational members can register up to three prosecutors from their prosecuting agency as 'cybercrime specialists and organisational contact persons' via the PICP database on the IAP website. Any prosecutor who is registered by their organisation as an IAP contact person for cybercrime will automatically also become a member of the Cybercrime Network;
- 3. If you are not registered as an IAP contact person for your organisation, you can still apply to join the Cybercrime Network. However, as the network page is housed in the members-only section of the IAP website, you would need your organisational log-in details to be able to do so. The other option in these circumstances would be to become an individual member of the IAP and therefore be able to create your own profile and obtain access.

#### Further information

Please see the <u>IAP website</u> for more information on becoming an organisational or individual member of the IAP. If there are any questions with regard to becoming a member to the Cybercrime Network, that are not included on the IAP website, please feel free to send an e-mail to: info@iap-association.org.

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#### IAP VISITS

#### Visit to the IAP by the People's Procuratorate of Beijing, China.

The Hague is a city that hosts many international organisations. When our colleagues plan to visit our small headquarters in The Hague, they often take the opportunity to combine the trip with a visit to other international institutions. On Thursday 12 June 2025, our Secretary General, Roel Dona, and our Vice-President, Giorgi Gogadze, we were honoured to host a meeting with our colleagues from different districts within the People's Procuratorate of Beijing, China. It is always great to meet colleagues from other jurisdictions, and it is amazing to see how prosecutors from around the world share the same passion for their work. The purpose of this visit was to discuss practices related to minors, including treatment of minors, punishment, and also ways of assisting minor victims. Recognising the importance of cooperation in the field of training, we have exchanged information to see whether we can continue to work together in this area in the near future.

## Visit to the IAP by the Supreme Prosecutors' Office of Chinese Taipei

On 17 June 2025, our Secretary General, Roel Dona, and our Executive Director, Janne Holst Hubner, were honoured by a visit from the Prosecutor General of Chinese Taipei, Mr. Hsing Tai Chao and colleagues from the Supreme Prosecutors' Office. They were very interested to learn about the legal systems in Europe and we learned a lot from each other about our respective judicial systems. It is always great to meet prosecutors from around the world and it turns out that the scheduled time for a meeting is always over before you know it. We will surely meet again and have a follow-up meeting on this very pleasant one.



#### Visit to the IAP by the People's Procuratorate in Tianjin City, China

On Wednesday, 18 June 2025 our Secretary General, Roel Dona, and our Executive Director, Janne Holst Hubner, welcomed colleagues from the People's Procuratorate in Tianjin city, China, to our Hague office. Tianjin is one of the biggest cities in China and, apart from being a harbour city, is also an important industrial centre. We spoke about all the programmes that the IAP has to offer and shared experiences and challenges that we both face in our work. We had a very fruitful meeting and are looking forward to meeting our colleagues in the near future to further develop our cooperation.



#### Meeting between the IAP and the IAJ

In addition to our International Association of Prosecutors, there has also been an International Association of Judges (IAJ/UIM) since 1953. Although judging by the name, these associations should have a big similarity, there are also clear differences. For example, the IAJ consists of 'associations of judges' in the various member states, while the IAP also has individual prosecutors and national public prosecution services in addition to 'associations of prosecutors'. What we do have in common is our mission to protect the independence of the judiciary, both of judges and prosecutors.

Our two associations have maintained good relationships with each other for many years, and we keep each other informed of our meetings. To emphasise this good relationship, the IAP Secretary-General, Roel, Dona, travelled to Italy in July to meet his counterpart at the IAJ, Secretary-General Giacomo Oberto. After a warm welcome, they discussed the challenges that lie ahead for international associations and exchanged ideas on how our associations can benefit our members. We can also learn from each other's experiences in many practical areas. For the coming year, we will look at how we can further develop our collaboration.



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### MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL COUNSEL

As we enter the last quarter of 2025, there's no rest for the IAP Secretariat! We are in the midst of preparations for the forthcoming 7<sup>th</sup> IAP North America and Caribbean Regional Conference taking place in the

Cayman Islands next month, and our attention is also turning to the 12<sup>th</sup> IAP Asia-Pacific Regional Conference in New Delhi, India, next March. In addition, planning is already well underway for the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference and General Meeting of the IAP in Saudi Arabia in November 2026. Those of you who have joined us for our regional and annual conferences will know that they provide an outstanding opportunity to share expertise and best practice, to hear how other prosecutors are tackling the challenges that are common to us all, and to build and develop our professional networks. They also provide a wonderful chance to experience a different culture and country, which I feel is a genuine privilege as well as being incredibly enjoyable. I'm always looking for prosecutors to contribute to the content of the professional programme at conferences, and so please do look out for the regular Call for Speakers that are circulated ahead of the events. Even if you would prefer not to speak, please do join us at a forthcoming event if you can - I've no doubt that you'll find it to be a professionally enriching and beneficial experience!

Before I leave the subject of conferences, I would like to extend my personal thanks to the Professional Programme Committee from the Attorney-General's Office in Singapore. It is a very challenging task to manage a programme that includes almost 100 speakers from multiple jurisdictions and they rose to that challenge with professionalism, good humour, enthusiasm and commitment. It was truly a pleasure to work with them all in the months leading up to the Annual Conference and I'm very grateful to them for their invaluable support.

The IAP are very pleased to announce that the "Guidelines for prosecutors on digital evidence collection in compliance with international standards on freedom of expression and privacy" which have been jointly developed between the IAP and UNESCO have now been published and are available on our website. You can read more about the Guidelines on page 14 of this newsletter.

Finally, please don't forget to join us for our regular IAP webinars - full details are available on our website or via your IAP organisational contact person.

Until the next newsletter, very best wishes,

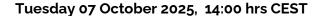


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## IAP GLOBAL TRAINING ACADEMY UPCOMING WEBINARS - AUTUMN 2025



Digital evidence collection and freedom of expression and privacy



\*Mehdi Benchelah, Senior Project Officer, Freedom of Expression and Safety of Journalists, UNESCO

\*Sabin Ouellet, Former Chief Prosecutor, Canada; President, S2G Management

\*Simon Clements, Former Chief Crown Prosecutor, England and Wales; International Rule of Law consultant

\*Pedro Borges Mourão

State Prosecutor, Public Prosecutor's Office of the State of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil





Prosecutors and the OECD Anti-Bribery Convention - A shared commitment to combatting transnational bribery

#### Monday 18 August 2025, 14:00 hrs CEST

\*Julia Fromholz, Head of the Anti-Corruption Division, Directorate for Financial and Enterprise Affairs, OECD

\*Kiki Calis, Vice-Chair, OECD Working Group on Bribery

\*Maja Veber Šajn, Senior State Prosecutor, Supreme State Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Slovenia

\*Vitaly Kasko, Former First Deputy Prosecutor General, Office of the Prosecutor General of Ukraine



Additionally, there are two webinars scheduled every month until the end of 2025 and into 2026. Please check the IAP website and emails for more information - registration details are circulated approximately six weeks before each webinar. Webinars are free to attend and are open to all IAP organisational and individual members. There is no limit to the number of members from an organisational member who can attend each webinar.

### PREVIOUS IAP GLOBAL TRAINING ACADEMY WEBINAR RECORDINGS

All previous IAP webinars from 2023 - present are available to view via the members-only section of the IAP website - please go to the Global Training Academy homepage <u>here.</u>

- Tackling sports corruption: Enhancing cooperation between sports organisations and prosecutors (September 2025)
- An introduction to the UN Human Rights system: Understanding the UN Human Rights Council and its mechanisms (September 2025)
- Introduction to the Guidelines for Prosecutors on Digital Evidence (August 2025)
- A comprehensive understanding and approach to combating female genital mutilation:
   Cutting and reducing prosecutorial impunity (July 2025)
- Putting victims and witnesses at the heart of the criminal justice system (June 2025)
- A comprehensive approach in the fight against cybercrime: Decentralisation and digitisation (June 2025)
- Decrypting the blockchain: An introduction to crypto investigations and the benefits of partnership working (May 2025)
- Prosecuting cybercrimes in Switzerland: Hurdles and challenges (May 2025)
- Unlocking the potential of equivalent value-based measures in asset recovery (April 2025)
- Universal jurisdiction: An overview (April 2025)
- Modern slavery and human trafficking prosecutions (March 2025)
- Trafficking and terrorism of antiquities (March 2025)
- Second Additional Protocol to the Convention on Cybercrime (Budapest Convention)
   (February 2025)
- Operation Endgame: A comprehensive approach in the fight against cybercrime (February 2025)
- Prosecuting cases of police corruption (February 2025)
- Supporting the global fight against grand corruption: An introduction to the International Anti-Corruption Coordination Centre (January 2025)
- Investigating and prosecuting the destruction, looting and trafficking of cultural heritage by terrorist groups (December 2024) (not recorded)
- The role of the FATF in combatting money laundering and terrorist financing (December 2024)
- Violent extremism the threat environment and impact of technological advancements (November 2024)
- Judicial international cooperation tools in case of emergency (October 2024)

- Prosecuting transnational drug trafficking (September 2024)
- Enabling the evidential use of intelligence material (September 2024)
- Developing an effective case strategy (August 2024)
- The European Court of Human Rights Interim measures Legal framework and practical application in extradition cases (August 2024)
- The prosecution of radiological and nuclear crimes (July 2024)
- Collaboration between Airbnb and judicial authorities: Strengthening cooperation for a safer community (July 2024)
- Enhancing international cooperation in the investigation and prosecution of transnational corruption crimes; Leveraging the GlobE network for effective collaboration (June 2024)
- The prosecution of chemical and biological crimes (June 2024)
- Direct cooperation with providers and entities in other parties: Practical implications of the Second Additional Protocol to the Convention on Cybercrime (May 2024)
- How to prosecute wildlife crime as a transnational organised crime (May 2024)
- Rethinking anti-corruption efforts: Key considerations regarding case selection and victim compensation (April 2024)
- An operational perspective on prosecuting environmental crime (April 2024)
- An introduction to environmental crime (March 2024)
- Rethinking anti-corruption efforts: Developing new strategies to tackle corruption (March 2024)
- The prosecution of cases of competition manipulation (March 2024)
- Developing a strategic approach to jury selection (January 2024)
- Cooperation between Financial Intelligence Units and public prosecutors (December 2023)
- An introduction to Financial Intelligence Units and the Egmont Group (December 2023)
- Webinar on waste crime (October 2023)
- An introduction to wildlife crime (September 2023)
- The importance of the Nuremberg Principles (July 2023)



### CALL FOR WEBINAR TOPICS AND PRESENTERS

The IAP Global Training Academy develops and delivers webinars on topics of interest and operational relevance to members. IAP members are invited to submit suggestions for topics / themes for future webinars to the General Counsel at gc@iap-association.org. Members who are interested in presenting at a webinar are also invited to contact the General Counsel with details of the proposed topic of their presentation and a short biography.



### CALL FOR ARTICLES FOR THE QUARTERLY IAP NEWSLETTER



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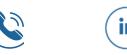
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