

Business Plan 2013/14

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PROSECUTORS STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN 2013/14

VISION STATEMENT

The IAP is an International Community of Prosecutors committed to setting and raising standards of professional conduct and ethics for Prosecutors worldwide; promoting the rule of law, fairness, impartiality and respect for human rights and improving international co-operation to combat crime. Its aim is to be a world authority for Prosecutors on matters in the conduct of criminal prosecutions and associated matters and to operate as an organisation of international repute and referral.

OBJECT 1: To promote the effective, fair, impartial and efficient prosecution of criminal offences

- IAP prosecution Standards-Complete and Launch IAP/UNODC Manual
- Consider drawing standards for prosecutors outside criminal justice field-ref *C of E Recommendation of Ministers CM/Rec(2012)11*
- Annual and Regional Conferences-planned and potential-needing proactive approach. Consider recommendations of Ex Co Paris 2013 to revise arrangements and format for Annual Conferences (and Regional Conferences-intervals?) see recommendation 8 below from IAP Annual Conference Thailand 2012

OBJECT 2: To respect and seek to protect human rights as laid down in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights proclaimed by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 10 December 1949.

- OSCE/ODIHR/IAP guidelines for Prosecutors Hate Crime-finalise and launch

OBJECT 3: To promote high standards and principles in the administration of criminal justice including procedures to guard against or address miscarriages, in support of the rule of law.

- Guidelines offences with concurrent jurisdiction-finalise, publish and launch see recommendation 4 below from IAP Annual Conference Thailand 2012
- Develop Asset recovery-prosecutors handbook(potential partners and sponsors-World Bank, JustPal, Eurojust) see recommendation 3below from IAP Annual Conference Thailand 2012
- Progress specialist networks including TIPP(see recommendation 1below from IAP Annual Conference Thailand 2012)
- Cement relationships other like minded organisations particularly World Bank (GFLJD-identify relevant themes for cooperation),Commonwealth Secretariat-(attend /speak Commonwealth Law Conference April 2013 Cape

town), ILAC-Capacity Building Justice Sector post conflict-progress Libyan project

OBJECT 4: *To promote and enhance those standards and principles which are generally recognised internationally as necessary for the proper and independent prosecution of offences.*

- Pursue membership proactively-including 'Friends'
- Develop and implement Prosecutors in Difficulty Programme and establish Standing Committee

OBJECT 5: *To assist prosecutors internationally in the fight against organised or other serious crime, and for that purpose; - to promote international co-operation in gathering and providing evidence; in tracking, seizing and forfeiting the proceeds of serious crime; and in the prosecution of fugitive criminals and – to promote speed and efficiency in such international co-operation.*

- Continues translation of IAP leaflets and specialists leaflets (GPEN, FICJ and TIPP) and print and distribute
- Asset Recovery Handbook as above
- Review of good practice manual MLA and see recommendation 2 below from IAP Annual Conference Thailand 2012

OBJECT 6: *To promote measures for the elimination of corruption in public administration*

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OBJECT 7: *To promote the professional interest of prosecutors and to enhance recognition of their crucial role in achieving criminal justice.*

- Review Awards-Awards Committee recommendations to be considered Ex Co. Paris April 2013

OBJECT 8: *To promote good relations between individual prosecutors and prosecution agencies; to facilitate the exchange and dissemination among them of information, expertise and experience; and, to that end, to encourage the use of information technology*

- Develop relationship GPEN and ICSPA and Commonwealth Secretariat
- Bid to UK Foreign and Commonwealth successful and £93k secured to commence project using consultants to enhance GPEN.
- FICJ-Publish online and promote International Prosecutors Best Practice Manual- see recommendation 7 below from IAP Annual Conference Thailand 2012
- AIPPF relationship (merger of websites and membership administration systems)
- PEP-progress IAP PEP / Justice Education Society partnership.
- Develop improvements to second generation electronic website administration system-see recommendation 1 below from IAP Annual Conference Thailand 2012
- Environmental prosecutors Network- see recommendation 6 below from IAP Annual Conference Thailand 2012

OBJECT 9: *To promote examination of comparative criminal law and procedure and to assist prosecutors engaged in justice reform projects.*

- Guidelines on concurrent jurisdiction (as above)

OBJECT 10: *To co-operate with international and juridical organisations in furtherance of the foregoing projects.*

(as above)

Outcome and Recommendations Annual Conference Thailand 2012

1. Enhance IAP electronic platforms/fora and activate members to contribute and populate sites
 - **TIPP**
 - **GPEN**
 - **FICJ**

In particular include on TIPP- good practice on

- (a) a victim centred approach to Human Trafficking and
- (b) the advantages of multidisciplinary task forces.

2. Promote Mutual Legal Assistance (MLA) by setting up on IAP Website electronic links (a) to Central Authorities within separate jurisdictions eg UNODC list and (b) to available tools and good practice material on international cooperation
3. Through the IAP Website and Conferences, publish and promote developments and experience in the area of Asset Seizure and Recovery
4. Follow up on outcome of 15th Annual Conference in the Hague to produce guidance on concurrent jurisdiction issues in the context of transnational criminality including cyber crime and finalise existing IAP consultation paper
5. Recognition by IAP of Thailand's initiative in establishing the Association of ASEAN Public Prosecutors (AAPP) among ASEAN countries (agreed in principle by Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia; Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand) and encourage growth to encompass other ASEAN Countries and more.
6. Facilitate links between Environmental Prosecutors Networks including recently formed European Environmental Prosecutors Network and provide IAP endorsement and support
7. Encourage and facilitate the transfer of knowledge and skills in the area of International Criminal Justice, from the specialist tribunals and courts – in particular by marketing the International Prosecutors Best Practice Manual and by encouraging the adoption of universal standards in the prosecution of crimes against humanity, war crimes and genocide
8. Consider counterfeiting crime as a topic for future conferences

Governance and Funding

1. **Sustainability** –broaden and strengthen financial footing and resilience by sourcing and securing other funding streams

2. **Membership** –increase member base-organisational and individual
3. **Granting**- source grant funding for members from under resourced jurisdictions
4. **Secretariat**-strengthen, professionalise, rationalise, expand skill base-succession planning
5. **Executive Committee and Presidency**- strengthen, professionalise, rationalise, clarify leadership requirements President and Vice Presidents –succession planning

Communication Plan

IAP website, newsletters, E communications, IAP publications, media engagement, responsibilities, partnerships,

Longer Term strategic objectives

Where does IAP want to be in 5-10 years time? What will IAP look like?