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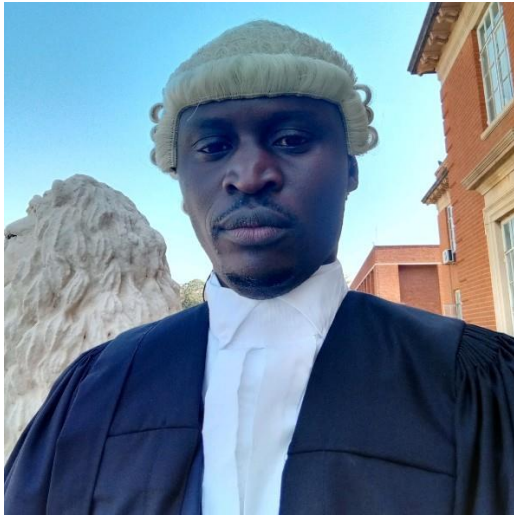
The IAP welcomes prosecutors from all regions of the world to its Annual Conferences and wishes to assist experienced representatives of prosecution services and associations of prosecutors from as many of the world's low- and middle-income countries (as defined by the United Nations DAC list) as possible to attend the IAP Annual Conference.

With the financial support of individual and organisational members as well as a financial contribution from the IAP, at every annual conference, the Granting Programme Committee selects from the applications a group of grantees. Also, for the 2022 Annual Conference in Tbilisi. Below is a summary of the feedback from the grantees.

The IAP Granting Programme for 2023 provided grants to 11 prosecutors from 10 countries worldwide. These countries were:

1. Uganda
2. India
3. Ukraine
4. Afghanistan
5. Jamaica
6. Zambia
7. Maldives
8. Moldova
9. Nepal
10. Nigeria

Strengthening the Prosecutorial Community and Skills at the 28th IAP Conference



By Nchimunya Munkombwe- Senior State Advocate (Zambia)

The 28th Conference of the International Association of Prosecutors took place in London at the Queen Elizabeth Conference Centre from 24 September 2023 to 27 September 2023. The Annual Conference brought together prosecutors from every region of the world.

The Conference helped to build and strengthen the global community of prosecutors. Through the Conference, attendees built a global network that will see prosecutors help each other in mutual legal assistance and capacity building on a broad spectrum of specialities. The Conference provided a platform for prosecutors to discuss the key criminal justice issues that directly impact Prosecutorial duties and share expertise. The Conference also allowed attendees to learn how organized crime, terrorism and other serious criminal activities are dealt with in other legal systems.

Further, the Conference provided an excellent opportunity to network and build relationships with prosecutors from around the globe. On the sidelines of the Conference, the Director of Public Prosecution from Zambia, Gilbert A. Phiri, Principal State Advocate Mrs. Angelica Kennedy Mwanza and I attended several meetings with Prosecutors from other countries. During those meetings, cooperation and coordination was stressed as a tool to enhance prosecutorial skills.

One of the aims of the IAP is to raise the standard of the prosecution service throughout the globe. The Conference lived up to this aim by organizing experienced Prosecutors who presented on various topics that enhanced the prosecutorial skills of the attendees. One of the topics was how to manage prosecutors' well-being. This topic provided an opportunity to learn how to manage prosecutors' well-being. Prosecutors routinely encounter distressing content by engaging with victims of crime or viewing distressing content. This affects their

personal life. One important take-home message from this topic was that promoting the prosecutor's well-being will enhance the capacity to pursue and achieve justice. Therefore, Conference was the best avenue to share ideas of best prosecutorial practices that will enhance capabilities and lead to the development of competencies that prepare Prosecutors for enlarged or higher-level responsibilities in the future.

The 28th Conference of the IAP brought together Prosecutors from all over the world. Through networking, Prosecutorial skills, knowledge and competencies needed to meet the present and future prosecutorial responsibilities were enhanced. The knowledge acquired from the Conference will help to overcome the challenges of the ever-evolving nature of crime and will provide a decisive prosecutorial response.

A Conference that will Give an Opportunity to Implement the Experience Gained into the Inevitability of Punishment



By Oleksandr Pikul, Head of the Department of the Regional Prosecutor's Office

My name is Oleksandr Pikul, I am from Ukraine, and I am an active prosecutor. I am the Head of the Department of the Regional Prosecutor's Office of the Prosecutor's Office of Ukraine and the vice president of the Ukrainian Association of Prosecutors. Previously, I participated in the Annual Conferences and General Meetings of the International Association of Prosecutors many times. However, due to the war in my country last year, there was no opportunity to join my colleagues in Georgia.

This year, I decided to take advantage of the Granting Program. Thanks to the International Association of Prosecutors, I was honoured to participate in the 28th

Annual Conference and General Meeting of the International Association of Prosecutors, which the Crown Prosecution Service of England and Wales organised. It occurred in London, Great Britain, on September 24-27, 2023.

The 28th IAP Annual Conference was attended by prosecutors and representatives of associations from 93 countries from all over the world. It allowed me to learn best practices from other participants and share my own. The conference also provided a great opportunity to network and build relationships with prosecutors worldwide. In future, it will help in my professional development.

In the conditions of today, the process of collecting, verifying and evaluating information using electronic evidence is gaining momentum. On the other hand, the procedural legislation of my country regarding the use of electronic evidence is, unfortunately, regulated insufficiently and contradictory to some extent and, therefore, poorly adapted to the needs of the modern legal process.

Therefore, the theme of the Conference "The Changing Nature of Crime in the 21st Century: Challenges and Responses", and the program were beneficial for me. Issues, such as the growing amount of digital evidence and ways of effective use of technological developments to conduct complex and large-scale court investigations, were of most significant interest to me.

While communicating, I received a lot of helpful information about new and innovative ways to fight crime, as well as freezing and confiscation of assets.

Since in my country, such a concept as civil confiscation is just developing, which is no less effective in returning the proceeds obtained through crime, we exhaustively exchanged positive developments in this area with our colleagues.

The experience gained, both during communication and at separate meetings with prosecutors from all over the world, will be very useful in my daily work.

The selected locations outside the conference allowed feeling a cosy atmosphere, traditions and hospitality of one of the largest and oldest cities in Europe.

In conclusion, I would like to express my gratitude to the Grant Program of the International Association of Prosecutors, which provides always ready support and assistance in the professional development of prosecutors from all countries of the world.

Strengthening Global Prosecutorial Cooperation: Insights from the 28th IAP Annual Conference in London



By Dumitru Obada, Prosecutor at the Association of Prosecutors for Order and Justice, Moldova

Between September 24, 2022, and September 27, 2023, Prosecutor Dumitru Obada, representing the Association of Prosecutors for Order and Justice, visited London, United Kingdom, to participate in the 28th Annual Conference and General Assembly of the International Association of Prosecutors, themed "The Changing Nature of Crime in the 21st Century: Challenges and Responses.

The delegation of the Republic of Moldova also included Mr Ion Munteanu, Acting Prosecutor General of the Republic of Moldova, Ms Veronica Dragalin, Chief Prosecutor of the Anti-Corruption Prosecutor's Office, and Ms Ecaterina Vornicescu, Legal Officer of ABA ROLI Moldova.

The Global Forum of Prosecutors' Associations nominated and discussed the most current global trends in reforming criminal justice systems and increasing the interaction of prosecutors members of professional associations from different jurisdictions.

The conference explored how we can best organise and manage prosecution agencies to maximise capacity, resources and skills to investigate specific crimes. The forum considered the phenomenon of the increasing weight of digital evidence but also how technological developments can be used effectively to advance complex and large-scale investigations. The conference examined new and innovative ways of fighting crime, seizure and confiscation of assets. It looked at the tools available to prosecutors and prosecution officers to prevent and combat criminal activity.

During the conference, the Moldovan delegation had bilateral meetings and discussions with the Secretary General of the International Association of

Prosecutors, Mr Han Moraal, and the President of the IAP, Mr Juan Bautista Mahiques, discussing topics aimed at developing multilateral cooperation and strengthening partnership relations.

The Association of Prosecutors for Order and Justice extends its heartfelt thanks to the members of the International Association of Prosecutors, whose financial contributions made our participation in the General Assembly and Annual Conference possible.

The event was a good opportunity to establish cooperation relations with fellow prosecutors from different parts of the world, to exchange best practices in the field of criminal investigations and crime fighting, and new knowledge and experiences which are currently being disseminated among prosecutors in the Republic of Moldova.

We would like to highlight the exceptional performance of each speaker at the conference. In particular, we were pleased to learn about Australia's experience in managing occupational burnout syndrome, mental health methods and stress resilience. The information presented in the module, „Managing prosecutor wellness and vicarious trauma – the New South Wales approach” is of particular interest. We believe it makes sense to take it up and implement it as best practice at the national level.

We would like to sincerely thank all the organisers of the event and especially the host of the annual conference, The Crown Prosecution Service, for their exceptional performance and team spirit. We are confident that it is only through joint efforts and multilateral cooperation that we will succeed in fulfilling our noble mission as prosecutors.

Reflections on the 28th IAP Conference: A Global Exchange of Ideas on Crime and Prosecution



By Oluwakemi Oloyede-Naiyeju, Assistant Manager/Tax Legal Prosecution Department, Nigeria

I was thrilled upon the approval of my application for a grant by the IAP through the Secretary General's Office, Han Moraal; I am incredibly grateful for your generosity as an organization. My heart is filled with joy to God Almighty as I write this letter for such a remarkable and lovely experience in London for the intellectual exchange of ideas with associates worldwide, networking and international best practices to combat crime.

I would also like to use this medium to appreciate the entire body of IAP and its council, the Executive Committee, and the host, the Crown Prosecution Service of England, for organizing such a beautiful ambience and hospitality for our deliberations at the IAP Conference, exchange of ideas, innovations and continuous legal education across multiple jurisdictional boundaries.

I arrived in London on 23 September 2023, and I lodged in the beautiful hotel booked by IAP near the vicinity of the Conference. It was easy to access the conference hall to attend the meeting promptly.

On 24 September 2023, I was at Queen Elizabeth Hall 11 for registration; I was warmly attended to by exceptional and qualitative customer service driven administrative who smiled and gave me the conference tag identification and other items for the Conference, such as notepads, IAP manual, pen e.tc.

The theme of the Conference is The changing nature of crime in the 21st century: challenges and response - A forum for collective intellectual exchange of ideas from associates all over the globe. I observed we had similar challenges across multiple jurisdictions in combating crime and the emergence of innovative ideas like encryption to combat the complexity of crime using technology across multiple jurisdictional boundaries with evidence, witnesses, victims, suspects and assets.

On 25 of September 2023, we had a special session on the IAP agenda, re-evaluating the organization and operations of prosecution agencies with innovative ways for prosecutors to tackle crime in this evolving landscape and to ensure there are progressive strategies and processes in place for the future.

The specialist team with dedicated knowledge and expertise discussed multiple operational benefits, including improved victim care and end-to-end investigations and prosecutions. We also had a refreshment break in between the program and launch on a daily basis. We had a gala dinner at Guildhall; it was such a beautiful and mind-blowing event.

On the 26th September, 2023, we had experienced speakers who spoke on digital/electronic evidence and technological advances, encryption and dark, the plenary session considered new tools and technologies to investigate and prosecute offences and how artificial intelligence and other technological advances can be used to positive effect in the criminal justice system.

I have a lot of analogous points from the experiences of other speakers at the Conference which apply to tax evasion, other tax offences and their prosecution across multiple jurisdictional borders through new innovations such as encryption, which will be very useful and helpful at my place of work for the recovery of tax liability via prosecution to generate increased revenue through taxation to pivot national development.

We had a great networking reception at St Martin--the--fields after the conference programme. Associates were able to relax and network with colleagues informally to enhance and build work relationships across jurisdictions.

On 27 September 2023, we had a conference plenary session and workshop on non-traditional methods of tackling crime and securing the recovery of assets. It was educative and interactive.

We proceeded to the banking hall for a farewell reception; it was such a beautiful, classy, glamorous, entertaining reception with social attraction. I got emotional when the secretary general gave his speech; it was so hard to say goodbye after a very amazing event.

The entire Conference was a huge success. Several participants stayed until the end of the programme, as attested by the turnout for the farewell party.

Indeed, I am being inspired as I continue networking with other associates across the globe.

I hope to be at the next IAP conference towards a mutually beneficial relationship.

Report on my Experience at the 28th Annual Conference and General Meeting of IAP Held in London



By Immaculate Angutoko, Chief State Attorney, ODPP/President, UAP, Uganda

This is a brief report on my participation in the 28th Annual Conference and General Meeting of IAP held in London from the 24th -27th of September 2023.

As an individual member and representative of the Uganda Association of Prosecutors (an organizational member) with support from the IAP Granting Programme 2023, I was able to attend and participate in the 28th Annual Conference and General Meeting under the theme “The changing nature of crime in the 21st Century: Challenges and Responses.” The theme set the stage for discussions on ways of maximizing capacity to tackle organized crimes, assess growth in digital evidence and use of technology/innovative ways in effectively countering crime, availed a platform for experts from across the globe to collaboratively identify common challenges in prosecution of crimes and devise innovative solutions, collaborations in combating/ preventing organized and serious crimes despite differences in legal systems.

I learned from experts with shared professional interests/prosecutorial mandates and acquired robust knowledge and skills that I am, in turn, imparting to other Prosecutors in ODPP through the training department, which I deputize. I will also

disseminate such knowledge and information to prosecutors in other agencies executing prosecutorial duties on behalf of the DPP. I was also able to widen my network of professionals.

The conference allowed me to present myself as a candidate, and I was duly confirmed to serve as an ordinary member. I also had the opportunity to share my experience and perspective on human trafficking and its link to money laundering: the importance of investigating human trafficking by following the money as a panellist in one of the special interest group sessions.

The main challenge was that I received the offer letter from the granting scheme on 10 August 2023, and the visa processing was delayed until 14 October 2023, when my passport was ready for collection. When I paid for my ticket, the fares had gone so high.

I am so grateful to IAP for the financial support rendered to me. I benefitted a lot from the annual conference and meeting and generally had a great experience.