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Airport Communication Project

Establishment of real-time operational communication
and strengthening of capacities to fight drug trafficking and
other illicit activities between international airports in Africa,
Latin America and the Caribbean



Implemented by UNODC in collaboration with INTERPOL and
the World Customs Organisation (WCO)



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COCAINE ROUTE PROGRAMME

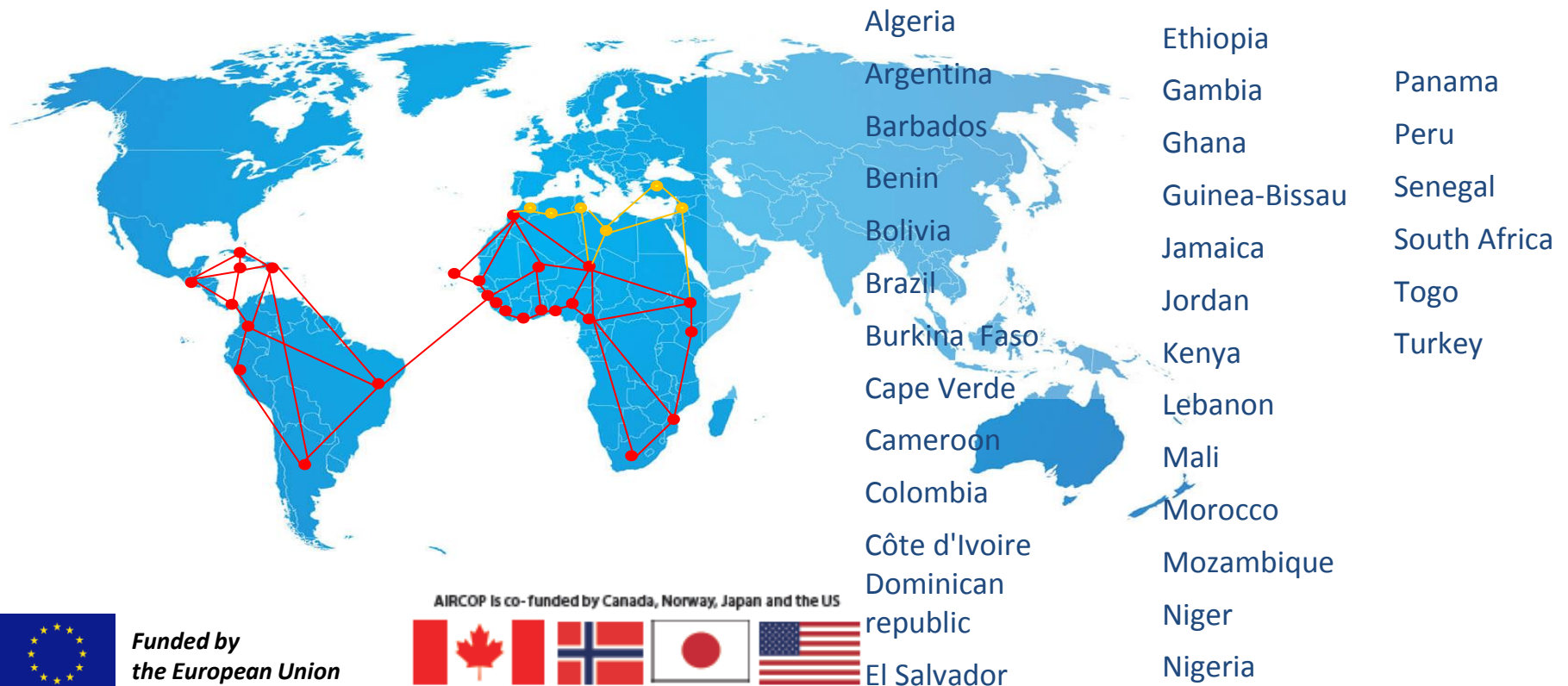
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AIRPORT COMMUNICATION PROJECT

An integrated cross-regional project



AIRCOP links source, transit and destination countries





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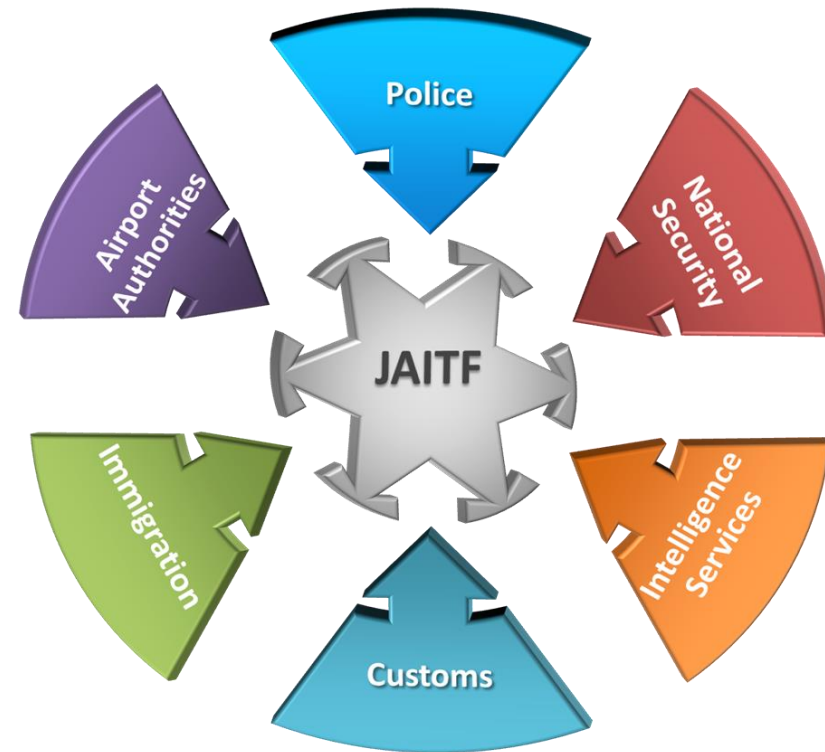
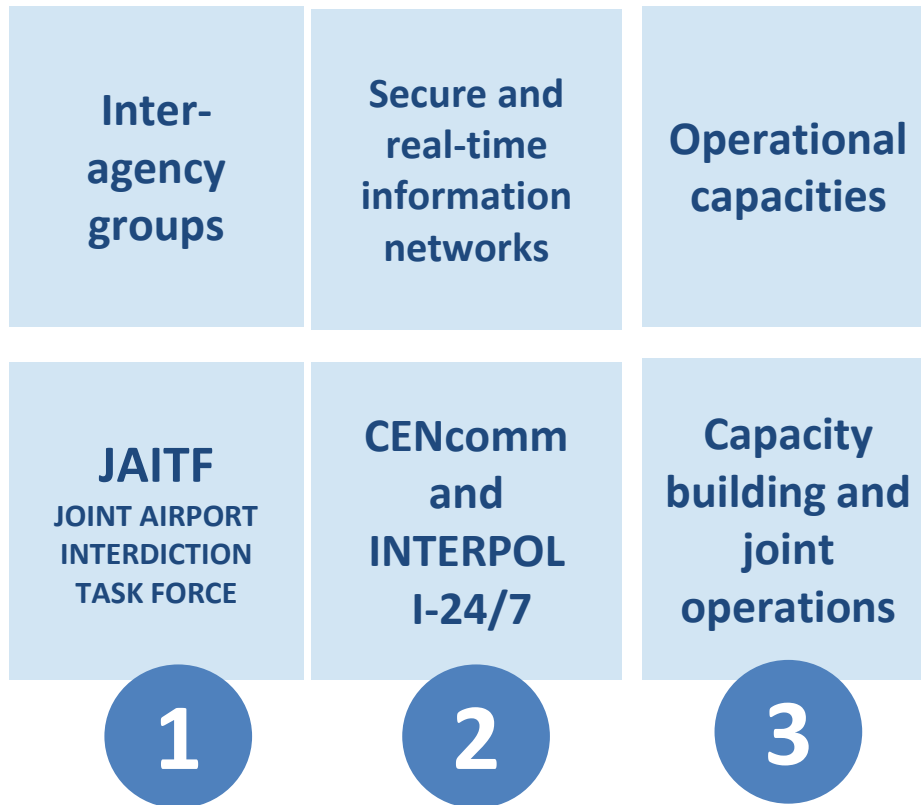
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The three pillars of AIRCOP

PILLARS





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Achievements

- ✧ **19 Joint Airport Interdiction Task Forces (JAITFs) operational and 5 additional JAITFs established**
- ✧ **2 Canine Teams Trained and Operational**
- ✧ **15 joint operations**
- ✧ **Seizures**
 - 3,174 kg of cocaine; 1,417 kg of cannabis; 1,230 kg methamphetamine and 18,5 kg of amphetamine and 168 kg of heroin
 - 1,397 kg of counterfeit medicines and 541 kg of ivory
 - US\$ 6.5 million, as well as fake passports and ammunitions
 - Interception of potential FTFs in West Africa and LAC



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AIRCOP and high-risk passengers

Fraud
document
detection

Searching and
screening

Access to
API/PNR

Risk
assessment,
profiling and
targeting

National and
international
databases

Inter-agency
cooperation

Bilateral and
multilateral
cooperation



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AIRCOP and high-risk passengers

- ✧ **Roll out to the MENA region**
 - ✧ Training curriculum and training on profiling of FTF
- ✧ **JAITFs in countries with heightened risk in Africa and LAC**
 - ✧ Detection of explosives
 - ✧ Detection/interception of FTF
- ✧ **New routes**



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Fostering cross-regional cooperation

- ✧ **Real-time communication tools and databases**
 - ✧ I-24/7, CENcomm
- ✧ **Networks of officers created through training, mentoring and exchange programmes**
 - ✧ Example of Intercops
- ✧ **Joint operations**



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AIRCOP – Good practices

- ✧ Operational structures to strengthen inter-agency cooperation
- ✧ Full coverage of airport settings (passengers, cargo and postal services)
- ✧ Real-time communication tools and databases
- ✧ Profiling/targeting techniques transferable to all types of threats
- ✧ Improved south-south, regional and international operational communication, by linking source, transit and destination countries
- ✧ Entry points for further bilateral, regional and international cooperation



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Way forward

- ✧ Strengthening profiling and data analysis capacity of existing JAIFs
- ✧ Increasing the exchange of operational information regionally and globally
- ✧ Establishing new JAIFs along high-risk routes / key hubs
- ✧ Strengthening partnerships with ICAO and airlines
- ✧ Improving capacity of JAIFs on analysis of API/PNR data (including software)
- ✧ Evidence collection and handling
- ✧ Integration of JAIFs in the counter-terrorist structure of the different countries