



Initiative to Establish an Asset Recovery Inter-agency Network (ARIN) in the Caribbean Region

Caribbean Regional Meeting of Asset Recovery Practitioners

Co-hosted by:

The Department Against Transnational Organized Crime of the Organization of American States (DTCO/SMS/OAS), The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions Barbados, and The Regional Security System (RSS)

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Asset Recovery Inter-Agency Networks are..

informal networks of judicial and law enforcement practitioners, who are expert in the field of asset tracing, freezing, seizure and confiscation

The aim is to enhance the effectiveness of efforts in depriving criminals of their illicit profits



- ❖ *In October 2002 Europol held a European workshop based seminar on criminal asset recovery, which Ireland hosted in Dublin*
- ❖ *Practitioners from both law enforcement and judicial authorities from 13 EU members states were involved, staying at the Camden Court Hotel*



Why was there a Need for a Network?

- ❖ *The cross border fight against international crime receives support from many regional and international treaties and conventions*
- ❖ *In practice, these measures can only be applied with good cross border, inter-agency co-operation*
- ❖ *The human element always plays a key role*



❖ *One of the workshop recommendations was the creation of an informal network of experts in the field of asset tracing, freezing, seizure and confiscation.*

❖ *The idea for the first network - CARIN - was born*



- ❖ *Europol volunteered to be the Secretariat*
- ❖ *The Netherlands (and Belgium) took the initial lead*
- ❖ *6 countries that already had established asset recovery units met to formulate a plan*
- ❖ *At the Launch meeting in 2004, 36 jurisdictions invited – 34 joined the ‘informal’ network*



16 ARIN-AP Members

1	Australia	Australian Federal Police	2015 Presidency
2	Brunei	Attorney General's Chambers	
3	Cambodia	General Prosecution Office	
4	Indonesia	Attorney General's Office	2014 Presidency
5	Japan	Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Foreign Affairs	
6	Korea	Ministry of Justice, SPO	Secretariat/2016 Presidency
7	Mongolia	Office of the Prosecutor General	
8	New Zealand	New Zealand Police	
9	Sri Lanka	Attorney General's Department	
10	Chinese Taipei	Ministry of Justice	
11	Thailand	Office of the Attorney General	
12	Timor-Leste	Prosecutor General Office	
13	India	Directorate of Enforcement	
14	Malaysia	Royal Malaysia Police	
15	Cook Islands	Cook Islands Police Service, FIU	
16	Pakistan	National Accountability Bureau	





ARIN-EA 8 members

Burundi



Djibouti



Ethiopia



Kenia



Rwanda



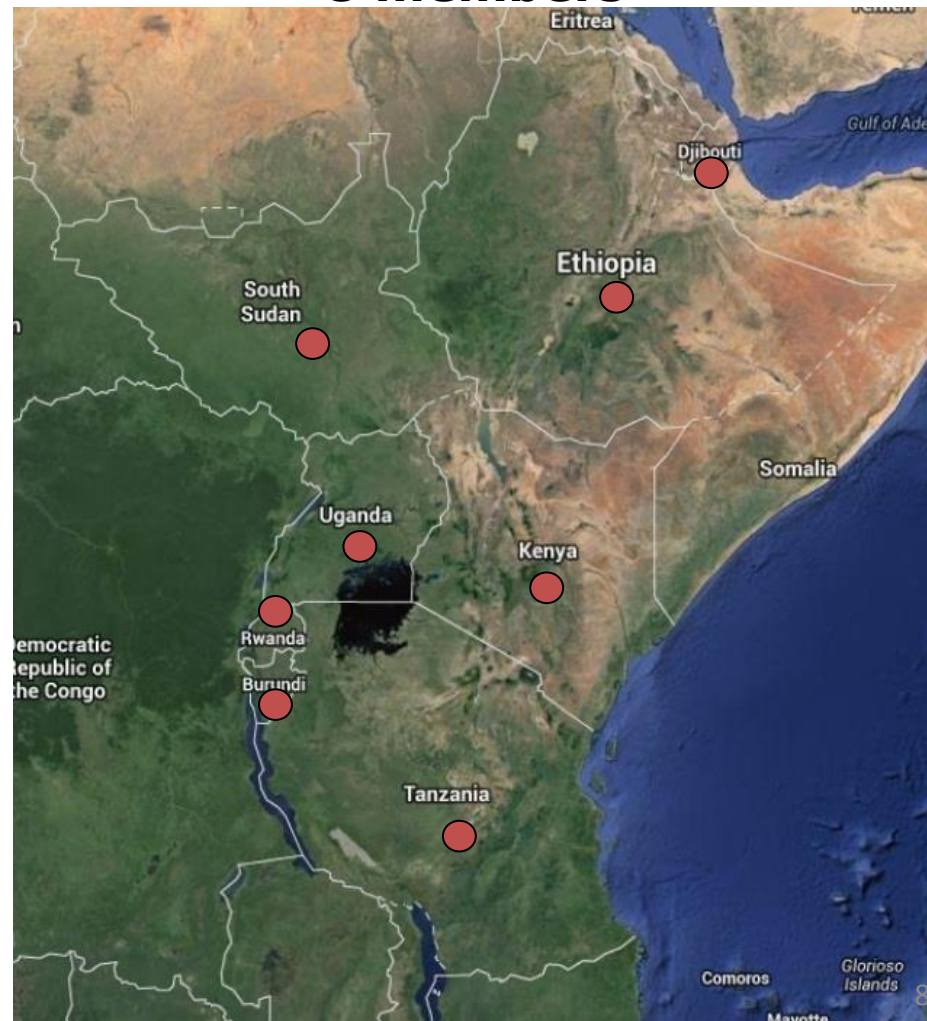
South Sudan



Tanzania



Uganda





16 ARIN-WA Members

Benin



Burkina Faso



Cape Verde



Gambia



Ghana



Guinea



Guinea-Bissau



Ivory Coast



Liberia



Mali



Mauretania



Niger



Nigeria



Senegal



Sierra Leone



Togo





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- **Camden Asset Recovery Inter-Agency Network (CARIN)**
 - Secretariat located at Europol, The Netherlands
- **Asset Recovery Inter-Agency Network Southern Africa (ARINSA)**
 - Secretariat located at the South African National Asset Forfeiture Unit
- **Red de Recuperacion de Activos de GAFISUD (RRAG)**
 - Secretariat located at the GAFILAT Secretariat Office, Argentina



- **Asset Recovery Inter-Agency Network Eastern Africa (ARINEA)**
 - Secretariat located at the East African Association of Anti-corruption Authorities (EAAACA) based in Uganda
- **Asset Recovery Inter-Agency Network Asia Pacific (ARINAP)**
 - Secretariat located at the Republic of Korea Supreme Prosecutor Generals Office
- **Asset Recovery Inter-Agency Network West Africa (ARINWA)**
 - Secretariat located at Ivory Coast Ministry of Justice



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