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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Fellow Prosecutors,

Welcome to another edition of the IAP Newsletter.

As prosecutors, we are increasingly called upon to respond to some of the most complex and sensitive forms of criminal conduct affecting our societies. Among them, domestic violence remains one of the most pressing challenges faced by prosecutors worldwide. At the same time, we are witnessing the emergence of new forms of abuse committed or facilitated through digital means, including threats, coercion, online harassment, and the non-consensual dissemination of intimate material.

Particularly concerning is the growing phenomenon of sextortion, which combines elements of extortion, intimidation, and digital abuse. In many jurisdictions, prosecutors are confronted with conduct that still lacks a clear or comprehensive legal framework, creating significant challenges for investigation, victim protection, and international cooperation.

These evolving realities require us to remain adaptable, technologically informed, and firmly committed to cooperation and the exchange of best practices. As prosecutors, we play a central role in ensuring effective responses to these offences while upholding the rule of law and maintaining public trust in the justice system.

In this edition of the newsletter, you will find articles and contributions addressing some of these emerging challenges and sharing experiences from different jurisdictions.

Before concluding, I would also like to express my sincere appreciation to Shenaz Muzaffer for her outstanding work and dedication as General Counsel of the IAP over the past three years. Throughout her tenure, Shenaz demonstrated extraordinary commitment to the Association, playing a central role during a particularly demanding period. Her professionalism has been deeply valued across our community.

At the same time, I am pleased to welcome Tarika Jayaratne, who will assume the role of General Counsel for the remainder of the current mandate, and to express our sincere gratitude to the Crown Prosecution Service for its continued support and longstanding cooperation with the IAP.

Finally, I warmly welcome Alexis Blake, who joins the IAP team as International Community Engagement Manager, and express our appreciation to the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service for making this valued secondment possible.

Warmest regards,



Juan Bautista Mahiques

IAP President

SECRETARY-GENERAL'S EDITORIAL

Dear fellow prosecutors,

In this newsletter, I would like to take a moment to reflect on a topic that many of us are encountering more and more in our work: domestic violence. It is certainly not a new issue, but it is encouraging to see that it is finally receiving the attention it deserves.



Domestic violence is about much more than physical harm. It takes place in what should be the safest environment of all—home—which makes it particularly distressing. For many victims, leaving such a situation is incredibly difficult, and in many societies it remains a sensitive and underreported issue. As the International Association of Prosecutors, we are part of a truly global community. This makes it especially valuable to explore how different countries and legal systems address this problem. Approaches may differ, but there is a great deal we can learn from one another.

Beyond the legal dimension, there is also a very human side to our work. In domestic violence cases, prosecutors are in a unique position to make a real difference. Something that may seem simple, yet is profoundly important, is listening. Genuinely listening to victims can be the first step toward restoring trust and dignity.

Many victims are unfamiliar with the legal system and may find the process overwhelming. By clearly explaining procedures and setting expectations, we can reduce uncertainty and stress. At the same time, these cases remind us to look beyond the immediate facts. Domestic violence rarely affects only the direct victim—children and other members of the household often suffer deeply as well.

I look forward to reading the contributions from colleagues around the world in this edition. I warmly invite you to explore their perspectives and experiences. Finally, I encourage you to consider contributing to future newsletters. The IAP is a unique platform for sharing knowledge and strengthening cooperation among prosecutors worldwide.

Roel Dona
IAP Secretary-General



MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL COUNSEL

I am delighted to have the opportunity to take up the role of General Counsel on an interim basis until the end of the year. It has already been a rewarding experience, offering a valuable perspective on the breadth and impact of our work across the IAP.

One early highlight has been the opportunity to visit prosecutors in Azerbaijan. The visit provided practical insight into prosecutorial practice in the region and reinforced the value of direct engagement with colleagues. I encourage you to read **Alexis' article**, which captures the substance of that engagement and the benefits of collaboration across jurisdictions.

I have also been pleased to contribute to the continued development of our Global Training Academy. Through the identification of new webinars and broader training initiatives, we are strengthening the support available to our members as they respond to evolving challenges. **Irina's article** highlights the success of our webinar series and the clear demand for accessible, high-quality professional development across our network.

More recently, I travelled to The Hague to meet colleagues in preparation for our upcoming Annual Conference and General Meeting in Riyadh.

The theme of the 31st Annual Conference—"The Criminal Justice System in the Age of Artificial Intelligence: Opportunities, Challenges, and Global Application"—is both timely and significant.

Artificial intelligence is already reshaping criminal justice. It is changing how crimes are detected, investigated, and prosecuted, while also enabling new forms of criminal activity. This raises a fundamental question: can innovation strengthen justice, or will it outpace accountability? This will be central to our discussions in Riyadh. We are now launching our call for speakers, and I encourage members to contribute their expertise to what promises to be a focused and forward-looking programme.



Another important milestone has been attending my first **Executive Committee meeting in Shanghai**. This provided the opportunity to engage with key organisational matters, including the development of the IAP Constitution. It was an excellent introduction to the work of the Executive Committee and the collective commitment to ensuring the organisation continues to evolve and serve its members effectively.

This edition of the newsletter focuses on a **critical theme: domestic violence, including offences committed online**, and the role prosecutors play in safeguarding victims. The articles in this issue reflect a range of approaches and challenges across jurisdictions. They demonstrate both the complexity of this area—particularly as technology creates new avenues for harm—and the sustained effort required to respond effectively. They also highlight the dedication of prosecutors worldwide, whose work remains central to protecting individuals and upholding justice. It is important that this work is recognised and shared.

It has been a pleasure to edit my first newsletter in this role. I am grateful to colleagues for their contributions and look forward to continuing to support the IAP and engage with our global community in the months ahead.

Tarika Jayaratne

General Counsel





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JUSTICE SYSTEMS

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TO LEVERAGE AI IN CRIMINAL
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CRIME

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PRACTICE: A GLOBAL
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JUSTICE – GLOBAL
EXPERIENCES

Workshop 3B

MISUSE OF AI BY CRIMINALS
AND LAW ENFORCEMENT
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THEME ARTICLES: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

ADDRESSING TECHNOLOGY-FACILITATED VIOLENCE UNDER ALBANIA'S NEW LEGISLATION

By Denisa Asko, Prosecutor, MSc in Forensic Computing and Cybercrime Investigation (UCD, Dublin), Prosecution Office of Tirana, Albania

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND ITS EXTENDED IMPACT ON CYBERCRIME

By Dr. Sami Dhiab Alenazi, Member of the Public Prosecution of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

By Muhammad bin Saad Al Jabhan, Chief Prosecutor of the Family and Juvenile Prosecution at the Public Prosecution of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

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THE CHANGING ROLE OF PROSECUTORS IN ADDRESSING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: FROM PROSECUTION TO RISK-BASED PREVENTION APPROACH

By Unurmaa Byambajav, Senior Prosecutor, Head of Training Division, Training and Research Institute under the Prosecutor General's Office of Mongolia

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PROSECUTING PATTERNS, NOT INCIDENTS: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DIGITAL ABUSE AND VICTIM PROTECTION

By Agnieszka Giewon, Prosecutor, Public Prosecution Service in Poland, Warsaw

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RESPONDING TO INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE IN CANADA

By Alexander P. Godfrey, Chief Federal Prosecutor since 2019, Public Prosecution Service of Canada for the Northwest Territories, Canada, based in Yellowknife

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*By Ms. Anna Maria Lucchetta, Public Prosecutor, Naples
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By Milorad Marković, Supreme State Prosecutor of Montenegro

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By Nshimiyimana Michel, Prosecutor, National Public Prosecution Authority (NPPA), Rwanda

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By Gergana Mitalova, Prosecutor at Sofia Regional Prosecutor's Office

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By Nyamdorj Nanzaddorj, Public Prosecutor, Division of Supervision over Corruption and Money Laundering Crimes, Prosecutor General's Office of Mongolia

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN THE DIGITAL AGE: WHY TECHNOLOGY-FACILITATED ABUSE DEMANDS OUR ATTENTION

By Christa de Pagter, Senior National Cybercrime Prosecutor & co-chair of the Cybercrime Network of the IAP & Rebecca Vermeulen, Senior National Policy Advisor Digital Crime

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By Martina Peristyanti, S.H.,MBA, Prosecutor and Head of the Administrative Affairs Division at the High Prosecutor's Office of Bali, The Indonesian Prosecution Service

RE-ESTABLISHING THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF CHILD VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE : GUARDIANSHIP PETITIONS AND THE REVOCATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS FROM ABUSERS UNDER CIVIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE LAW BY THE INDONESIAN PROSECUTION OFFICE

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PROSECUTING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN THE DIGITAL ERA: INDONESIA'S LEGAL DEVELOPMENTS AND OPERATIONAL CHALLENGES

By Dimas Sigit Tanugaraha, Head of the Branch Office of the Nunukan District Prosecutor's Office, Attorney General's Office of Republic Indonesia

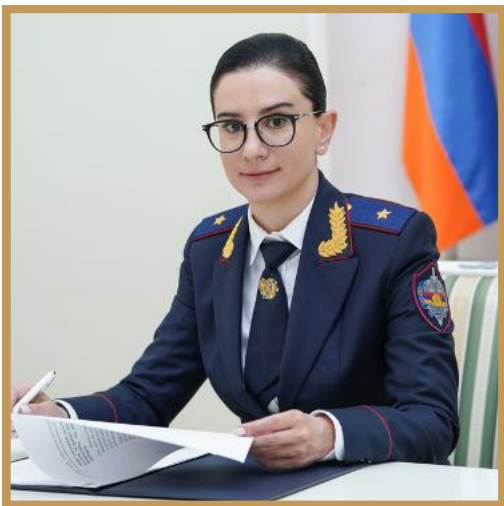
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By Chicko Surya Siswanto, Head of Intelligence Subsection II, Klungkung District Attorney's Office, Attorney General's Office of the Republic of Indonesia

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SPECIFICS OF INVESTIGATIVE TACTICS IN CASES OF DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE IN ARMENIA

By Mrs. Anna Vardapetyan, the Prosecutor General of the Republic of Armenia

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THE EFFECTS OF CLICKING

By Carolina Aneley Zanni, Acting Head Prosecutor of one of the Specialized Prosecution Office on Gender-based Violence at the Autonomous City of Buenos Aires

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JOIN US IN RIYADH FOR THE 31ST ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND GENERAL MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PROSECUTORS

The International Association of Prosecutors (IAP) will hold its **31st Annual Conference and General Meeting** in **Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia**, between **15–18 November 2026**. This year's conference will bring together prosecutors and partners from around the world to explore one of the most significant developments shaping the future of criminal justice. **Registration is now open.**

Conference Theme

The conference theme is "**The Criminal Justice System in the Age of Artificial Intelligence: Opportunities, Challenges, and Global Application.**"

Artificial intelligence is already transforming how crimes are detected, investigated and prosecuted. At the same time, criminal networks are using AI to commit offences in new and increasingly sophisticated ways. The conference will examine how innovation can strengthen criminal justice while safeguarding accountability, transparency and fundamental rights through international cooperation.

For further information please contact **IAP2026@PP.GOV.SA**

An Engaging Professional Programme

The professional programme is built around three thought-provoking plenary sessions.

Each plenary session is supported by two specialist workshops that provide opportunities to examine practical applications and emerging issues in greater depth.

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Workshop 1B EMPOWERING INSTITUTIONS TO LEVERAGE AI IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE	Workshop 2B NAVIGATING ETHICAL CHALLENGES IN AI	Workshop 3B MISUSE OF AI BY CRIMINALS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT COUNTERMEASURES

Special Interest and Special Network Sessions

In addition to the plenary programme, the conference will feature Special Interest Sessions and Special Network Sessions, providing members with opportunities to exchange practical experien-

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ce and innovative approaches to areas of prosecutorial practice. Some of the topics are:

- Witness Protection in Organised and Transnational Crime Cases: Emerging Challenges and Technological Innovations
- Future-Ready Prosecutors: Building Resilience in a Changing Criminal Justice Environment
- Combating Wildlife and Environmental Crime: Emerging Challenges, Innovation, and Global Best Practices
- Protecting Victims in the Digital Age: Prosecuting Domestic Violence and Online Harm

These sessions are intended to encourage discussion of operational challenges, comparative international practice and practical solutions from across the global prosecutorial community.

Get Involved - The Call for Speakers has Launched

The IAP is inviting members to submit proposals to speak during the Plenary and Workshops, as well as the Special Interest Sessions. The **Call for Speakers has been published.**

We encourage all members to join colleagues from around the world in Riyadh! Together, we will explore how prosecutors can harness innovation responsibly while safeguarding justice, accountability and the rule of law in the age of artificial intelligence.

We encourage all members to take part by attending, presenting or contributing to what promises to be an inspiring international conference.

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NOTICE FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE GENERAL MEETING

NOMINATIONS

Pursuant to Article 14.2(b) of the IAP Constitution, it is the General Meeting that elects and appoints persons to perform the functions set out in the Constitution. It is therefore the role of the General Meeting to elect members of the Executive Committee and to elect members of the Committees of the Association.

NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

In accordance with Article 8.6 of the IAP Constitution, nominations for election to the Executive Committee may be made by the Executive Committee (as well as via the process outlined in Article 8.6A - see below).

Nominations by the Executive Committee for election as an ordinary member of the Executive Committee for consideration for appointment or reappointment by the General Meeting are:

- **Mr Nagy, Prosecutor General, Hungary**
- **Mr Guluashvili, Deputy Prosecutor General, Georgia**

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS AND MOTIONS

In accordance with Article 8.6A of the IAP Constitution, nominations for election as an ordinary member of the Executive Committee may be made by not less than five organisational members or by not less than ten individual members coming from four or more different countries. No member may nominate more than one candidate. Please note that any nomination must be notified to the Secretary-General in writing by **Friday 14 August** at the latest.

In accordance with Article 14.7 of the IAP Constitution, Members wishing to submit motions for consideration at a General Meeting must do so in writing to the Secretary-General by **Friday 14 August** at the latest. All submitted motions will be publicised in the Newsletter before the meeting to ensure members are informed.

AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION

In accordance with Article 16, the Constitution may be amended upon proposal by the Executive Committee, at least 10% of organisational members, or at least 100 individual members. Proposals must be submitted 120 days before a General Meeting and circulated to members at least 60 days in advance. Amendments require approval by a two-thirds majority of members present and voting at the General Meeting, and take effect on a date or under conditions determined by that meeting.

At its meeting in Shanghai in April 2026, the Executive Committee proposed several amendments to the Constitution. These proposals will be submitted for approval at the General Meeting in Riyadh in November 2026. A draft of the amended Constitution is available via the accompanying link and will form part of the documentation for the General Meeting.

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COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS NOTICE

Conflict Committee Reappointments

Following consideration by the Executive Committee at its meeting in Shanghai in April 2026, it was agreed to recommend the reappointment of the following members of the Conflict Committee for approval by the membership at the forthcoming General Meeting in Riyadh:

- Tom Burrows
- Carlos Donoso Castex
- Nick Cowdery
- François Falletti
- Wendy Stephens

The Executive Committee expressed its appreciation for the continued commitment, expertise and valuable contributions of these individuals and looks forward to seeking members' approval of their reappointments at the General Meeting in Riyadh.

IAP STAFFING CHANGES AT THE IAP REGIONAL OFFICE IN BUENOS AIRES

We are delighted to welcome new members to the IAP team!

Aníbal Oscar Brunet is a lawyer graduated from the Universidad de Buenos Aires, with postgraduate studies in Criminal Law, and a trainer for the CEJA in the field of criminal procedure reform. Since 2003, he has served as Head of various Criminal, Misdemeanor and Minor Offenses Prosecutor's Offices in the City of Buenos Aires. He has also served as Coordinating Prosecutor of the first Flagrancy Unit of the Public Prosecutor's Office of the City and has been elected by his peers as a member of the Jury of Prosecution for the same institution. In addition, he is a full member of the Board of Directors of the Asociación Argentina de Fiscales, Full Professor of Criminal Procedure and Misdemeanor Law at the Higher Institute of Public Security of the City of Buenos Aires, and Chair Professor of Misdemeanor Law at the same institution. Since 2026, he has been appointed Head of the Institutional Affairs Secretariat of the Public Prosecutor's Office of the City of Buenos Aires.



Gastón Federico Blasi: Argentine lawyer and S.J.D. candidate at Duke University specializing in international human rights law, bioethics, and criminal law. He currently serves as Head of the Office of International Relations at the Public Prosecutor's Office of the City of Buenos Aires, with prior experience as a criminal defense attorney and judicial law clerk within the City of Buenos Aires judiciary. He holds advanced degrees from European and U.S. institutions, including two LL.M. degrees—one in International Human Rights Law from the University of Notre Dame and another in European Law from the University of Rome—as well as an M.A. in Bioethics from a joint European program. His academic background is complemented by teaching experience in constitutional and international law at the University of Buenos Aires and abroad, together with peer-reviewed publications across multiple areas of law.



We would also like to thank the existing staff from the Regional Office - Belén Palacios Schippert, Candelaria Fernández, Georgina Zenobi, Josefina Romiglio, Luis Cevasco and Lucas Di Leo for their continued support of the IAP.

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THE 61ST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING



The 61st Executive Committee Meeting was held in Shanghai from 13–15 April 2026, bringing together members for a productive and constructive exchange on the Association's direction and priorities. The meeting centred on a substantive business agenda focused on governance, strategy and operational delivery. The meeting was generously hosted by the Supreme People's Procuratorate of the People's Republic of China. We extend our sincere appreciation for their excellent organisation and thoughtful hospitality, which ensured the meeting ran smoothly and provided an environment well suited to focused discussion and collaboration.

The agenda reflected the breadth of the IAP's work and priorities. Key governance matters were considered, including updates on the Presidency, Executive Committee composition, and the work of several sub-committees. The Secretary General's presentation on his vision and the Strategic Action Plan provided a framework for the Association's ongoing development, with particular emphasis on strengthening international cooperation and expanding membership networks. A significant outcome of the meeting was the Executive Committee's consideration and proposal of amendments to the IAP Constitution. These discussions underscored the organisation's commitment to maintaining a governance structure that is effective, transparent, and responsive to the evolving needs of its members.

The Committee also received updates under the Professional Working Programme, highlighting continued progress in global training initiatives, including webinars and workshops, as well as partnerships with national prosecutorial bodies. Financial and organisational planning for the 2026–2028 period was also addressed, ensuring continued oversight and supporting the Association's resilience.

Beyond the formal sessions, the cultural programme provided a distinctive Shanghai experience and valuable opportunities for informal exchange. The welcome reception set the tone for collegial engagement, while the official dinner at the Shanghai World Expo Center was a highlight, followed by a Huangpu River cruise offering striking views of the city's iconic skyline.

Looking ahead, discussions on upcoming conferences—including the Annual Conference in Riyadh in November 2026—and future Executive Committee meetings ensured continued momentum for the Association's work. Overall, the meeting demonstrated the value of sustained engagement among Executive Committee members and ensured clear alignment on the Association's future work.



IAP Awards



During the 61st Executive Committee Meeting, the Executive Committee approved the following awards:

Prosecutor of the Year:

Edmund Hulbert, Specialist Prosecutor, Crown Prosecution Service for England & Wales

Special Achievement Awards:

Ngoumou Public Prosecutor's Office

Gansuld Tsogtgerel, Deputy Chief Prosecutor, Metropolitan Prosecutor's Office, Mongolia

Eric Restuccia, Prosecutor from the United States

The awards will be presented during the IAP Award Ceremony at the Annual Conference in Riyadh.



IAP Supports Knowledge Sharing and Capacity Building During Visit to Azerbaijan

As part of an official visit to the Republic of Azerbaijan from 1–5 June 2026, representatives of the International Association of Prosecutors (IAP), namely the General Counsel, Executive Administration Manager and International Community Engagement Manager participated in a programme of professional engagement aimed at strengthening international cooperation, sharing expertise, and supporting the development of young and future legal professionals.

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Alexis Blake
International Community
Engagement Manager
June 2026





IAP GLOBAL TRAINING ACADEMY UPCOMING WEBINARS - SUMMER 2026

IRINA BERIDZE
EXECUTIVE PROGRAMME MANAGER
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PROSECUTORS

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the IAP Global Training Academy (GTA) space and introduce you to its Webinars Programme.

Recordings of all webinars are available exclusively to the IAP members via the online [GTA library](#).

The GTA Webinars Programme forms an integral part of the IAP's broader mission to equip prosecutors worldwide with the knowledge, skills, and shared professional standards necessary to address the evolving challenges facing criminal justice systems.

Launched in 2023, the Programme provides IAP members with a unique opportunity to learn from leading experts, explore emerging trends and practices across different legal systems, and develop competencies required to combat crime and enhance international cooperation. Guided by a shared commitment and enthusiasm, the GTA successfully delivers webinars in partnership with a wide range of international and regional organisations active in the criminal justice field, as well as national prosecution authorities, associations, and individual experts. These collaborations include organisations such as the OECD, Council of Europe, UNICRI, UNODC, UNESCO, IBAHRI, NAAG, IJM, WJC, NCFTA, IACCC, IOC, World Bank StAR Initiative, IIJ, Egmont Group of FIUs, FATF, GlobE, INTERPOL, and others.

Since its inception, the Programme delivered more than 60 online sessions covering a broad range of thematic areas, including:

- Cybercrime and digital evidence - aimed at equipping prosecutors with the tools and knowledge needed to prosecute cyber-dependent and cyber-enabled crimes, and effectively handling electronic evidence.
- Financial crime, asset recovery, and anti-corruption - aimed at enhancing prosecutors' capacities to trace, seize, confiscate, and recover criminal assets, and strengthening international cooperation in combating money laundering and corruption.
- Organised crime, terrorism, trafficking, and transnational threats - focused on developing prosecutorial expertise to address complex criminal networks and terrorism-related offences.
- International cooperation - improving prosecutors' ability to obtain evidence across borders and navigate international legal frameworks.
- Human rights, the rule of law, and international accountability - aimed at deepening prosecutors' understanding of international human rights obligations and facilitating the integration of human rights principles into prosecutorial practice.
- Victims, witnesses, children, and vulnerable groups - aimed at facilitating adapting trauma-informed and victim-sensitive approaches to criminal proceedings.
- Environmental, cultural heritage, and other specialised crimes (CBRN, corruption in sport, etc.) - strengthening prosecutors' expertise in complex areas of criminality that require multidisciplinary approaches and specialised knowledge.
- Prosecutorial skills and professional development - aimed at enhancing core prosecutorial competencies, including evidence assessment, trial preparation, courtroom advocacy, leadership, and professional resilience.

The Programme delivers two webinars each month, available free of charge to all IAP organisational and individual members. Participation continues to grow steadily, with up to 500-600 registrations per session and over 300 attendees joining each webinar from more than 60 jurisdictions worldwide.

The success of the Webinars Programme is reflected not only in these participation figures but also in the consistently positive feedback received from attendees. The enthusiasm and engagement of participants demonstrate the real value of creating this global platform for professional learning and exchange.

"Thank you for making your time and experience available for such important learning opportunities."

Karen Leavy, Australia

"These seminars are always so interesting and informative... hearing how other jurisdictions operate is incredibly valuable."

Stephanie O'Brien, Ireland

"I greatly appreciate the valuable knowledge and insights shared during the webinar."

Catherine M. Mwaniki, Kenya

"The session provided valuable insights... I look forward to participating in future learning initiatives."

Robert P. Sitinjak, Indonesia

"You have really elevated these webinars—they are a great success."

Thomas N. Burrows, USA

"Very informative, insightful, and professionally conducted."

Karolina Harutyunyan, Armenia

"An impressive opportunity to learn from experts—please keep offering these webinars."

Mark Diab, Japan

"Highly insightful and thought-provoking... I will make every effort to attend future sessions."

Nigar Askarova, Azerbaijan

"Very interesting and insightful."

Denise Ciraud, Argentina

"A highly professional and valuable programme."

Tetiana Novichkova, Ukraine

"Highly relevant to modern criminal justice systems."

Amir Adel Hanfy Mahmoud, Egypt

"A terrific programme—looking forward to many more."

Drew G. Engel, Austria

Stemming from the above, the GTA Webinars Programme not only contributes to the fulfilment of the IAP's mission statement but also supports the Association's sustained institutional development by enhancing its visibility and standing as the only global organisation representing prosecutors - leading to increased membership, new partnerships, and expanded outreach.

Looking ahead, we remain committed to further developing and strengthening the Webinars Programme. We encourage our international and regional partners, national authorities, professional associations, individual experts and all IAP members to remain actively engaged, continue sharing their expertise and make full use of the opportunities ahead to enhance collaborations with the IAP. We firmly believe that the GTA provides a unique space where the IAP, together with its partners, can make a positive difference for prosecutors worldwide by fostering global dialogue, building shared knowledge, and supporting professional development in response to emerging realities.

I look forward to welcoming all IAP members at our training and capacity-building sessions!

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 [here](#).

- **Trauma-Informed Approach to Sexual Assault Investigations and Prosecutions** (June 2026)
- **Investigations Against Darknet Marketplaces - Best Practice Review** (June 2026)
- **Listening to Young Voices: Best Practices for Interviewing Children and Adolescents** (May 2026)
- **Enhancing the engagement of prosecutors with the UN Human Rights Council Special Procedures System** (May 2026)
- **Enhancing informal international cooperation - Bridging intelligence and evidence in AML/CFT investigations** (April 2026)
- **Intoxication, memory and jury trials** (April 2026)
- **The UN Convention against Cybercrime - What to expect?** (March 2026)
- **Child / Youth Advocacy Centres** (February 2026)
- **Prosecutor safety and security - A personal approach** (February 2026)
- **The engagement of prosecutors in the Universal Periodic Review Process** (January 2026)
- **AI's role in human trafficking prevention and investigation and criminal misuse** (January 2026)
- **INTERPOL Notices system and international police cooperation in combatting financial crimes** (December 2025)
- **Developing a persuasive case strategy** (December 2025)
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- **Cultural property awareness: From crime to court** (November 2025)
- **A comprehensive approach in the fight against cybercrime: The power of digital evidence** (October 2025)
- **Prosecutors and the OECD Anti-Bribery Convention - A shared commitment to combatting transnational bribery** (October 2025)
- **Digital evidence collection and freedom of expression and privacy** (October 2025)
- **Tackling sports corruption: Enhancing cooperation between sports organisations and prosecutors** (September 2025)
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WEBINAR 

**WEBINAR: CRIMES THAT
AFFECT THE ENVIRONMENT
AND THE UN CONVENTION
AGAINST TRANSNATIONAL
ORGANISED CRIME**

Learn more about UNTOC discussions
on CAE, challenges in cross-border
investigations and prosecutions, and
upcoming opportunities to strengthen
international cooperation and
responses


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Wildlife Justice Commission


DANIA BRUWER
Senior State Advocate
National Prosecuting Authority
of South Africa

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11:00 HRS CEST

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WEBINAR 

**WEBINAR:
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CASES; ENHANCING
COOPERATION TO AGREE AN
EFFECTIVE PROSECUTION
STRATEGY**

Learn more about challenges and
opportunities presented by
concurrent jurisdiction cases, and
the importance of early
collaboration between jurisdictions
during investigations.


MICHAEL OATLEY
UK Liason Prosecutor
to the USA and Canada

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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

The next IAP newsletter will be published in October 2026. If you wish to submit an article for publication, then please send it to icem@iap-association.org by Friday 5th September 2026. The Theme is: Human trafficking and smuggling, including cross-jurisdictional challenges, labour and sex trafficking, and modern slavery. Please also submit articles that highlight casework examples of effective international cooperation, methods of resolving challenges in complex cases, and outlining innovative approaches to delivering justice.



REMINDER - UPDATING OF DETAILS

We kindly remind all organisational and individual members of the importance of ensuring that your details are up-to-date on the IAP membership system.

Please note that the success and effectiveness of the IAP Prosecutors' International Cooperation Platform (PICP) — which aims to facilitate and strengthen international cooperation through designated contact points across various areas of expertise — depends on the accuracy and completeness of the database. Your attention and cooperation in ensuring that organisational and individual contact details and areas of professional specialisation are kept up to date are therefore essential.

If you are a designated IAP contact person for your organisation, please review and, if needed, edit the details for your organisation via the organisational membership dashboard on the IAP website.

If you are an individual member, please review and, if needed, edit your personal details via the IAP website.

As the IAP membership year runs from 1 January to 31 December, this is also a good opportunity to verify whether your organisational or individual membership remains valid or requires renewal. Through your organisational membership or individual membership dashboard, you may request an invoice for payment via bank transfer or make a direct payment using the online payment gateway (credit card or PayPal).

Should you encounter any issues with the IAP membership system or related processes, please do not hesitate to contact the IAP Secretariat at pcm@iap-association.org.

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