

## COLLABORATION NETWORKS

- CARIN (Camden asset recovery inter-Agency network) was established in Europe.
- ARINSA (asset recovery inter-agency network of southern Africa)
- RRAG (red de recuperacion de activos de GAFISUD) in South America.
- ARIN-AP (asset recovery inter-agency network -Asia Pacific)
- ARIN-WA (asset recovery inter-agency network of western Africa)
- Global focal point network - Star/Interpol

## ARIN-EA'S ASSISTANCE VERSUS MUTUAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE (MLA)

Article 46 (1) of the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC) provides that, "States Parties shall afford one another the widest measure of mutual legal assistance in investigations, prosecutions and judicial proceedings in relation to the offences covered by this Convention" Requests for MLA between states are formal and must be transmitted through the Central Authorities which often times is tedious and characterized with long processes.

On the other hand, informal assistance through ARIN-EA offers building of trust to foster faster information sharing, since members directly and informally contact each other on investigations relating to proceeds of crime.

The informal network creates an avenue to complement the formal process to prevent the transfer of proceeds of crime. The Network also acts as an information channel to countries that may not have bilateral treaties on Mutual Legal Assistance.

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## THE ASSETS RECOVERY INTER-AGENCY NETWORK FOR EASTERN AFRICA (ARIN-EA)

Under the auspices of



## THE EAST AFRICAN ASSOCIATION OF ANTI-CORRUPTION AGENCIES (EAAACA)



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Windsor Golf Hotel & Country Club in Nairobi Kenya on 17<sup>TH</sup>-20<sup>TH</sup> November 2014



## WHAT IS ARIN-EA?

ARIN-EA stands for Asset Recovery Inter-Agency Network for Eastern Africa. ARIN-EA is an informal network which aims at informal exchange of information on individuals, assets and companies, at the regional and international level so as to facilitate the effective tracing and recovery of proceeds of crime and deprive criminals of their illicit gains. ARIN-EA recognizes the need to promote cooperation at the regional level as well as in international fora to effectively track/trace and recover stolen assets within and beyond the territorial boundaries of Eastern Africa, in collaboration with relevant partners.

## ESTABLISHMENT

ARIN-EA was conceptualized on 4th July 2013 at a side event during the 4th Global Focal Point Meeting on Asset recovery held in Bangkok, Thailand. The network was launched with the support of STAR Initiative/World Bank on 6th November 2013 in Kigali, Rwanda during the 7th East African Association of Anti-Corruption Authorities (EAAACA) Annual General Meeting (AGM). ARIN-EA is the first informal network of practitioners in the Eastern Africa region to tackle the proceeds of all crime. Creating such an innovative network will increase the possibility of stopping criminals from enjoying the illegally acquired wealth..

## ARIN-EA VISION

To become the World-class center of expertise in exchange of information on tracing and recovery of the proceeds of crime.

## OUR MISSION

To promote sharing of information for the effectiveness of members' efforts leading to the recovery of proceeds of crime.

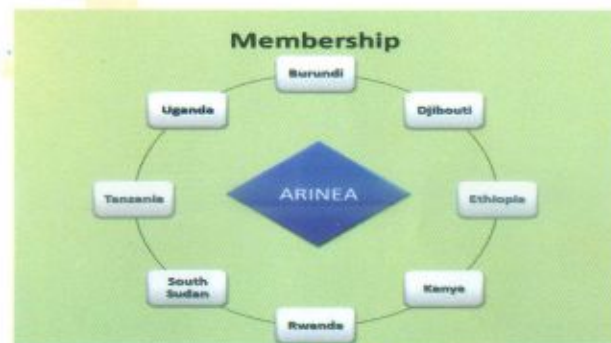
## PRINCIPLES

Collaboration within ARIN-EA is guided by the following principles:

- Regional ownership
- Trust
- Partnership
- Transparency
- Complementarity
- Sustainability
- Equal and active involvement of all member agencies
- Efficiency
- Integrity

## ARIN-EA MEMBERSHIP

ARIN-EA membership is drawn from eight Eastern African countries which include Burundi, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania, and Uganda



Each Member country has nominated two focal points to the network, one from an Anti-Corruption Agency and the second from the Prosecutorial/ Judicial/Law enforcement Authority (as may be relevant to each jurisdiction).

## OBSERVER MEMBERS

ARIN-EA admits Observer status to states, government institutions, other similar networks and international organisations, regional networks and entities). The observer status do not qualify for membership status. Or voting rights at any plenary meeting or to membership of the Steering Group.

## ARIN-EA OBJECTIVES

- Building of trust amongst focal points for protection of confidentiality.
- Focus on the proceeds of all crimes within the framework of domestic and international obligations.
- Establish itself as a centre of expertise and develop best practices in tackling proceeds of crime.
- Promote the exchange of information and best practice.
- Establish and sustainably maintain a network of focal points.
- Form a solid international network with other related entities such as CARIN, ARINSA, RIRAG, ARIN-AP: Global Focal Points on Asset Recovery.
- Facilitate and promote training and research in all aspects of tackling the proceeds of crime:
- Act as an advisory group to other authorities.
- Establish strategic partnerships and cooperation with the private sector and civil society in achieving its aims.

