

1. Africa Published Reports

1.1. Ghanaian Press release

PRESS RELEASE

ENHANCING CAPABILITY WITH THE GHANA NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD

The British High Commissioner to Ghana H.E. Iain Walker and the Minister for Interior Hon. Ambrose Dery will cut the sod for the official opening of the new Narcotic control board (NACOB) facility on 3rd July 2019.

The bespoke custody building and fully functional intelligence suite gives NACOB higher capabilities in gathering intelligence and targeting organised crime groups involved in the movement of narcotics to and from Ghana. This is in line with the Government of Ghana's objective of reducing the trafficking of drugs from into the UK and elsewhere.

UK Border Force have had a long and successful partnership with the Ghana Narcotics Control Board (NACOB) since 2007. During this period, Border Force have assisted with strengthening NACOB's anti-narcotics capabilities at its borders through advice, mentoring and donation of equipment including two (2) vehicles for operations.

In 2017, the UK Border Force and government of Ghana agreed to refurbish NACOB's headquarters as well as the construction of a new facility. The project, cementing the strong ongoing relationship between NACOB and Border Force, represents a total investment of £1.1 million (over GHs 7 million).

Speaking ahead of the official opening, the British High Commissioner to Ghana H.E. Iain Walker said:

"I am delighted to be opening this new facility which will enhance NACOB's abilities and quest to secure Ghana's borders. The UK and Ghana are working together to address the full range of border security challenges which is used to fund serious crimes including terrorism. I believe this is a step in the right direction."

1.2. Ghanaian Ministry of Interior website



MINISTRY RECEIVES TWO VEHICLES

Jul 3, 2018

The Ministry of the Interior on Tuesday, July 3, 2018 received two (2) operational vehicles on behalf of the Narcotics Control Board (NACOB) from the United Kingdom Border Force in Accra.

The Assistant Director of the UK Border Force presented the keys of the vehicle to the Minister for the Interior. Mr. Ambrose Dery, indicated that the presentation was in confirmation of the UK Government to assist Ghana in its efforts towards fighting the drug menace. On his part, Mr. Ambrose Dery, expressed his appreciation to the UK Border Force for the generous donation.

He said with the opening of Ghana's borders for 24 hours operations, it was imperative for more stringent and efficient approach to safe guarding our entry points and thus assured them that the vehicles would be put to its intended use.

The vehicles, valued at One Hundred and Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000.00) is expected to aid in the operations of the Narcotics Control Board (NACOB) in its fight against illicit drugs in the

1.3. Modern Ghana article

UK Border Force Supports Fight Against Illicit Drugs

By GNA



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The United Kingdom Border Force Unit, has handed over two operational vans and equipment valued at \$120,000 Dollars to the Narcotic Control Board (NACOB) to boost Ghana's fight against drug trafficking.

Of the two vehicles, one has a special toilet facility, which suspects arrested could expel drugs they have ingested while the other is fitted with tools for field work.

Assistant Director of UK Border Force said the support formed part of the organisation's international cooperation with the country in the fight against illicit drugs.

He said the equipment would help strengthen the effort of both countries to reduce activities of drug traffickers.

Mr Ambrose Dery, the Minister of Interior, who received the donation thanked the UK government and said the support would greatly enhanced the operations of NACOB especially with the opening of the country's borders.

He said government would continue to explore avenues to resource the NACOB to effectively deliver on its mandate.

Mr Francis Torkornoo, Executive Secretary of NACOB, assured the maintenance of the equipment and ensure it served its intended purpose.

NACOB is an agency under the Ministry of Interior, was established in November, 1990 as the central coordinating body for dealing with drug abuses in the country and the threatening dimensions that illicit drug trafficking, had taken globally, sub-regionally and nationally.

2. Americas Published Reports

2.1. CCLEC newsletter (extract)

SAILCLEAR/RCS 2019 – CCLEC’S SUPPORT TO REGIONAL CUSTOMS DEPARTMENTS REGARDING THE CORONAVIRUS THREAT

General By Elvira Samuel March 6, 2020

The Caribbean Customs Law Enforcement Council (CCLEC) continues to monitor regional and International Organization’s status reports, national policy statements and preparations to manage the Coronavirus outbreak already plaguing several countries worldwide.

Customs, Immigration, Health and Quarantine officers, Ports Authority workers, passengers, crew and all persons interacting at Ports have legitimate reasons to be concerned about their health and safety in view of the Coronavirus threat to the Caribbean Community.

Permanent Secretary of the CCLEC, Albert Sandy, in an advisory to Heads of Customs and Excise Departments on Monday, March 2nd expressed confidence in the ability of the SailClear/RCS2019 vessel processing System to assist Customs, Immigration and Port Health officers in managing the coronavirus threat to Caribbean states. The SailClear/RCS 2019 System which is already in use by Caribbean Customs administrations, from Bermuda to the ABC Islands, is a live, online administrative tool that receives, prearrival notifications from pleasure yachts and other small vessels arriving from any port in the world, intending to visit any Caribbean Port(s). That information received in advance by Customs is used to assess the vessels, crew and luggage before arrival or departure, enabling Customs, immigration or other authorities (using the Customs and health declaration) to determine how to treat the vessels and their occupants. It also serves as a facilitation tool to expedite the vessel clearance process, without the need of masters and crew presenting handwritten declarations to Customs and Immigration authorities. **This effort by CCLEC has been highlighted by Hon. Dr. Irving McIntyre, Minister of Health, Government of the Commonwealth of Dominica.**^[i] Curacao Customs Department has also indicated that they will be utilizing the RCS System to help manage the Coronavirus threat posed by the yachting tourism sector. **Eighteen new kiosks have been supplied during February 2020, to Caribbean Customs Departments for deployment at ports of entry. These kiosks, financed by the UK Border Force, will be utilized by yachts’ masters to report electronically to Customs utilizing the SailClear system.**

Vessel health declarations required by law, are incorporated in the SailClear/RCS2019 electronic declaration system and can be used to indicate any health problems onboard before vessels arrive at any regional port. Vessels and passengers or crew showing symptoms of the coronavirus can report by nationally approved means, including via the SailClear/RCS 2019 system and the authorities will provide the appropriate assistance even before these vessels arrive at Port.

The Caribbean Customs Law Enforcement Council continues to support its members which include all Customs administrations of the entire Caribbean basin, in the exercise of vigilance at all ports of entry to minimize the effects of this virus on the economies and health of our citizens and visitors. We encourage all to follow the directions of your national emergency coordination authorities, provide all needed equipment, facilities and information required by border security officers for personal and client protection, and the full use of the RCS System to enable prearrival reporting by the yachting public so as to manage this viral threat.

2.2. Antigua & Barbuda Customs Facebook

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Antigua and Barbuda Customs and Excise Division

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Training has begun for the Antigua and Barbuda Customs and Excise Division as part of a project to implement the National Customs Enforcement Network (nCEN). It's a major donation of the UK Border Force through the World Customs Organisation (WCO). nCEN will help Customs improve the collection and storage of law enforcement information. It places Customs on the path to achieving good governance, improved trade facilitation, stricter law enforcement and overall economic growth.



2.3. St Lucia RCS event newsletter

RCS Train-the-Trainer Seminar held in St Lucia

Seminar, Training



The new Regional Clearance System, RCS2019, will be deployed at the end of August and to support this initiative, the CCLEC convened a train-the-trainer seminar for regional Customs officers in St Lucia from July 29-31, 2019.

The seminar which was jointly sponsored by UKBF/ODA and CCLEC aimed at building local capacity to deliver RCS training. Eighteen officers from the English and Spanish speaking Caribbean were in attendance. In his opening remarks, the CCLEC Permanent Secretary, Mr Albert Sandy, reminded the participants that the system was commissioned by CCLEC members in 2000 because it was recognized then that there was a need to collect data on pleasure vessels plying the region for security purposes. The system however has evolved over the years and now also functions as an administrative tool for facilitating pleasure vessels, crew and passengers visiting the region.

3. Eurasia Published Reports

3.1. Morocco Law Enforcement Conference



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4.2. Vietnam Trafficking reports

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