



SECURITY GOVERNANCE INITIATIVE (SGI) STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

9TH AUGUST, 2017
Accra - Ghana

SUMMARY

The US Department of State Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL), Office of Africa and Middle East Programs (AME) coordinated the Security Governance Initiative (SGI) Steering Committee Meeting, at the West Africa Regional Training Center (RTC) in Accra, Ghana on Wednesday August 9th 2017. The event was chaired by the current U.S. Ambassador to Ghana, Ambassador Robert Jackson, Ambassador Arietti- SGI Head of Delegation, and Ghana's National Security Coordinator- Joshua Kyeremeh.

The meeting recorded a much higher attendance than the previous SGI meeting, with both United States Government (USG) and Government of Ghana (GoG) counterparts attending and staying for the entire duration of the meeting. Ambassador Jackson commented positively on the attendance, as a sign of commitment from both Governments. Ambassador Arietti, began the opening ceremony by welcoming all guests and congratulating both Governments on the progress made so far, in advancing the goals of the SGI. He however implored the group to continue to work harder to ensure that progress is consistent and timely. Ambassador Jackson echoed his sentiments, emphasizing on the Joint Country Action Plan (JCAP) and the need to monitor progress on all the focal areas.



PARTICIPANT PROFILE

Over 77 invitees attended the SGI Steering Committee Meeting. High level guests from the Government of Ghana included:

- The National Security Coordinator
- The Minister of Communications
- The Deputy Minister of Defense
- Representatives from the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General's

Department, Ministry of Fisheries and Ministry of Interior

- The SGI Government of Ghana Coordinator
- Focal Area Leads and team members
(Border Management and Integration, Maritime Security, Cyber Security & Administration of Justice)
- Members of the various Ghanaian Security Agencies

On the U.S side, the guests included:

- U.S. Ambassadors Jackson and Arietti
- RTC Law Enforcement Training Advisor
- U.S. SGI Coordinator and SGI Focal Area leads - U.S. Embassy Officials

SGI MEETING AGENDA- WEDNESDAY AUGUST 10, 2017

Time	Activity
14:00 to 14:30	<p>Opening Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Joshua Kyeremeh, National Security Coordinator • Ambassador Robert P. Jackson • Ambassador Michael R. Arietti
14:30 - 16:00	<p>Joint Country Action Plan (JCAP) Focus Area Progress Reviews Border Management and Integration Discussion</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">GoG Lead- Owusu Donyinah, Assistant Commissioner of Police USG Lead- Emmanuel Nwankwo, CBP</p> <p>Brief Regarding CEMLAWS Final Report</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Ali Kamal- Deen, Centre for Maritime Law and Security, Africa</p> <p>Maritime Security Discussion</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">GoG Lead- Captain Inusah Abdul Nasir, Deputy Director, Ghana Maritime Authority USG Representative- Dr. Assis Malaquais (on behalf of Brian Wilson)</p> <p>Cybercrime and Cyber Security Discussion</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">GoG Lead- Albert Antwi- Boasiako, Cyber Security Advisor, Ministry of Communications USG Lead- Bryant Renaud, S/CCI (On behalf of Elizabeth Vish, S/CCI)</p> <p>Administration of Justice Discussion</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">-GoG Lead- Ahmed Suleiman, Chief Director, Ministry of Justice (On behalf of Stella Ohene- Appiah, Senior State Prosecutor) USG Lead- Joy Searcie, USAID</p>
16:00- 16:15	Break
16:15- 16:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Steps, USG and GoG Delegations
16:45- 17:00	<p>Concluding Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Joshua Kyeremeh, National Security Coordinator • Ambassador Michael R. Arietti • Ambassador Robert P. Jackson
17:00- 19:00	Social on the Terrace

NOTEWORTHY OCCURRENCES

The meeting began with a short opening ceremony and group photograph after which the focal area presentations were delivered. The Integrated Border Management (IBM) Team was very animated with the presentation on their progress so far, with the GoG lead stating that his team was well ahead in the realization of their goal of securing Ghana's borders through enhanced collaboration of all security stakeholders. IBM hoped to establish border task units at all 43 border posts in Ghana. The IBM team, as next steps, will elect a team leader, who will coordinate the activities of the team.

The Maritime Security team also presented an update on their progress, having organized workshops on IUU fishing as well as the initiation of a comprehensive review of maritime security regulations. The Maritime Security team also hopes to establish a more integrated framework for a maritime security strategy for Ghana. There was also a presentation from CEMLAWS on the legal and institutional framework of Ghana's Maritime sector.

On the Cyber security front, the focal team leads presented an overview of a proposed institutional framework for the implementation of a national cyber security policy, that is led by the Ministry of Communications. The team envisages the formation of sub working groups, composed of all the major stakeholders in the communications and cyber security space.

Finally the Administration of Justice group, in their presentation demonstrated the need for a web-based integrated case management system for Ghana, that will serve as a database for the criminal justice sector to efficiently track and organize cases. This system will be best utilized by the Police, Police Prosecutors, Ministry of Justice and Department as well as the Prisons Service to facilitate between the various agencies. The proposal is supported three-year timeline for development and implementation.

Attorney General's information sharing by USAID and had a Due to time constraints, the agenda was revised and the

was moved to the end of the presentations. One major concern was raised was the need for an SGI Secretariat, funded by the Government of Ghana, to help coordinate SGI activities and provide constant monitoring to the program. Some participants also mentioned that the presentations and plans looked good on paper but the implementation aspects were slow. Additionally, the Border Management group was lauded by the entire Committee as having made significant progress in their implementation plan. Their success was also attributed to their U.S. Counterpart from CBP, who constantly liaised with the focal team members. In their closing remarks, the Ambassadors and National Security Coordinators reemphasized their support to the work of the SGI Steering Committee and its activities and placed high expectations to be delivered by the group, by the next meeting.

CHALLENGES & LESSONS LEARNED

Due to the high-level nature of the meeting, RTC staff encountered a few issues in the coordination process, especially with adhering to protocol with senior GoG officials. Additionally, the participant list for the event was frequently revised up until the day of the event, which meant that some logistical arrangements like seating and tent cards could not proceed until the very last minute. The RTC recommends that with future events, the participant list be finalized at least a week in advance, to allow staff adequately prepare for the event. In order not to compromise on security at the RTC, it will be prudent for all officials attending the meeting, to provide a list of people that will be accompanying them, to provide the necessary identification and sign in procedures, before being granted access into the facility. Having the finalized number of guests will also help facilitate catering and the provision of program materials to all attendees.

Unfortunately, catering was delayed for the evening reception on the terrace so a few guests left before the food was served. The RTC Program Director apologized to the guests and encouraged them to stay. The reason for the delay has been addressed with the caterer.



ADDITIONAL PHOTOS





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