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2017 In Review



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SGI Leadership



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SGI Leadership



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Milestones

SGI National Secretariat GHANA

The SGI National Secretariat was established in December 2017 under the direction of the National Security Coordinator to facilitate a comprehensive, whole-of-government coordination for SGI activities nationwide, focusing on security systems, processes, and institutional development.

The Secretariat collaborates with a broad audience including U.S. Government agencies, state security institutions, civil society, academia and security sector NGOs such as Institute of Risk Management (IRM) Africa and CEMLAWS Africa, who provide among others, expertise in joint analysis, stakeholder dialogue with security sector stakeholders, as well as monitoring and evaluation.



SGI National Secretariat

Milestones

SGI Activities since 2016

April

- AoJ - Assessment (Apr 24-May 5)
Workshop for Prosecutors (Apr 26-27)
- Cyber - Pre-Engagement Familiarization Visit (Apr 19-21)

May

- Border - Kenya Study Trip (May 21-27)

June

- AoJ - Assessment (28-30)
Workshop for Police Service and Prison Service (Jun 28-29)
- Border - United States study trip (June 4-17)
Ghana Border Assessment (June 22-23)

July

- AoJ - Assessment (Jul 24-Aug 2) and Workshop for Registrars (Jul 24-25)

August

SGI Steering Committee Meeting

September

- Border - Border Management Workshop (Sep 18-19)

October

- AoJ - Assessment (Oct 2-10)
Inter-Agency CTS Technical and Policy Working Group (Oct 4-5)
- Cyber - Ministerial Level Roundtable (Oct 24)
Stakeholder Mapping Workshop (Oct 24-25)
Cyber Awareness Workshop (Oct 25-26)
- Maritime - Maritime Workshop (Oct 25-26)

November

- Border - Legal Authorities Workshop (Nov 15-16)
- Maritime - Maritime Workshop (Oct 25-26)

Journey to the Third Steering Committee Meeting



Osei Bonsu Dickson, Esq
SGI National Coordinator

Welcome to the first Issue of the SGI Ghana Newsletter.

As we teetered towards 7th February, 2018 for the Third SGI Steering Committee Meeting, the thought of putting together this special newsletter begun to stream in; and thanks to Elliot, our in-house designer, here we are!

The newsletter is intended to provide evidence of some of the seminal SGI activities undertaken within the year. Its also intended to infuse some intensity and appetite for future SGI work.

I am grateful that many of you also shared some of the memorable pictures taken at our SGI events involving your focus areas. I thank many of you, particularly Felicia, Kwesi, Sowatey and Ray, for programming support.

2018 will be even more robust. At the level of the Secretariat, I will ensure that we intensify our Whole of Government Approach, conduct M&E on all ongoing SGI work, work on developing our expertise, work with more local and international stakeholders, speed up reforms and strengthen further domestic ownership and commitment to SGI. We will engage Parliament and the Judiciary and extend our cross-border work with Cote d'Ivoire, Burkina Faso and Togo.

This year, we had a remarkable visit from the US and six other SGI partner nations - going forward we must deepen our engagement with our brothers in Mali, Kenya, Burkina Faso, Niger, Tunisia, and Nigeria. Let me take this opportunity to express thanks to our US colleagues for their immense support, while using the occasion to wish our Honorable Ministers for National Security, Foreign Affairs, Communication, Interior, Defense, and Fisheries, the National Security Coordinator, Mr. Joshua Kyeremeh and the US Ambassador, the Honorable Robert P. Jackson, the Deputy National Security Coordinator, Amb Michael Arreti, my co-Coordinator Katherine Headley, the Steering Committee Members, our national and US focal leads, the colleagues in Washington, ACSS, NSI, IRM, CEMLAWS and everyone involved with SGI.

2017 certainly saw greater coherence in SGI Ghana programming on our border, cyber and maritime JCAP issues.

We worked on complex border management, cyber and maritime security issues. We journeyed around Ghana, Kenya and the United States to understand practical IBM operations and best practices. We established the first SGI National Secretariat in Africa, a National Security Institute, an SGI Newsletter, an SGI Annual Report and onboarded key consultants. We gave public visibility to SGI work through a number of media engagements. We also assisted ACSS to host the SGI Partners Meeting which brought leaders from 7 partner SGI countries to Accra.

If our 2016 story was nuanced, 2017 was peppered with so much guideposts, signs, bridges and resting grounds that deserve reflection. In 2018, we will provide not only strong leadership but also strong record of achievement.

In this maiden issue, we unpack the drama of the last 12 months, giving readers some reflections on key activities undertaken in 2017.



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Regional Event

SGI Partners Meeting

15 December, 2017

Speech of Amb. Robert P. Jackson



Honorable Minister of National Security Albert Kan-Dapaah (confirmed), Honorable Minister of Defense Dominic Nitiwul, Honorable Minister of Foreign Affairs Shirley Ayorkor Botchwey, Honorable Minister of Communications Ursula Owusu Ekuful, Honorable Minister of Interior Ambrose Dery, Honorable Minister of Fisheries & Aquaculture Elizabeth Afoley Quaye, National Security Coordinator Joshua Kyeremeh (confirmed), Colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen, Good morning.

It is my pleasure to welcome all of you to the Security Governance Initiative Regional Seminar. Before we begin, I would like to first thank our Ghanaian partners for their hospitality and willingness to host such an important event. I am grateful to see so many friends and partners here in Accra and appreciate the time you are taking to participate.

I would also like to welcome members of the U.S. delegation joining us this week – particularly Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Christopher

Lamora and the U.S. heads of delegation for our SGI Partner Countries: Ambassador Michael Arietti for Ghana, Ambassador Laurence Wohlers for Niger and Mali, and Ambassador Stephen Nolan for Nigeria.

I have spent most of my career in Africa. It is a dynamic and diverse continent that is experiencing significant gains in economic growth and development. As they grow and develop, African states are increasingly stepping up to confront security challenges. These challenges are as vast as they are complex. Terrorist groups such as Boko Haram and ISIS stoke domestic and regional conflict. Transnational criminal organizations disrupt local economies through a range of activities, from smuggling illicit goods to piracy. Technology is used more and more to commit cyber-enabled crime and attack critical infrastructure.

Confronting these challenges requires a breadth of capacity, including:

Long-term strategic planning, More advanced resource management, improvements to border security, and strengthening the administration of justice within security sectors.

Building this capacity takes time. The United States remains committed to working with our African partners to help build institutional security in the sectors you have identified as important.

The SGI Partners Seminar is an exciting opportunity. This marks the first time partner countries have come together to discuss shared security challenges and lessons learned. As you each highlight how you carry out SGI in your country, we can learn from each other how problems are solved. We can discover how change can be implemented across a number of different security sectors. We will strengthen U.S.–Africa relations and — ultimately — contribute to a more secure environment, one in which economic opportunity can flourish.

As Ghana is our host, I would like to take a moment to applaud the many contributors to the SGI-Ghana effort. Together, our governments have developed a partnership to improve the capacity and capabilities of Ghana's security institutions. Through a whole-of-government approach on the full range of maritime, border and cyber security issues, Ghana has demonstrated support for SGI and dedication to institutional improvements. Ghana is also an excellent example of the connection between security and economic growth. Its work on maritime and border security, for example, has diminished the ability of criminal networks to access Ghana. Instead, legitimate businesses have new opportunities to flourish.

Ghana recently completed a comprehensive review of its Maritime Security Laws, Policies, and Regulations and the Border Assessment Report by the Integrated Border Management team. We have also celebrated the design and development of an integrated case tracking system.

But Ghana is not alone in its progress. I would like to take a few moments to recognize the work of our other partner countries. There are several highlights in recent months.

In Niger, they recently conducted strategic planning exercises involving Niger's Defense and Security Forces (FDS) and developed a proposal to establish a long-term strategic planning body. Niger generated major HR management policy

reforms in such areas as personnel classification, promotions, and assignments, and produced an ambitious “road map” for strengthening the government's capacity for communication with the public.

Kenya completed the Border Management Strategy–Strategic Planning Framework Phase I and launched the Plea Agreement Pilot Program. They also welcomed two legal advisors to support the National Legal Aid Service and the Office of the Director of Public Prosecution on legal aid and plea agreements.

Nigeria signed the Joint Country Action Plan in May and has made steady progress toward the goals set forth therein. Our Nigerian partners have organized working groups in each of the three focus areas and have held three working group meetings to date. There is a formal SGI Nigeria launch event planned in January to highlight the path forward and help deepen the work in each focus area.

These successes are praiseworthy and indicative of the long hours and significant effort our partners have devoted to SGI. But the future success of SGI in Ghana, as well as in every other partner country, is entirely dependent on this being a joint effort. It is imperative that we continue to have the firm commitment of everyone at this meeting — and all of our African government colleagues — to sustain the gains we have made and maintain the momentum. We have convened this week to share our experiences in SGI implementation and building good governance.

We all want the same thing: stable, prosperous, secure countries. Fortuitously, this is not a zero-sum game. We can all get what we want — and our collaboration makes it all the more likely.

I look forward to hearing briefs from the functional area leads. I hope to hear not only their successes, but also what challenges they face. Honest and constructive recommendations will help us gain a greater understanding of the SGI partnership across African countries and how we can encourage stronger institutions and better governance.

Thank you again for joining us today.

2nd SGI Steering Committee Meeting

The 2nd Security Governance Initiative (SGI) Steering Committee Meeting was held at the West Africa Regional Training Center (RTC) in Accra, Ghana on Wednesday August 9th 2017. The event was chaired by Ambassador Robert Jackson, U.S. Ambassador to Ghana and Mr. Joshua Kyeremeh, the National Security Coordinator.

The meeting recorded a much higher attendance than the previous SGI meeting, with both United States Government (USG) and Government of Ghana (GoG) representatives in attendance. In welcoming the guests Ambassador Michael Arreiti congratulated both Governments on the progress made so far in advancing the goals of the SGI. He however implored the Coordinators, Focal Leads and members to continue to work harder to ensure attainment of the SGI goals.

The National Security Coordinator, Mr. Kyeremeh commented positively on the attendance, as a sign of commitment from both Governments. He emphasized the need to focus on achieving the Joint Country Action Plan (JCAP) and to develop a mechanism for monitoring progress on all the focal areas.

Ambassador Jackson on his part expressed satisfaction with the patronage at the meeting. He also emphasized on the need to address the areas of weaknesses that the focal leads had identified. He further assured the meeting of US Government support and commitment to the attainment of the SGI JCAP.





Visit to SGI National Secretariat







Maritime Security





Cyber Security





Personality Focus

USG Border Management Lead



Emmanuel Nwankwo,
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Emmanuel Nwankwo has extensive experience in international affairs, security, counter trafficking, and capacity building. Currently, he serves at the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP). He is the United States Government Lead on the U.S.-Ghana Security Governance Initiative (SGI)'s Border Management and Integration. Also at CBP, he supports the U.S.-Africa Trade Program. His career includes service at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Counternarcotics Enforcement as a Policy Advisor on transnational drug trafficking and organized criminal organizations. He was DHS liaison to the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Fusion Center, and the European Police and European Drugs Unit (Europol).

Prior to joining DHS. He was a Senior Defense Policy Analyst for the U.S. Department of Defense. Mr. Nwankwo worked for the United Nations as an Administrator at the UN Mission to Kosovo, Chief of Party for the Reconstruction, Rehabilitation and Reconciliation of Sierra Leone, and Advisor on several World Bank projects in Africa. Earlier in his career, Mr. Nwankwo practiced Architecture and Urban Planning in Kenya.

Mr. Nwankwo holds Masters Degrees in Public Administration and Policy from America University, Washington, DC; Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Philippines. He received Bachelor of Science degree in Architecture from Eastern University, Manila, Philippines.

Personality Focus

National Cyber Security Focal Lead



Albert Antwi-Boasiako,
National Cyber Security Advisor

Albert Antwi-Boasiako is the Founder & Principal e-Crime Consultant of e-Crime Bureau Inc., a pan-African cyber security and digital forensics firm based in Accra, Ghana with operations across Africa and its international office based in the United Kingdom. Albert attended the University of Trento in Italy where he graduated with first class. He further enrolled in the Forensic Information Technology programme for his post-graduate studies at the University of Portsmouth, United Kingdom where he graduated with distinction, receiving overall post-graduate best student award from the School of Computing of the university for his investigative project which uncovered emerging trends of online criminal activities on eBay auction platform. Albert is currently a PhD Fellow at the University of Pretoria, South Africa where he is undertaking a research project on Digital Forensics Standardization within the Information & Computer Security Architecture (ICSA) Research Group.

As a cyber security and digital forensics professional, Albert has been active in providing cyber security and high tech crime investigation services & training to financial institutions, attorneys, intelligence agencies and the law enforcement on ICT security, cybercrimes, cyber threat profiling and high tech crime investigations across Africa & Europe. Albert has also been a lead consultant for various educational institutions and training establishments in the area of criminology and forensics curriculum/programs. Prior to founding e-Crime Bureau Inc., Albert was the Manager of Europe, Middle East & Africa (EMEA) operations of DFLabs, a global information security and Computer Forensics company based in Milan, Italy. Albert is also an Adjunct Lecturer – Cybercrimes & Cyber Security at Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (KAIPTC) in Accra, a renowned centre of security and military training & research in West Africa. In this role, Albert has been spearheading cybercrime and cyber security training programmes. Albert has also been the lead international facilitator/speaker on Cybercrimes/Cybersecurity & Digital Forensics programs for various conferences and workshops across Africa.

Albert has attended and presented papers at international seminars and workshops including a workshop for forensic accounting students at the Institute for Criminal Justice Studies (ICJS), University of Portsmouth, UK; Computer Enterprise & Investigations Conference (CEIC), Orlando, Florida, USA; the East Africa Economic & High Tech Crime Forum, Kampala, Uganda, the 4th Forensic Conference for Africa, Accra, Ghana, the 5th Forensic Conference for Africa, Nairobi, Kenya. Albert has also been engaging with regional and international stakeholders to address cybercrime and cybersecurity issues.

For the 2011 edition of MEDays International Forum in Tangier, Morocco, Albert was invited by Amadeus Institute, a renowned think tank based in Morocco to debate cyber security with other international experts. Albert has also been instrumental in facilitating the work of ACCP in Ghana. Albert is a member of the Association of Digital Forensics, Security & Law (ADFSL), Consortium of Digital Forensics Specialists (CDFS) and the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE). Albert speaks English, Italian and Spanish. He also travels frequently across Africa & Europe as part of his research activities and e-Crime Bureau Inc. operations.

Border Management









SECURITY GOVERNANCE INITIATIVE (SGI)

SGI operates in six countries and its central theme is to enable partner countries to develop and enhance policies, institutional structures, effectively, and responsibly deliver security and justice to their citizens.

SGI is not a tactical-level training and equipping program, but rather focuses on supporting partner country efforts to improve the management, oversight, accountability, and sustainability of security and justice sector institutions.

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