



# Facilitating Border Security a Multi Agency Approach



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# Facilitating Border Control

- What is the UNODC AIRCOP Programme?
- Why AIRCOP and Civil Aviation ?
- Facilitating a Multi Agency Approach ?
- Way forward.



# What is the UNODC AIRCOP Programme?

- AIRCOP is a multi-agency, anti-trafficking initiative which strengthens the detection, interdiction of narcotics at airports.
  - Assist in the establishment of operational units at airports with direct communication networks to CENCOMM (World Customs Organization) and Interpol
- I/24/7





# What is the UNODC Aircop Programme?

- Utilizes data available to the different agencies involved in airport security, including passenger manifest information to be used by one multi-agency team
- Coordinating joint international operations to identify and dismantle criminal networks



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# Why AIRCOP and Civil Aviation

- Annex 9 Facilitation recommends that States enter into agreements with other States in order to cooperate in countering the threat posed by international trafficking in narcotics and psychotropic substances.
- UNODC AIRCOP programme provides States with a framework, technical support and the ability to exchange best practices related to the detection and investigation of drug-related criminal networks



# Why AIRCOP and Civil Aviation

- The threats to Civil Aviation continue to evolve and criminal and insider threats to the aviation industry are being recognized as threats that undermine the integrity of the aviation security system.



# Facilitating a Multi Agency Approach

## ➤ Main Developments

- 2012 UNODC, Interpol and WCO invited Jamaica to become a partner in AIRCOP
- 2014 MOU signed between Government of Jamaica and UNODC



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## ➤ Agencies party to the MOU

### ➤ Ministry of Transport Work and Housing

➤ Jamaica Civil Aviation Authority (Focal Point)

➤ Airports Authority of Jamaica

### ➤ Ministry of National Security

➤ Passport Immigration and Citizenship Agency

➤ Jamaica Constabulary Force

➤ Jamaica Defence Force

### ➤ Ministry of Finance and Planning

➤ Jamaica Customs Agency



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- **Steering Committee** – includes all relevant stakeholders responsible for the implementation of the programme



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## ➤ Joint Airport Interdiction Task Force (JAITF)





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## ➤ Issues and Challenges

- Streamlining and coordinating individual SOPs with overall objectives;
- Maintaining programme focus and interest in implementation ;
- Capacity strengthening - to reduce strain on respective agencies.

## ➤ Lessons Learnt

- Agencies/ Parties to MOU need to fully participate in the implementation plan, meetings and the process.
- Appropriate human resources are identified, allocated and released
- Information is disseminated to accountable Agency Directors in order to facilitate the required actions (notably for Jamaica allocation of office space and appropriate legal agreements).



# Way Forward

- Increased coordination and buy-in of project objectives and outcomes;
- Timely allocation of resources;
- Enhanced institutional capacity
- Improved coordination mechanisms
- Reduction in the trafficking/transshipment of illicit narcotics, weapons and other goods/substances.
- Reduction in the insider threat



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