



## West Africa & BEYOND OASIS Integrating Investments in Police Capacity Building

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  - what can we learn from West Africa 2009
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  - integrated responses
  - leverage potential for the future



## Section 1 - INTERPOL's Unique Position

- Global perspective
  - Interpol facilitates international police cooperation
- Firm foundations
  - 188 member countries
  - each member country has a National central Bureau (NCB)
  - police from 80 countries working together in General Secretariat
- Core functions - service offerings
  - secure global communications
    - **member countries are connected using I-24/7**
  - operational data
    - **key data - terrorists, fingerprints, DNA, vehicle identification**
  - operational support services
    - **6 priority crime areas - corruption, drugs and organized crime, financial & high-tech crime, fugitives, public safety and terrorism, and trafficking in human beings.**
  - capacity building
    - **international standard training and development**



## Section 2 - Challenge / Opportunity

- Crime is increasingly complex in the 21st century
- Crime is transnational at every level
- Any crime on the ground can also be executed in web-space
- There is a serious “capacity divide” in policing response
- Prime strategy - share expertise, practices, tools and capacity to ensure safe and secure citizens/communities
  - any single effort to address capacity gaps in one region may benefit security worldwide
  - but, integrated efforts optimize success ...



## Section 3 - Situation Assessment - example

- West Africa - Region experiencing considerable strife/conflict
  - vulnerable to local and transnational organized crime
- Organized crime, driven by illicit drug trafficking - major threat to peace and security
  - serious threat to sustainable development
  - criminal networks operate with complicity of low-level authorities
  - undermines the rule of law and threatens human security
- Response - October 2008 - ECOWAS (economic community of West African states) and UN office on drugs and crime (UNODC) with European Union developed a regional action plan
  - overall objective - reduce drug trafficking and counter org. crime
  - by strengthening national capacities and cross-border cooperation
  - comprehensive and multi-stakeholder approach
  - establishing transnational crime units



## Example - West Africa 2009 - many investors ...

- ECOWAS - economic community of west Africa states
  - \$50M - \$12M cost to each of 4 targeted countries - failed states
- UN - Cote d'Ivoire -
  - establish/ advise on the restructuring of a local police presence
  - budget - \$492 million in 09/10
  - contributors - cash and police personnel from 60 countries
- UN - Mission in Liberia
  - creation of police training programs
  - re-establish the public administrative structure and judicial system
  - budget - 09/10 - \$ 561 million
  - contributors - cash and police personnel from ~40 countries
- donations - 20 North American and European countries and Australia - direct to West Africa - ~\$139M
- so, in 2009 - almost \$1.2B dollars being invested in security capacity building and infrastructure
  - but that's not all ...

## Example - West Africa 2009...

- also NGO's - over \$400M additional funding for same objectives
- also other donor countries - over \$134M
  - voluntary contributions over and above developmental aid
  - 24 countries participated
- also other developmental aid also included over \$17M to Africa for civil society work
  - 15 west African countries received over \$3B in developmental aid
- so, in one year alone - 2009 - in one region, in one crisis area - over \$1.3B being invested
- Question - is this an effective investment

should INTERPOL define a more engaged role and create value proposition to help ensure success?

## Section 4 - the German government thinks so



- Recognized - INTERPOL's integrative value proposition
  - facilitate policing and empower police
- Funded OASIS - Operational Assistance, Services and Infrastructure Support
- Current focus on African crime threats, including:
  - drugs
  - border security
  - arms trafficking





## German Funding - 4 year commitment

- Financed all OASIS-Africa initiatives
  - an integrated package of services, equipment and support
  - deliver knowledge, skills and best practice
- INTERPOL delivered
  1. infrastructure - enhance and extended I-24/7 & MIND/FIND
    - **secure, real-time communication**
    - **instant database access for frontline officers**
  2. capacity building - the best possible international training
    - **develop highly skilled police officers**
    - **train police officers at all levels - frontline officers, mid-level**
    - **police managers, executive officers**
  3. operations support
    - **multi-disciplinary, joint forces operations**
    - **strategic criminal analysis capability**



## Section 4 - Opportunity is Clear - "Beyond OASIS"

- Interpol – bridge the gap between national and international policing
- Critical assistance to those countries that lack the resources for modern policing and security response
- Question - can we continue to do things in the same way?
- Needed - a "dynamic new vision"
  - **INTERPOL facilitation - policing knowledge**
  - **integrated approach - focus on the right th**
  - **public and private sector partnerships**
  - **intelligence-led policing**

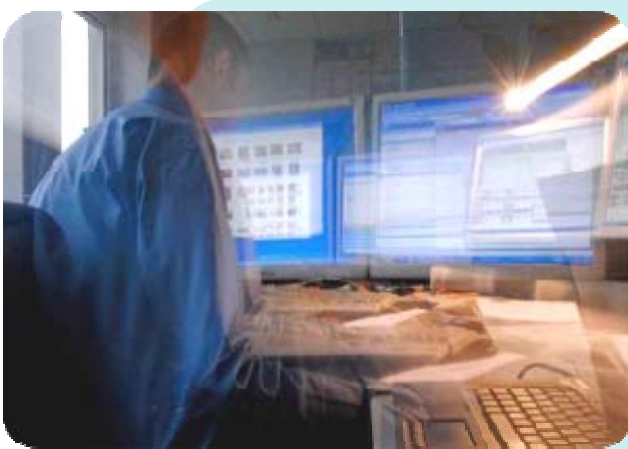


## 12 October 2009 - Singapore Gen. Assembly

- Partners in building sustainable security - outcome declaration
  - *“... effective responses to organized and serious crime ... require a comprehensive and multi-stakeholder approach “*
    - **developed in consultation with regional and international institutions**
    - **based on a thorough analysis of the problem and on a common institutional platform**
    - **supported by concrete technical tools**
  - *“Given the vital role of police ... importance of ensuring that police personnel are qualified and will have access to the tools required ...”*
    - **every state to have effective police capacity**
    - **work towards developing consensus for an international policing doctrine**
    - **actively support the development of an international policing doctrine and its implementation no later than twelve months following the adoption of this Declaration**

## The Future with INTERPOL

- Leverage additional funds to expand OASIS-type projects
- Creative and innovative solutions
- Integrated and facilitated respond to the challenges of 21st century crime
  - optimal package of services, equipment and support
  - international knowledge, skills and best practice



## Long Term - Sustainable Global Policing

- Empower police through skills enhancement, equipment and technology
- Create capacity where it is most needed and can be most effective
- Develop infrastructure to connect policing and security agencies worldwide
- Facilitate strategic criminal analysis capability for multi-disciplinary, joint forces operations

