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## REGIONAL TRAINING OF TRAINERS ON TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME

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IOM, the UN Migration Agency, organized a regional Training of Trainers (ToT) as part of the project “Enhancing Security through Improved Border and Immigration Management” funded by the Government of Canada. Mr. Marcellino Ramkishun, from the IOM Africa Capacity Building Centre (ACBC) based in Tanzania, provided technical support to the ToT.

The training aimed at enhancing the capacity of senior officers on Transnational Organized Crime in the region and targeted senior government officers from Kenya, Tanzania and Somalia involved in preventive measures and management of organized crime to have holistic and robust approach in securing the region and their respective countries.

The training, held in Naivasha from 24-28 September 2018, was attended by 15 senior officers (4 female and 11 male). Five of them were from different agencies across the three countries including National Intelligence Service, National Police, National Counter-Terrorism Centre, Department of immigration and Customs.

The migration risk analysis workshop in Nairobi, conducted in February 2018, informed the ToT topics which include: the principles of adult learning (particularly learning styles relevant to migration), designing a curriculum and formulating training objectives, current teaching methods as applicable to migration, introduction to mixed migration, border management systems, integrated

border management as well as legal and policy measures to combat and reduce transnational organized crime for trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants in the region.

One of the participants, Mr. Ngala said *“this transnational organized crime training is an eye opener that there really is a need to stop organized crime. To do this, all governments must share critical information in a timely way so as to mitigate the effects of these illegal acts”*.

Mr. Ramkishun stressed that *“Inter-governmental cooperation and sharing of information plays a key role in the fight against transnational organized crime. It is also important to share experiences and learn from them so as to improve border and migration management”*.

Some key factors undermining effective crime control along Kenya-Somalia borders, Tanzania-Kenya borders were indicated as long porous borders, insecurity and instability in the neighbouring countries.

Participants agreed that traffickers, migrant smugglers and transnational criminals change tactics frequently and emphasized that the countries involved need to be at par with changing trends. This can be achieved through enhanced cooperation, trainings, seminars, and workshops that build relevant agencies’ capacity to successfully counter transnational organized crimes.



Participants consulting during the training



Trainees following the session keenly



Ms. Ariri Magaiti, sharing her inputs in the discussions