



Inter-Governmental Action Group against Money Laundering in West Africa
Groupe Intergouvernemental d'Action contre le Blanchiment d'Argent en Afrique de l'Ouest
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GIABA organises National AML/CFT strategy workshop for Republic of Ghana

The Inter-Governmental Action Group against Money Laundering in West Africa (GIABA) is organising a National Anti-Money Laundering and Combating Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT) Strategy Workshop for the Republic of Ghana from 5-7 July, 2010 at Alisa Hotel, Accra, Ghana.

The objective of the 3-day workshop amongst other is to assist Ghana to develop a national AML/CFT strategy towards ensuring effective implementation of international standards in the fight against transnational organised crimes in particular money laundering and terrorism financing in the country.

Specifically, the workshop is aimed to identify the key money laundering and terrorism financing risks and threats and the vulnerabilities Ghana faces with a view to determining priorities and setting out a framework to counter them and to raise awareness on AML/CFT obligations across all sectors and the general public.

Furthermore, the national AML/CFT strategy workshop will identify stakeholders and establish a coordination mechanism to ensure monitoring, enforcement and full accountability of the implementation of the various programmes and activities identified in a concerted and coordinated manner.

Participants at the workshop are expected to focus on a blueprint of a National AML/CFT Strategy for Ghana, the creation of coordinated platform for stakeholders in AML/CFT measures especially inter-agency cooperation and coordination, and capacity building for relevant authorities responsible for fighting against money laundering and terrorism financing and to strengthen effective implementation of AML/CFT regimes in the country.

The workshop which is targeted at top government officials, regulatory, enforcement and financial institutions, the private sector and designated non-financial businesses and professions will be facilitated by experts with extensive experience and background in anti-money laundering and combating financing of terrorism. Discussions at the workshop cover the following topics: building effective AML/CFT regulatory and enforcement frameworks; how to build effective AML/CFT Compliance systems for reporting entities; the roles and responsibilities of stakeholders in AML/CFT legislations and prevention; education and civil participation as the bedrock of national AML/CFT framework, including groups presentations and discussions.

The Director General of GIABA, Dr Abdullahi Shehu, the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice of the Republic of Ghana, Hon. Betty Mould Idrissu and the Minister of Finance and Economic Planning, Dr Kwabena Duffwor will address the opening session.

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