



**Inter-Governmental Action Group against Money Laundering in West Africa
Groupe Intergouvernemental d'Action contre le Blanchiment d'Argent en Afrique de l'Ouest
Grupo Inter Governamental de Acção contra o Branqueamento de Dinheiro em África Ocidental**

GIABA HOLDS INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH MEDIA EXECUTIVES

The Inter-Governmental Action Group against Money Laundering in West Africa (GIABA) is organizing a one day interactive session with executives and editors of media organizations in Nigeria.

The event slated to hold on Wednesday, March 24, 2010 at the International Institute of Public Affairs, Lagos is aimed at sensitizing media executives and editors on the mandate of GIABA in the fight money laundering and terrorist financing in West Africa, and related predicate crimes from which illegal money is generated and laundered.

In recognition of the vital role the media play in shaping public opinion, GIABA intends to foster and strengthen partnership with media organizations in order to create a united front against money laundering and terrorist financing in the region.

The event would go a long way to canvass support for the effective coverage of GIABA activities and to enhance the capacity of media practitioners, particularly on economic and financial crimes reporting.

A total of 30 information managers in Nigeria are expected to participate in the one day event, drawn from both the private and government owned media outfits in the country.

The event will be facilitated by technical experts with extensive experience and background on anti-money laundering and counter-financing of terrorism covering the following thematic areas; vis-a-vis an overview of the mandate of GIABA and the FATF 40+9 Recommendations, the roles of media in AML/CFT regime, challenges of financial and economic crimes reporting and lecture on AML/CFT system.

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