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## Airport Communication Project

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### TRAINING AND MENTORING OF THE AIRCOP TASK FORCE IN GUINEA BISSAU

A training on risk analysis, profiling and targeting of suspicious/high-risk air passengers, cargo and parcels was delivered in December 2018 to officers from the JAIF, followed by an on-the-job mentoring. Drug detection kits, urine tests and office equipment were also provided to the JAIF, thanks to German funding. The government continued showing engagement in countering drug trafficking and organized crime at airport settings, with regular seizures. Specifically, since early 2018, 23 suspects have been arrested by the JAIF and 36 kg of cocaine seized at the Osvaldo Vieira International Airport.



### FIRST WORKSHOP OF MENA AIRCOP FOCAL POINTS AND HEAD OF JAIF

From 17 to 19 December 2018, AIRCOP focal points and the head of the first JAIF from the Middle East and North Africa gathered in Amman, Jordan, for a regional workshop on "Countering Terrorism at International Airports" funded by Canada. Participants engaged with experts from UNODC, ICAO Interpol, UK Border Force and the Spanish police to discuss border security and the fight against terrorism.



### INTERCOPS COOPERATION PRODUCES ARRESTS AND SEIZURES IN ARGENTINA

On 18 December 2018, following successful cooperation between AIRCOP and INTERCOPS, two Lithuanian nationals on route to Paris, France, were arrested at the Ezeiza International Airport, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on charges of drug trafficking and cash smuggling. The AIRCOP JAIF intercepted the passengers and seized 35 kg of cocaine, 1.2 kilos of LSD and 10,000 USD hidden in their luggage.

### OPERATIONAL PHASE OF WCO-LED OPERATION COCAIR VII

AIRCOP JAIFs participated in the seventh edition of the WCO-led joint operation COCAIR that took place from 8 to 17 December. Detailed results are expected in the coming weeks as data come in.

### Key seizures by JAIFs



**Date:** 23 December 2018  
**Seizure:** 4.5 kilos of cocaine  
**Place:** Punta Cana International Airport, Punta Cana, Dominican Republic  
**Concealment:** Body concealment  
**Route:** Bogotá to Punta Cana  
**Airline:** Avianca



**Date:** 26 November 2018  
**Seizure:** 220,000 euros (Approximately 250,000 in USD)  
**Place:** Félix Houphouët-Boigny International Airport, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire  
**Concealment:** In luggage  
**Route:** Abidjan to Beirut  
**Person intercepted:** Lebanese men  
**Airline:** Middle East Airlines



**Date:** 3 December 2018  
**Seizure:** 7.3 kilos of heroin  
**Place:** Kotoka International Airport, Accra, Ghana  
**Concealment:** In luggage  
**Route:** Harare to Accra, through Addis Ababa  
**Person intercepted:** Zimbabwean women  
**Airline:** Ethiopian Airlines



**Date:** 19 December 2018  
**Seizure:** 7.3 kilos of cannabis  
**Place:** Barbados  
**Concealment:** In food cans and bed sheets  
**Route:** Toronto to Barbados  
**Airline:** Air Canada



**Date:** 28 December 2018  
**Seizure:** 4 fake passport and 5 fake travel document  
**Place:** Punta Cana International Airport, Punta Cana, Dominican Republic  
**Route:** Lima to Punta Cana  
**Person intercepted:** Dominican men



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