



“ We have learned state and local...criminal justice institutions are perfect partners for building rule of law overseas. Everyone wins with these partnerships: foreign governments can access skill sets and experience; partners can develop operational relationships with key foreign institutions that affect its own neighborhoods, and we all get a safer America.”

*—Assistant Secretary William R. Brownfield,
Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL)*



INL JUSTICE SECTOR STATE AND LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS



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PURPOSE OF INL'S STATE AND LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS

Throughout the United States, state and local justice agencies have developed dynamic and innovative solutions to pressing criminal justice issues such as domestic violence and corruption, as well as in administrative areas, such as case management. In developing justice sector programs abroad, INL assists foreign governments as they address similar issues through capacity building programs. We do this by partnering with our state and local justice sector partners and using their expert level knowledge.

Our partners may be asked to:

- Assist with study tours/visits of foreign counterparts;
- Travel to other countries to lead workshops and seminars; and/or,
- Speak at domestic and international conferences.

Engagement with our foreign partners benefits everyone: U.S. partners help the United States by supporting our nation's foreign assistance objectives. These programs provide important professional development opportunities that can enhance teaching and public speaking skills of participants, and helps them gain a more thorough understanding of their own field of work. After the program is done, our partners return home with enhanced credentials, international and federal experience, and contacts with foreign counterparts which may be useful in fighting transnational crime that impacts U.S. communities.

BECOMING A PARTNER WITH INL

To become an INL justice sector partner, your agency and INL sign a memorandum of understanding (MOU). The MOU provides a basic framework for the

partnership, and outlines expectations for both INL and the partner. MOUs can be signed through the mail, or at a public signing ceremony with both INL and partner representatives in attendance.

HOW PARTNERSHIP ACTIVITIES WORK

Requests for partnership assistance come from U.S. Embassies overseas, or INL program offices in Washington, DC.

- INL identifies U.S. partners based on the type of request, and reaches out to partners to discuss their interest and availability.
- If a partner agrees to participate, INL's Office of Criminal Justice Assistance and Partnership (INL/CAP) facilitates coordination with the U.S. Embassy and the DC-based program offices involved, making introductions and explaining the activities, purposes, and objectives.
- If international travel is required the U.S. Embassy or the DC-based program office will handle the logistics including travel, hotel, transportation, and per diem.



INL/CAP assists the partner participant throughout this process, answering questions and providing information as needed.

EXAMPLES OF PARTNERSHIP ACTIVITIES

Members of San Francisco Public Defender's Office

traveled to Panama to provide a series of trainings for public defenders on trial tactics and skills to help them transition from and inquisitorial to an adversarial justice system.

The Philadelphia District Attorney's Office

conducted leadership training for female prosecutors in Thailand, focusing on different management styles, change management, and leadership development.



A Louisiana Supreme Court judge traveled to Macedonia to provide insights on efforts to reduce recidivism by drawing on experiences with tracking inmates upon their release from incarceration, and how the authority of the court was used to promote offender accountability.

A state judge with the Arizona Administrative Office of Courts went to Mali several times, first for an assessment of their judicial ethics system and then to participate in discussions on judicial ethics, judicial redress mechanisms, and the role of civil society in the judicial process.

The Mississippi Attorney General's Office provided training to prosecutors in the Dominican Republic on how to investigate and prosecute cases of documentary fraud.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who is my point of contact? INL/CAP is the point of contact for justice sector partnerships. If international travel is involved we will identify a point of contact in country at the U.S. Embassy for you.

Are language skills required? The U.S. Embassy determines whether there is a language requirement. If foreign language knowledge is required, local translators will be provided by the Embassy.

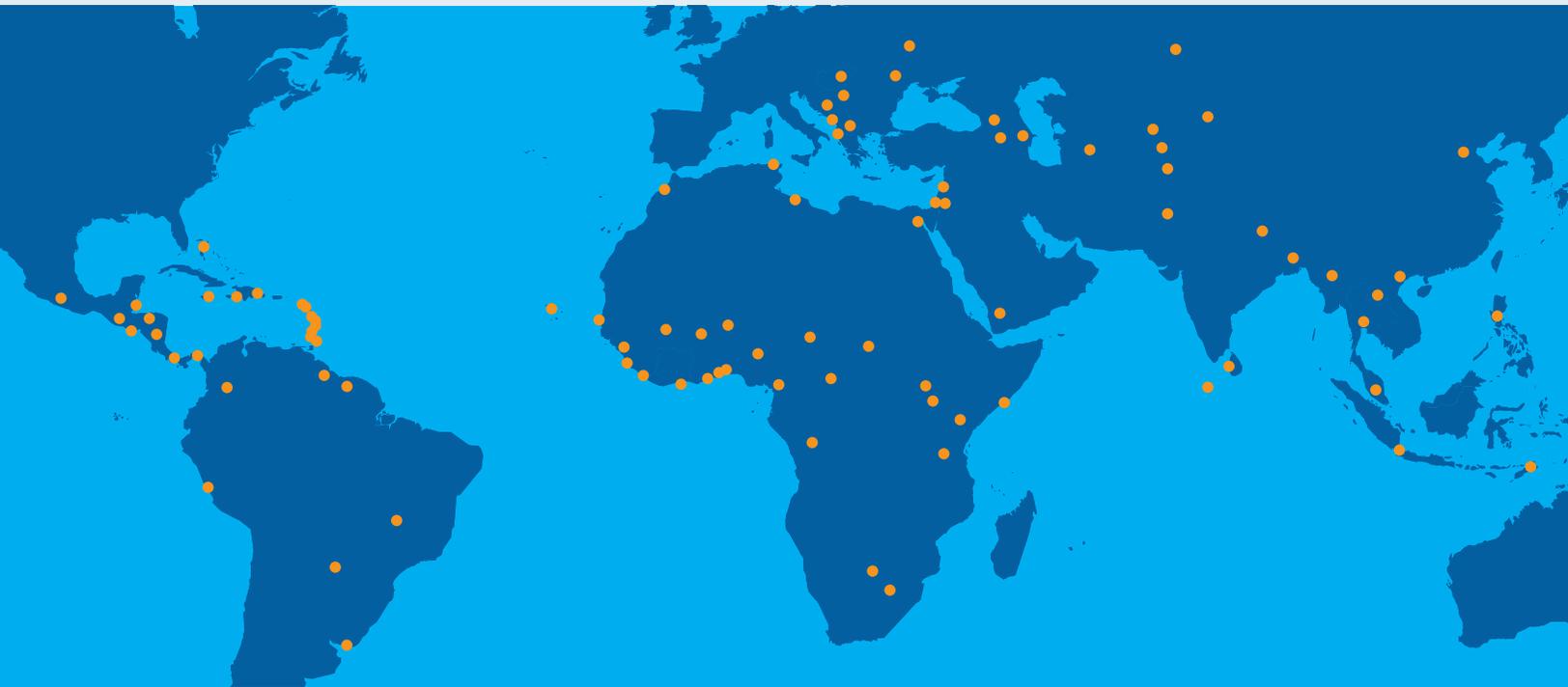
What about security concerns? Deployments to other countries involve a wide range of security environments. INL/CAP works closely with the U.S. Embassy to identify and address security concerns our partners may need know about before they deploy.

If you any additional questions, or would like further information on justice sector partnerships, please contact INLCAPJustice1@state.gov.



INL: PROJECTS IN OVER 90 COUNTRIES, INCLUDING

Afghanistan	Burma	Dominican Republic	Jordan	Moldova	Sierra Leone	The Philippines
Albania	Burundi	Egypt	Kazakhstan	Montenegro	Somalia	Timor-Leste
Antigua and Barbuda	Cape Verde	El Salvador	Kenya	Morocco	South Africa	Togo
Armenia	Central African Republic	Georgia	Kosovo	Nepal	South Sudan	Trinidad and Tobago
Azerbaijan	Chad	Ghana	Kyrgyzstan	Nicaragua	St. Christopher and Nevis	Tunisia
The Bahamas	China	Grenada	Laos	Niger	St. Vincent and the Grenadines	Turkmenistan
Bangladesh	Colombia	Guatemala	Lebanon	Nigeria	St. Lucia	Uganda
Barbados	Costa Rica	Guinea	Liberia	Pakistan	Suriname	Ukraine
Belize	Cote D'Ivoire	Guyana	Libya	Panama	Sri Lanka	Uruguay
Benin	Democratic Republic of Congo	Haiti	Macedonia	Paraguay	Tajikistan	Uzbekistan
Botswana	Dominica	Honduras	Malaysia	Peru	Tanzania	Vietnam
Brazil		Hungary	Maldives	Rwanda	Thailand	West Bank/Gaza
Bosnia		Indonesia	Mali	Senegal		Yemen
Burkina Faso		Jamaica	Mexico	Serbia		



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