

Specialised Training Programme

“INVESTIGATING CORRUPTION BY FOLLOWING THE MONEY”

Combined Training – Online and In-Person – for Criminal Investigation
Offered to institutions investigating corruption

Context

Corruption is a barrier to societies, democracy, and political stability in Latin America. Tracing illicit financial flows is a crucial tool for dismantling corruption networks and ensuring the recovery of public funds. However, the complexity of these crimes, combined with the sophistication of the financial mechanisms used, requires advanced technical capabilities and effective regional cooperation.

To develop these capabilities, in 2024 the German Federal Foreign Office, in partnership with the Justice Studies Center of the Americas (JSCA), launched the specialised training programme “Investigating Corruption by Following the Money”, aimed at strengthening criminal investigation competencies in Latin America and the Caribbean.

This programme provides both theoretical and practical tools to trace and analyze illicit financial flows. In an interactive format, it compiles regional information into easily navigable digital pages, provides ready-to-use guides and materials, and allows participants to practice what they have learned through an engaging case presented in a film.

The target audience is anti-corruption, justice, and security agencies in Latin America and the Caribbean, including prosecutors, investigators, judges, analysts, and other stakeholders.



Training Objectives

To strengthen capabilities for investigating corruption crimes through money tracing, improving criminal investigations, and asset recovery.

Specific objectives:

- Optimise the use of technologies and best practices for analyzing illicit financial flows.
- Strengthen regional and interinstitutional cooperation in the fight against corruption.
- Integrate theory and practice in learning.

Target Institutions

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Methodology

• Online Training

- Mode: Asynchronous classes, self-guided modules, evaluation and interactive forums.
- Duration: 2 weeks, 2 hours per day.

• In-person workshop

- Activities:
 - Work on a case in film format.
 - Practical team exercises.
 - Interactive workshops.
- Duration: 2 days, 4-6 hours per day



Modules

- **LA CORRUPTION AND ASSET TRACING:** Economic and social impacts and investigative challenges
- **HOW TO ORGANISE AN INVESTIGATION THAT FOLLOWS THE MONEY:** Typologies, investigation plan, evidence and coercive measures.
- **FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE AND INVESTIGATION:** Identifying suspects and shell companies.
- **CRIMINAL JUDICIAL COOPERATION AND COORDINATION WITH FINANCIAL ENTITIES IN THE INVESTIGATION OF CORRUPTION CRIMES:** Agencies, networks and coordination.

Implementation

Interested institutions will send their requests to the German Embassies in their respective countries.

The programme will be implemented by the Justice Studies Center of the Americas (JSCA)

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What does the programme include?

- Specialised content
- Highly qualified tutors
- A practical reinforcement in-person phase
- Access to an integrated learning platform
- Integration into the Justice Studies Center of the Americas (JSCA) Ex Network
- International certification

What is required?

Interested institutions commit to:

- Select 20 professionals who lead units, investigate corruption cases or train investigators
- Ensure the availability of participants for the training
- Provide the physical space and technical facilities for the training and closing ceremony
- Maintain attendance records and send the original information to JSCA
- Participate in a regional exchange network

