



AML/CFT MENTOR PROGRAMME

GPML's Mentor Programme is a long-term capacity-building and training programme designed to assist specified Member States in establishing, improving, and implementing their anti-money-laundering and counter-terrorist financing (AML/CTF) regimes. Mentors serve as a key part of GPML's strategy to provide sustainable technical assistance to facilitate enhanced national capacity and coordination in combating money-laundering and countering the financing of terrorism, as well as to further the overall implementation of effective national AML/CFT regimes in Member States.

The Mentor Programme is particularly effective in the highly specialized and technically complex field of AML/CFT, in which many Member States lack technical expertise and appropriate legislative and regulatory frameworks.

The strength of the Mentor Programme lies in the extensive knowledge and years of operational AML/CFT experience of each of the mentors deployed by GPML. This means they are ideally positioned to give expert advice, as well as provide the hands-on guidance that national practitioners need to both grow their craft and effectively implement their country's AML/CFT regimes to meet international standards.

Mentors are based in the field and provide on-site technical assistance by delivering tailored outreach programmes and training to help participating Member States make the best use of their AML/CFT capabilities and to comply with international standards set out in relevant United Nations Conventions, United Nations Security Council Resolutions and the Financial Action Task Force Recommendations.

With a GPML mentor, national AML/CFT experts and practitioners learn through experience and are guided on how to bring newly acquired knowledge and skills into their organizations and their day-to-day jobs. This unique arrangement offers participating Member States a continuous upgrade of skills through workplace training during the term of the mentorship.

GPML mentors work closely with the legal, law enforcement, regulatory and financial intelligence unit (FIU) communities of the countries within their areas of responsibility. Promoting "learning through doing", they help practitioners and institutions improve their capabilities to, for example, detect, investigate and prosecute money-laundering offences, and to recover laundered funds.

Mentors also serve as role models for officials from Member States and assist practitioners and managers to adapt both technical and general work-practice principles to their own specific local and national circumstances. In addition, GPML mentors promote integration of learning from other formal trainings by UNODC and other training partners.

Mentors are generally assigned for 2-year periods. Currently, GPML has four mentors providing coverage to Western Africa, Southern Africa, Central Asia and the Mekong area.

ABOUT GPML

The Global Programme against Money Laundering, Proceeds of Crime and the Financing of Terrorism (GPML) assists Member States in implementing the various anti-money laundering and counter-finance of terrorism (AML/CFT) provisions contained in the 1988 United Nations Drug Convention, the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, the United Nations Convention against Corruption and relevant United Nations resolutions, such as Security Council Resolution 1373 (2001), as well as other international AML/CFT requirements.

GPML's primary goal is to assist Member States via their legal, financial, law enforcement and judicial authorities in developing effective and comprehensive domestic AML/CFT legal and regulatory frameworks, as well as the institutional infrastructures and practitioner skills needed to implement them. GPML is further committed to promoting national coordination and regional and international cooperation on issues concerning money-laundering and terrorism financing.

GPML fulfills its mandate principally through technical cooperation and capacity-building for requesting Member States, the provision of in-depth training to national administrations and private sector actors dealing with AML/CFT issues, and the development and sharing of AML/CFT information resources, good practices and databases.

GPML has initiated specific products to assist Member States. These deliverables aim to raise awareness of the risks of money-laundering and terrorism financing, build institutional capacities and provide key technical assistance and training—based on current good practice and operational expertise—at the national and regional level. A series of GPML Facts Sheets provide information on the key products offered by GPML.

