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U.S. TREASURY PROVIDES FINANCIAL CRIMES TRAINING TO SOUTH AFRICAN LAW ENFORCEMENT

The Office of Technical Assistance, United States Department of Treasury, conducted two Financial Crimes Workshops during the last two weeks in Pretoria for members of the National Prosecuting Authority's Directorate of Special Operations (DSO), the Asset Forfeiture Unit, and the Special Commercial Crimes Unit. In addition, participants in the Workshop included the Financial Intelligence Centre, the Special Investigations Unit, the South Africa Banking Risk Information Centre, and the Federal Services Board.

The training, which was jointly provided by the DSO and the U.S. Treasury Department, included South African law enforcement experts in addition to the U.S. experts. Deputy National Director Leonard McCarthy opened the first training session emphasizing the need for this training in South Africa and encouraged cooperation at the domestic and international levels to combat crime, noting that country borders should not pose an obstacle in law enforcement working together on an international level. Ninety-four members of the South African law enforcement community participated in two separate sessions, which concludes today.

Topics presented focused on the international best practices utilized in detecting and prosecuting complex financial crimes that typically involve drug trafficking, corruption, bank fraud, money laundering and terrorist financing. Particular emphasis was placed on following the money trail to prove criminal violations and to confiscate illegal proceeds of violators. The training was presented in an interactive manner with the use of case studies and practical exercises designed to improve knowledge and skills of investigators in South Africa law including proceeds of crime, corruption, asset forfeiture and computer crimes. Financial interviews,



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case planning, financial profile analysis, use of investigative task forces, and methods of proof were some of the topics covered.

Two additional sessions are scheduled in Durban and Cape Town in October and November respectively.

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