

INTERPOL SUPPORT PROGRAMME FOR THE AFRICAN UNION IN RELATION TO AFRIPOL (ISPA)

Support for AFRIPOL

STRONGER LAW ENFORCEMENT COOPERATION FOR A SAFER AFRICA

AFRIPOL is an independent mechanism of the African Union (AU) and a key stakeholder in the area of international police cooperation and in the fight against transnational crime.

As a regional police organization, AFRIPOL provides a framework for police cooperation at the strategic, tactical, and operational levels in all African states. The INTERPOL Support Programme for the African Union in relation to AFRIPOL (ISPA) assists AFRIPOL in developing its functions across the continent.

The programme started in 2020 for an initial period of three years until March 2023 (Phase 1) and was extended until December 2026 (Phase 2).



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LONGSTANDING COOPERATION BETWEEN INTERPOL AND THE AFRICAN UNION

INTERPOL and the African Union work side by side on matters of joint interest, sharing resources and expertise, and developing combined responses to Africa's policing needs. This ongoing cooperation was formalized with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the AU and INTERPOL in 2011.

A further cooperation agreement signed with the AU in 2019 identified complementarity between INTERPOL and AFRIPOL to avoid duplication of efforts amongst common member countries and to promote synergies.

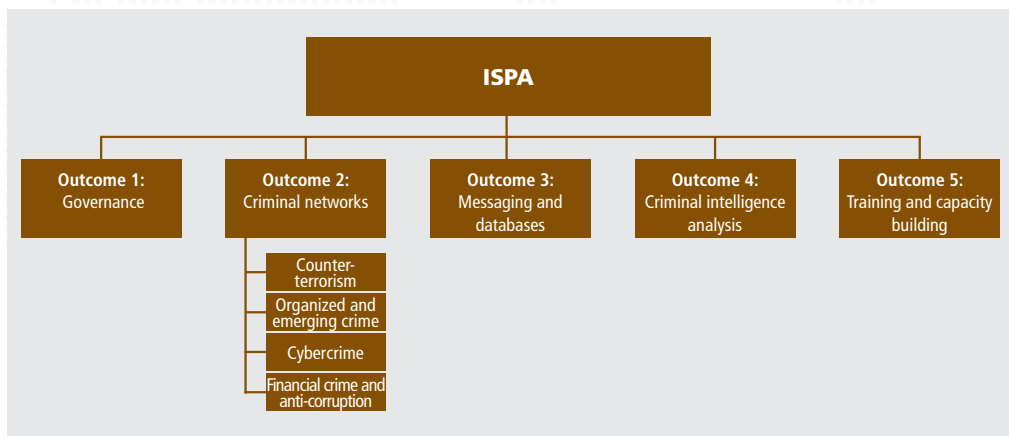
PROGRAMME AIMS

The ISPA Programme supports AFRIPOL to strengthen its position as the lead institution in Africa for preventing and combating transnational organized crime, terrorism, cybercrime and financial crime.

Specifically, the programme promotes the development of AFRIPOL's capabilities through operations and investigations, criminal analysis and the exchange of information, knowledge, and best practices.

These activities help AFRIPOL to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of police across Africa by assessing crime threats, harmonizing police methods, and fostering good governance, in line with national policies.

PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES



The ISPA Programme provides support to AFRIPOL under five outcomes:

- 1. Strengthening AFRIPOL's governance framework** by providing strategic, operational and legal advice, as well as support on data protection;
- 2. Improving AFRIPOL's capabilities to disrupt criminal networks** engaged in terrorism, organized and emerging crime, cybercrime and financial crimes;
- 3. Establishing AFRIPOL's information systems and enhancing communication** by providing technical support and extending access to INTERPOL's I-24/7 secure global police communications system;
- 4. Supporting AFRIPOL's Criminal Intelligence Analytical Unit (CIAU)** by providing technical equipment as well as tailored training and mentoring programmes;
- 5. Building AFRIPOL and INTERPOL common member countries' capacity** by assessing needs and priorities and organizing workshops.



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