INTERGOVERNMENTAL ACTION GROUP AGAINST MONEY LAUNDERING IN WEST AFRICA

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GIABA RAISES AWARENESS AMONG AMBASSADORS AND CONSULS OF MEMBER STATES, TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL PARTNERS, AS WELL AS MEDIA EXECUTIVES ON AML/CFT

The Intergovernmental Action Group against Money Laundering in West Africa (GIABA) will hold its ***annual briefing session for ambassadors and consuls of Member States, as well as technical and financial partners, in Dakar from 26 – 27 August 2025***. The session will feature a presentation of GIABA's 2024 annual report and a press conference to raise awareness among media executives in Member States about their responsibilities and obligations in AML/CFT in West Africa and to strengthen the partnership between them and GIABA.

Touted as a platform for raising awareness of GIABA's activities, mission, achievements and challenges, this meeting is also aimed at informing participants about new developments and seeking their cooperation and participation in disseminating AML/CFT messages across the sub-region. This is all the more important given that GIABA's various Strategic Plans have recommended the holding of information, awareness-raising and briefing sessions for all development stakeholders.

This GIABA information session is in line with the recommendation of the 64th Ordinary Session of the ECOWAS Council of Ministers, which was approved by the 38th Summit of Heads of State and Government held in Sal (Republic of Cabo Verde) on 2 July 2010, requiring the Community Institutions to regularly hold information sharing sessions for ambassadors and Representatives of Member States on their activities.