Forensic CPA Society

Building Financial Crime Resilience, Asset Recovery Capacity & Institutional Integrity

Supporting Governments, Law Enforcement and International Development Partners

2015–2024

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Executive Summary

The Caribbean Institute of Forensic Accounting **(CIFA)** and the Forensic CPA Society **(FCPAS)** stand at the forefront of advancing forensic accounting, financial investigations, anti-money laundering, asset recovery, anti-corruption, and financial crime enforcement across the Caribbean and internationally. Through strategic partnerships, specialized training, advisory services, and professional certification programmes, both organizations have helped strengthen the capabilities of governments, law enforcement agencies, regulators, Financial Intelligence Units (FIUs), prosecutors, customs authorities, auditors, and compliance professionals throughout the region and beyond.

Collectively supporting a growing network of members, partners, and subscribers in more than 60 countries, **CIFA** and **FCPAS** have become recognized leaders in building professional excellence and institutional resilience in the fight against financial crime. Under the leadership of Executive President Stephon Grey, the organizations have delivered training, mentorship, technical assistance, forensic accounting expertise, investigative methodologies, and capacity-building initiatives designed to enhance the detection, investigation, prosecution, and prevention of complex financial crimes.

Over the years, **CIFA** and **FCPAS** have contributed to several significant regional and international initiatives, including collaborations with the State Assets Recovery Agency **(SARA)** of Guyana, the Special Organised Crime Unit **(SOCU)**, the Financial Intelligence Unit **(FIU)**, the Guyana Revenue Authority **(GRA)**, the Customs Anti-Narcotic Unit **(CANU)**, the Bank of Guyana, Ministries of Finance, Supreme Audit Institutions, and numerous public-sector agencies throughout the Caribbean.

GLOBAL REACH. LOCAL IMPACT.
Supporting a network of members, partners, and subscribers in **more than 60 countries** while strengthening institutions and advancing the fight against financial crime worldwide.

Their work has also supported major donor-funded and international development programmes, including:

- **The Caribbean Anti-Crime and Financial Crimes Programme,** implemented by the National Center for State Courts (NCSC) and funded by the United States Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL);
- **The Global Programme for Combating Illicit Financial Flows (GP-IFF),** implemented by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), supporting capacity development in Eastern Africa (Kenya), Northern and Western Africa (Tunisia, Senegal, Ghana), Latin America (Peru), and the Western Balkans (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, and Serbia);
- **Specialized Law Enforcement Training Series on Asset Recovery and Financial Investigations,** delivered to investigators, intelligence officers, auditors, prosecutors, regulators, and financial crime practitioners across multiple jurisdictions.

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Through these engagements, **CIFA** and **FCPAS** have helped advance best practices in forensic accounting, financial intelligence, beneficial ownership analysis, asset tracing, confiscation and recovery, anti-corruption investigations, governance enhancement, and financial crime risk management.

The organizations recognize that illicit financial flows, corruption, money laundering, fraud, cyber-enabled financial crime, cryptocurrency-related offences, tax evasion, and transnational organized crime continue to pose significant threats to economic development, public trust, national security, and institutional integrity. Addressing these threats requires highly trained professionals, robust intelligence systems, strong governance frameworks, effective inter-agency cooperation, and continuous investment in investigative capacity.

OUR JOURNEY. OUR IMPACT.

BUILDING CAPACITY. STRENGTHENING INTEGRITY. ADVANCING FINANCIAL CRIME ENFORCEMENT.

10+ YEARS OF IMPACT 2015-2024

60+ COUNTRIES REACHED

GOVERNMENTS SUPPORTED

LAW ENFORCEMENT AND REGULATORS EMPOWERED

Today, **CIFA** and **FCPAS** remain committed to supporting governments, regulators, law enforcement agencies, international development partners, and private-sector organizations through world-class education, professional certification, advisory services, and capacity-building programmes. Together with the Forensic CPA Global Academy, they continue to empower professionals and institutions with the knowledge, tools, and expertise required to safeguard public resources, strengthen accountability, and promote transparency throughout the Caribbean and around the world.

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Our Contribution to Guyana's Asset Recovery and Financial Crime Framework

FCPAS 2005 — CIFA 2008 — **SARA PARTNERSHIP** 2015–2020

Supporting the State Assets Recovery Agency (SARA)

During the establishment and development of Guyana's State Assets Recovery Agency (SARA), professionals associated with **CIFA** and **FCPAS** contributed to initiatives designed to strengthen:

- Asset tracing and recovery
- Civil asset forfeiture and recovery procedures
- Financial investigations methodologies
- Beneficial ownership investigations
- Corruption investigations
- Proceeds-of-crime investigations
- Financial intelligence utilization
- Inter-agency cooperation frameworks
- Forensic accounting applications in asset recovery matters

SARA represented Guyana's first dedicated civil asset recovery framework and played a critical role in advancing anti-corruption and asset recovery efforts throughout the country.

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Supporting the Special Organised Crime Unit (SOCU)

SARA SUPPORTING SOCU

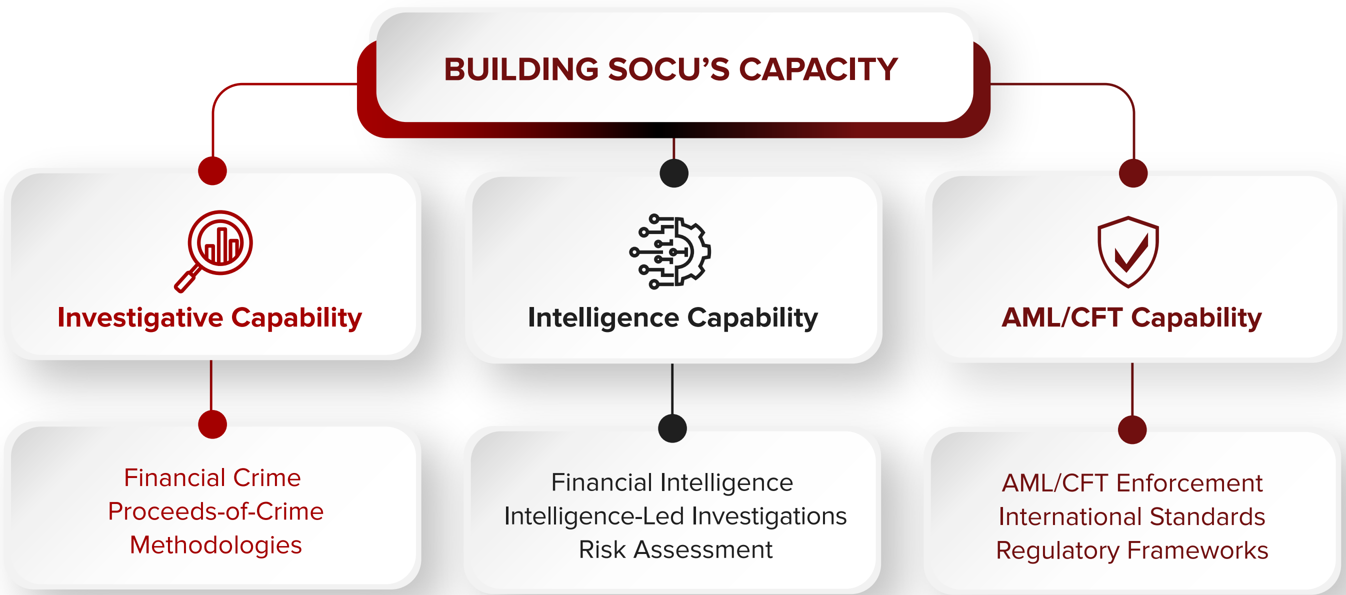
2015–2020

Strengthening SOCU's operational capabilities to investigate complex financial crime.

CIFA and FCPAS professionals also contributed to capacity-building initiatives supporting the Special Organised Crime Unit **(SOCU)**, Guyana's specialist financial crime investigative unit responsible for:

- Money laundering investigations
- Terrorist financing investigations
- Organized financial crime investigations
- Proceeds-of-crime investigations
- Financial intelligence exploitation
- AML/CFT enforcement
- Financial crime investigative methodologies
- Intelligence-led investigations

The development of **SOCU** significantly strengthened Guyana's ability to investigate complex financial crimes and align with international AML/CFT standards.



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Law Enforcement Training Series on Asset Recovery and Financial Investigations

SARA SOCU **LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING SERIES**

2015–2020

Hosted by the State Assets Recovery Agency (SARA)

One of the most significant contributions by CIFA during this period was the delivery of the Law Enforcement Training Series on Asset Recovery and Financial Investigations, hosted by the State Assets Recovery Agency (SARA) in Guyana.

The programme brought together investigators, analysts, regulators, and enforcement personnel from:

Participating Agencies

- State Assets Recovery Agency **(SARA)**
- Special Organised Crime Unit **(SOCU)**
- Financial Intelligence Unit **(FIU)**
- Guyana Revenue Authority **(GRA)**
- Bank of Guyana
- Customs Anti-Narcotic Unit **(CANU)**
- Ministry of Finance
- Other Government and Law Enforcement Agencies

70+
Officers & Professionals Participated in the Initiative

TRAINING AREAS DELIVERED

- Asset Recovery and Asset Tracing
- Financial Investigations
- Forensic Accounting
- Forensic Auditing
- Follow-the-Money Methodologies
- Beneficial Ownership Investigations
- Financial Intelligence Analysis
- Financial Statement Analysis
- Corruption Investigations
- Proceeds-of-Crime Investigations
- International Asset Recovery
- Intelligence-Led Investigations
- Evidence Development & Management
- Anti-Money Laundering Investigations
- Investigative Interviewing

Designed to Strengthen Guyana's Abilities

The programme was specifically designed to strengthen Guyana's ability to identify, investigate, trace, freeze, confiscate, and recover assets obtained through corruption, fraud, money laundering, and other financial crimes.

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CARIBBEAN ANTI-CRIME AND FINANCIAL CRIMES PROGRAMME

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SOCU
LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING SERIES
CARIBBEAN ANTI-CRIME PROGRAMME

2015–2020

National Center for State Courts (NCSC) & U.S. Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL)

Professionals associated with CIFA and FCPAS contributed to regional anti-crime and financial crime initiatives implemented by the National Center for State Courts **(NCSC)** and funded by the United States Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs **(INL)**.

PARTICIPATING JURISDICTIONS

- Antigua and Barbuda
- The Bahamas
- Barbados
- Belize
- Dominica
- Grenada
- Guyana
- Jamaica
- Saint Kitts and Nevis
- Saint Lucia
- Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
- Suriname
- Trinidad and Tobago

AREAS OF CAPACITY BUILDING

- Financial Crime Investigations
- Financial Intelligence Analysis
- Fraud Examination
- Asset Tracing and Recovery
- Anti-Corruption Enforcement
- Public Sector Accountability
- AML/CFT Investigations
- Investigative Interviewing
- Intelligence-Led Investigations
- Governance and Compliance
- Public Sector Fraud Risk Management
- Investigative Reporting Standards

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Global Programme for Combating Illicit Financial Flows (GP-IFF) GIZ / BMZ

SARA — SOCU — LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING SERIES — CARIBBEAN ANTI-CRIME PROGRAMME — (GP-IFF) GIZ / BMZ PROGRAMMES

2015–2020 — 2021 - 2024

Programme Countries and Regions

EASTERN AFRICA

- Kenya

NORTHERN AND WESTERN AFRICA

- Tunisia
- Senegal
- Ghana

LATIN AMERICA

- Peru

WESTERN BALKANS

- Albania
- North Macedonia
- Montenegro
- Kosovo
- Serbia
- Bosnia and Herzegovina

Between 2021 and 2024, professionals associated with **CIFA** and **FCPAS** contributed to capacity-building initiatives associated with the Global Programme for Combating Illicit Financial Flows **(GP-IFF)**, implemented by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit **(GIZ) GmbH** on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development **(BMZ)**.

Programme Objective

The programme sought to strengthen global, regional, and national systems for **combating illicit financial flows by enhancing partner capacities in:**

- ☑ Prevention
- ☑ Financial Investigations
- ☑ Asset Recovery
- ☑ Financial Transparency
- ☑ International Cooperation
- ☑ Institutional Resilience

International Partnerships

CIFA and **FCPAS** contributed technical expertise to a global capacity-building initiative implemented by **GIZ** on behalf of **BMZ**, supporting partner countries in strengthening systems to combat illicit financial flows.

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STRATEGIC AREAS OF SUPPORT

Prevention

- Beneficial Ownership Transparency
- AML/CFT Compliance Frameworks
- Financial Transparency Initiatives
- Governance Enhancement

Financial Investigations

- Financial Investigation Methodologies
- Intelligence-Led Investigations
- Cross-Border Cooperation
- Illicit Financial Flow Detection
- Trade-Based Money Laundering Investigations

Asset Recovery

- Asset Tracing
- Asset Identification
- Asset Recovery Networks
- Mutual Legal Assistance
- Recovery of Criminal Proceeds

Strengthening Institutional Capacity

The programme strengthened the ability of governments, regulators, Financial Intelligence Units, customs authorities, tax administrations, anti-corruption agencies, prosecutors, and law-enforcement bodies to identify, investigate, disrupt, and recover assets linked to corruption, organized crime, money laundering, tax crimes, and illicit financial flows.

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Regional Impact

Building Capacity Across the Financial Crime Ecosystem

CIFA and FCPAS strengthen institutions by combining professional education, technical advisory services, and internationally recognized certification programmes that enhance investigative capability, institutional integrity, and financial crime resilience.

Through advisory services, technical assistance, curriculum development, certification programmes, workshops, conferences, train-the-trainer initiatives, and specialized law-enforcement programmes, **CIFA and FCPAS have helped strengthen the capabilities of:**

- ☑ Financial Intelligence Units
- ☑ Police Services
- ☑ Anti-Corruption Agencies
- ☑ Customs Administrations
- ☑ Prosecutorial Authorities
- ☑ Regulators
- ☑ Public Sector Auditors
- ☑ Integrity Commissions
- ☑ Financial Investigators
- ☑ Forensic Accountants
- ☑ Fraud Examiners
- ☑ Compliance Professionals
- ☑ Intelligence Analysts

CURRENT PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMMES

Certifications

Forensic Certified Public Accountant (FCPA)

Forensic Certified Analyst (FCA)

Financial Crime Analysis Programmes

Asset Recovery Programmes

Anti-Corruption Programmes

Investigative Interviewing Programmes

Advisory Services

Financial Crime Investigations

Forensic Accounting Reviews

Fraud Risk Assessments

Asset Tracing and Recovery

AML Advisory Services

Governance Reviews

Compliance Assessments

Counter-Fraud Framework Development

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Proven Results. Measurable Impact. Stronger Institutions.

Through partnerships with governments, law enforcement agencies, Financial Intelligence Units, regulators, prosecutors, customs authorities, development partners, and international organizations, these initiatives have generated tangible results that continue to strengthen the region's ability to combat financial crime and protect public resources.

KEY SUCCESSES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

1 Strengthened Financial Crime Enforcement Capacity

- **Trained hundreds of investigators**, auditors, prosecutors, intelligence officers, compliance professionals, regulators, and law enforcement personnel.
- **Enhanced national capabilities** in financial investigations, forensic accounting, asset tracing, and asset recovery.
- **Increased the use of financial intelligence** and financial evidence in criminal and civil proceedings.
- **Promoted intelligence-led investigations** and modern investigative methodologies.

2 Enhanced Asset Recovery and Anti-Corruption Frameworks

- **Supported the development of specialized asset recovery** capabilities within government agencies.
- **Strengthened the ability of agencies** to identify, trace, restrain, confiscate, and recover proceeds of crime.
- **Advanced beneficial ownership investigations** and transparency initiatives.
- **Improved institutional responses to corruption**, fraud, money laundering, and illicit financial flows.

3 Improved Inter-Agency Collaboration

- **Fostered stronger cooperation among law enforcement** agencies, Financial Intelligence Units, prosecutors, customs authorities, tax administrations, central banks, and anti-corruption agencies.
- **Encouraged whole-of-government approaches** to complex financial crime investigations.
- **Strengthened information-sharing** mechanisms and investigative coordination.

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Our Vision

Empowering professionals.
Strengthening institutions.
Protecting public trust.

To establish the Caribbean as a global leader in forensic accounting, financial crime investigations, anti-corruption excellence, asset recovery, financial intelligence, and institutional integrity by developing world-class professionals, strengthening institutions, and supporting the effective detection, investigation, disruption, and prosecution of financial crime.

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