

# ESA Photobook

World Customs Organization East & Southern Africa Region Regional Office for Capacity Building

## Sotho Photo Contest

A collection of photographs that tell Customs stories



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# Background

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The World Customs Organization, East and Southern Africa, Regional Office for Capacity Building, launched the **Annual ESA ‘Sotho photo’ Contest**. This called for Members to submit their ‘best’ photos to be displayed and voted for during the meeting of the region’s Directors General, the Governing Council, annually. This contest was christened ‘Sotho’ in honour of the nation and people of Lesotho, which hosted the first photo contest in the region during Governing Council in May, 2016. We also hoped that this contest will further boost our Members’ submission of photos for the WCO Annual Photo Competition.

Meanwhile, all the photos submitted form part of the **‘ESA Sotho photo Book, a collection of photos that tell Customs stories**.

# Editorial

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It is our pleasure to present to you the third edition of the World Customs Organization East and Southern Africa Regional Office for Capacity Building (WCO ESA ROCB) **ESA Sotho photo Book, a collection of photos that tell Customs stories**. This edition features the photos submitted by Members for this year’s ESA Sotho Photo competition which was held during the 23<sup>rd</sup> ESA Governing Council in Kigali, Rwanda in May, 2018.

I am thankful that we continue to grow as a region and honoured that other regions are showing more and more interest in our photo contest. For the 2018 contest, we received photos from 15 out of our 24 Members countries, with Kenya, for second year in a row, winning the contest, followed by Malawi and Botswana. We introduced catch titles for the submission and as therefore pleased to share with you Angola’s *Smoking Out*, Botswana’s *Sniffed Out*, Burundi’s *Presidential Honour*, Comoros’ *Crowd Puller*, Ethiopia’s *Coked Out*, Kenya’s *TopGear Revealed*, Lesotho’s *Assembly Time*, Malawi’s *Compressed Dope*, Mauritius’ *Nosy Officer*, Mozambique’s *Runaway Moolah*, Rwanda’s *Hidden Treasure*, Seychelles’ *Safely Home*, Uganda’s *Fatal Blow*, Zambia’s *Summertime Shorts* and Zimbabwe’s *Incorruptible Canine*.

Congratulations to the winners and to all the Members for telling Customs stories through photography in their efforts to making their countries, the Region, and the world a better place. We pray that you enjoy Volume III of this collection.

**Larry Liza**  
Director





# Sotho Photo Contest Winner 2018

## KENYA

*Winning Photo submitted by the Kenya Revenue Authority in the year 2018, showing customs Enforcement Southern Region intercepted a high value consignment in which three high-end motor vehicles were suspected to be concealed.*



## Sotho Photo Contest 1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up 2018

### MALAWI

Photo showing a consignment of 29 compressors concealing 13.5kg of dangerous drugs called Apomorphine.



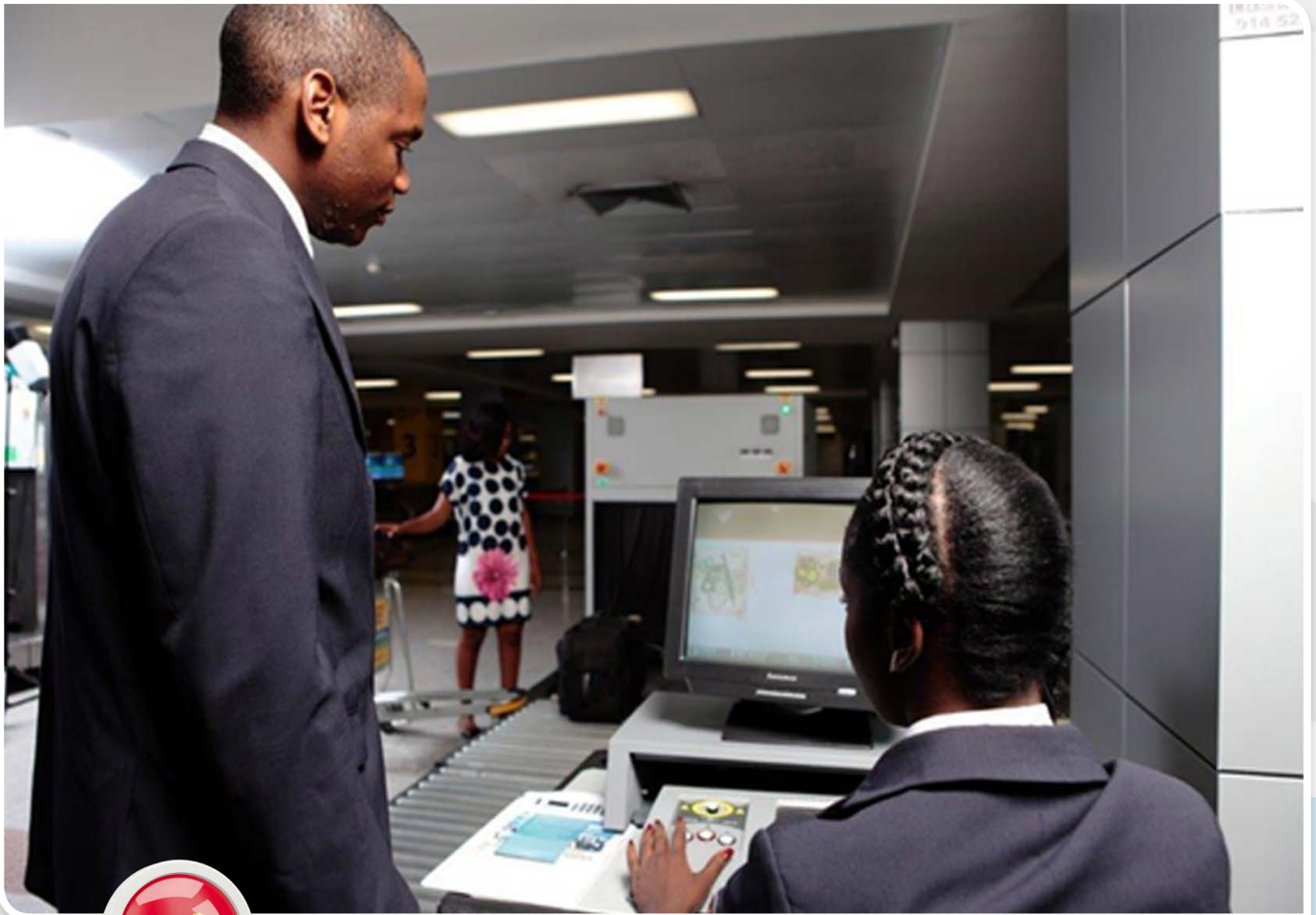
## Sotho Photo Contest 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up 2018

### BOTSWANA

Photo showing customs search dog jumping into a truck through a window, to conduct a search.

# ANGOLA

## Smoking Out!



Angolan Customs has adopted baggage screening for a decade and has achieved important goals, including seizures of drugs, money laundering, cash smuggling and products that endanger the lives of passengers. In 2017, 13 seizures were made, totalling 51kgs of narcotic drugs, from the expertise of our officials with the support of the scanners.

The scanners aim to support the maximization of baggage screening and other technologies that contribute to increasing revenue and protecting the society by identifying undeclared merchandise as well as holding prohibited goods.



# BOTSWANA

## Sniffed Out



The picture depicts a Customs search dog jumping into a truck through a window, to conduct a search. Detection of undeclared and sometimes illegal substances, often concealed inside vehicles and other places, has significantly improved since the acquisition and use of dogs by Customs in Botswana.

# BURUNDI

## Presidential Honour



President of the Republic of Burundi H. E. Pierre Nkurunziza joined the OOB on December 5, 2017, in celebrating the second edition of the Taxpayers' Day and awarded the Prize of Excellence to BRARUDI. BRARUDI, the first industrial beer production industry in Burundi, is one of the enterprises participating in the AEO program and has been chosen as a model for customs and fiscal compliance.



# COMOROS

## Crowd Puller



The most popular Comorian Customs Officer, Mr. Ibouroi (last on the row), a 41-year-old dwarf, in full training among the agents of the Surveillance Brigade.



# ETHIOPIA

## Coked Out

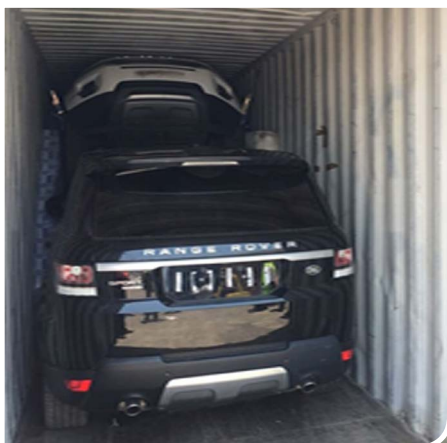


The photo displays about 12 kgs of cocaine dusted on a white towel dipped into a bucket, which contains cocaine powder, steered in water and then packed after drying. It was seized at Addis Ababa's Bole International Airport while being trafficked into Ethiopia from Brazil on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017.



## KENYA

# TopGear Revealed



On 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017, Customs Enforcement Southern Region intercepted a high value consignment in which three high-end motor vehicles were suspected to be concealed. The container arrived at the Port of Mombasa on 3rd September 2017, aboard MV. Noro from Felixstowe, United Kingdom. The manifest declared bags of skateboarding equipment, 85 bags of soft baby toys, 14 castles, 85 boxes of tennis equipment, 85 boxes of cricket bat and skate equipment. Scanner image and actual verification revealed concealed three high-end vehicles.



# LESOTHO

## Assembly Time



The photo shows a group of enumerators assembled for day briefing at the launch of the Time Release Study early this year.

# MALAWI

## Compressed Dope



On 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018, Malawi Customs officers stationed at the Kamuzu International Airport (KIA) seized a consignment of 29 compressors concealing 13.5kg of dangerous drugs called Apomorphine.



# MAURITIUS

## Nosy Officer



**M**auritian Prime Minister Mr. Pravind Kumar Jugnauth paying tribute to the customs officers who on a 24/7 basis ensure that the country is protected from entry of illegal substances with the K9 unit and other latest technology.



# MOZAMBIQUE

## Runaway Moolah



These two trucks were apprehended by Mozambique Custom Mobile Team in one of the routes that connects Mozambique to South Africa. Inside one of the trucks carrying energetic beverages, there were undeclared items, such as milk, juice, coffee and infant food worth about R580,000 (about USD. 50,000). The second truck carried powder soap and mayonnaise declared for customs duties and tax payment within the Preferential Treatment, under SADC Trade Protocol but with a false Certificate of Origin.

## RWANDA

# Hidden Treasure

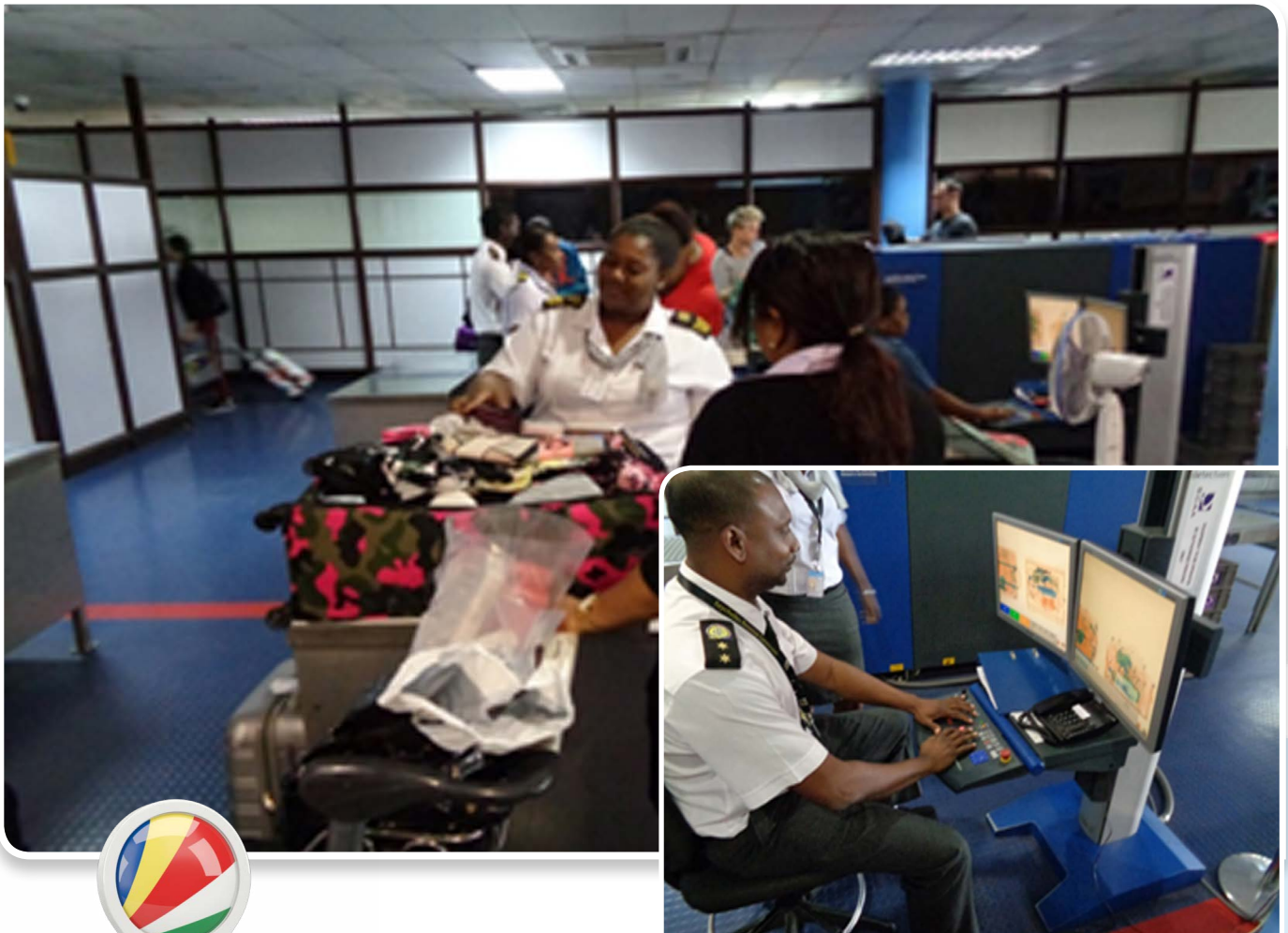


The above photo shows a Customs operation in which 45 cartons of smuggled wines and liquors were intercepted. These goods were concealed in a truck carrying wood and charcoal imported from DRC to Rwanda.



# SEYCHELLES

## Safely Home



Airport passenger terminal has strengthened its border security by intensifying on random baggage search through scanners in the arrival lounge. This was due to an increase in detection of large amounts of concealed duty free cigarettes.



# UGANDA

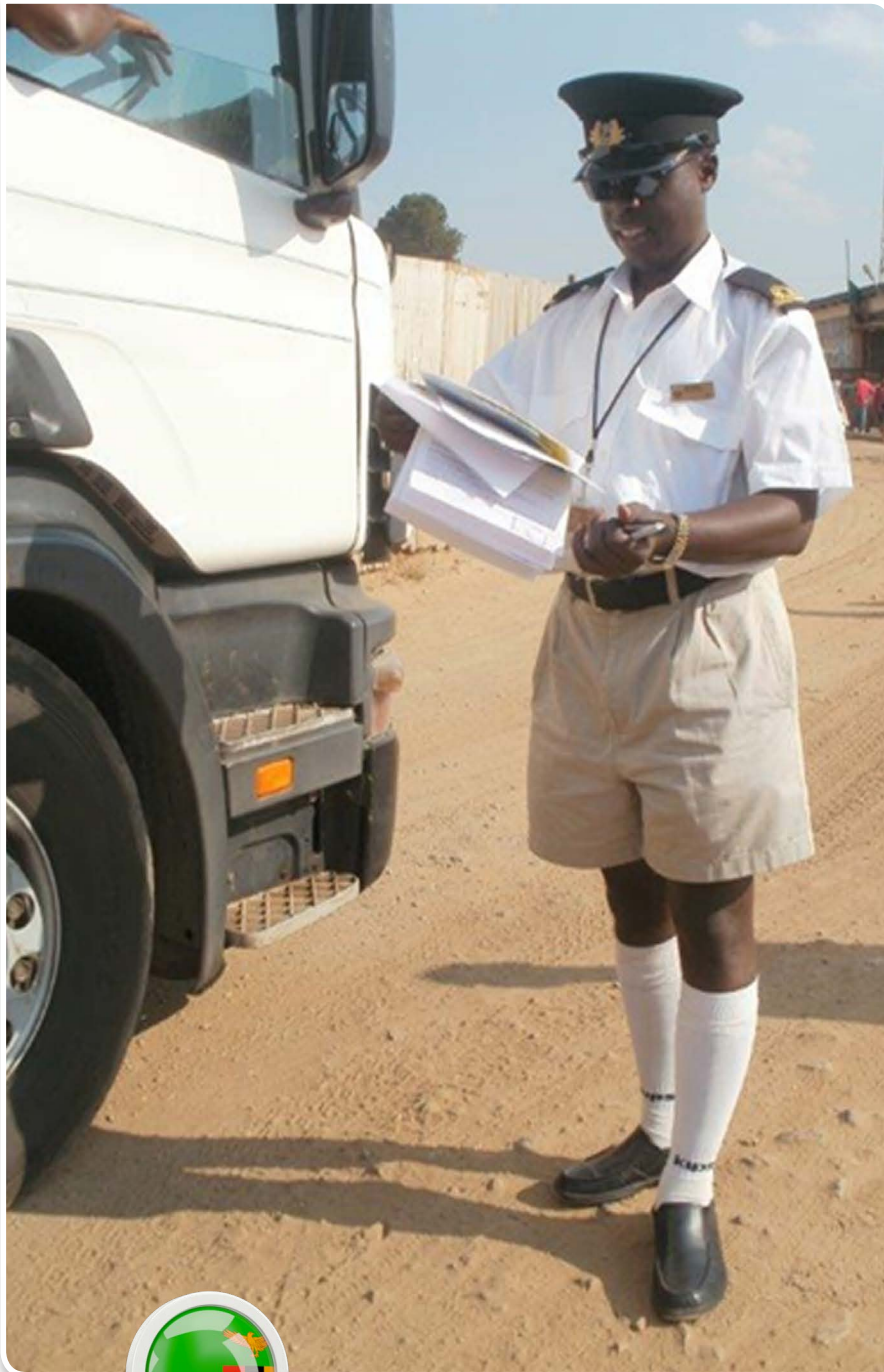
## Fatal Blow



With changes in smuggling trends especially along the porous borders, staff training not only focuses on mastering the clearance processes but also ensuring that staff are well equipped in intelligence and military “protective” skills. A female Customs officer demonstrating Karate skills acquired during the just concluded staff military training at the Uganda Junior Staff College, Gadhafi Barracks.

## ZAMBIA

# Summertime Shorts



Maxwell Changwe is an Examining Officer aged 54 and based at Lusaka Port Office. He has served the Authority for twenty-two (22) years in different portfolios and locations and is currently at the busiest border, Nakonde, Zambia. The Summertime Customs Uniform is a reminder of the pride of a Customs Officer. It was designed for the summer times especially in areas with extreme temperatures during summer.

He is hopeful that the photograph will encourage Customs Administrations in the region and the rest of the world to officially reintroduce this type of uniform to be used by our gallant Customs officials during the summer.



## ZIMBABWE

# Incorruptible Canine



The canine unit was adopted with the aim of safeguarding the health and safety of people from dangerous and harmful substances as well as curbing smuggling. The team is available at ports of entry and exit. It works in complementing measures in place to fight smuggling such as use of scanners, border patrols, roadblocks in conjunction with law enforcement agencies, cargo tracking, risk profiling, and information dissemination..



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