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Session 2 – Increased collaboration and communication, both within and between networks

_Lusaka Agreement Task Force (LATF)_:
1) **best practices, key challenges and lessons learned.**

- **Best practices** – Cross Border Wildlife Security Meetings/Platforms
  - CWC sub-regional platform (sub-regional forum of four countries Malawi, Tanzania, Mozambique and Zambia);
  - Cross-border wildlife security meeting – Kenya/Tanzania, Zambia/Tanzania Uganda/Kenya

- **Key Challenges**
  - lack of financial resources to conduct joint investigations, complicated by differing domestic legislation, mandates, and limitations for action (e.g., investigators),
  - the desire for quick results, the desire to brand results and outcomes affecting investigations. There is need to invest in long-term investigations and long-term capacity building of the LE units

- **Lessons learned:**
  - Creation of specialised LE units/special task forces at national level proving to be effective in promoting interagency collaboration and collaboration with other networks
  - Specialised Units have also recorded tremendous success in countering transnational organised crime
2) key communication and collaboration challenges identified within the network and with other networks.

- Challenge in timely sharing of information on transnational organized wildlife crime (with the network & with other networks)

- Inadequate engagement in joint LE activities;

- Lack of a day to day information management/sharing structure in within member states.

- Infrequent correspondence/communication.

- Inadequate use of the communication tool/platform for sharing

- Covid – 19 travel restrictions affected collaboration
3) **opportunities to enhance collaboration within the networks and with other networks identified.**

- Establishment of new WENs offering opportunities for mentorship from the already existing WENS

- Formation of specialized LE units/national task forces (e.g. Tanzania and Uganda) - improved coordination at National level and collaboration

- Undertaking joint programs of mutual interest, as well as reciprocal participation in each others’ events
Thank you/Gracias

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