The "go" family of products, developed by UNODC, provide sustainable and affordable IT solutions for use by government agencies in a wide range of areas including Law Enforcement, Prosecution, Intelligence, Financial Intelligence, Revenue and Customs, Regulatory, Anti-Corruption and Asset Forfeiture and Recovery within the realms of the UNODC mandates.

Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) IT Systems – You Need More than the Fancy Stuff

There are some excellent IT products on the market that have application in Financial Intelligence Units. These are products such as charting applications, relational databases, rules engines, document management systems etc. Some of the vendors of such products are market leaders in each specific area such as charting and visualization. However, there is no single vendor that can provide on its own a complete integrated solution for an FIU. This means that buying different applications in an attempt to build a complete solution will result in significant costs and will still lack the considerable benefits of an integrated solution.

Before you can employ these types of tools you need the basics: the ability to collect data (preferably online through a web application), to validate it against your country’s reporting requirements, to store it and establish basic relationships, to search it, do basic analysis and to produce an intelligence report. Only when you have these basics in place can you apply the more sophisticated tools if you are to obtain any value from them. UNODC’s goAML has all the fancy stuff but it also has the basics – 14 different components integrated into one system. They all work together to form a “Whole of FIU” solution, the only FIU specific solution available.

For more information download the goAML System Description and Requirements at:

Growing Interest in UNODC “go” Products

- The Netherlands’ FIU carried out a thorough evaluation of goAML in February 2009. Due to the experience of the IT personnel from the Netherlands’ FIU, UNODC found this exercise as valuable as the evaluation by the Australian Transactions Reports and Analysis Centre (AUSTRAC) and the Financial Transactions Reports Analysis Centre of Canada (FINTRAC), carried out on behalf of the IT Working Group of the Egmont Group. The evaluation resulted in the Netherlands’ FIU looking seriously at goAML as a possible solution to their data collection, management and analytical needs. UNODC is excited about the prospect of working with such an experienced and knowledgeable FIU.

- UNODC has also been engaged in discussions with the Cyprus FIU, Unit for Combating Money Laundering (MOKAS). MOKAS has evaluated goAML and goCASE and favours both to meet its mandate, which extends beyond that of most FIUs. UNODC looks forward to the possibility of partnering with MOKAS in the delivery of an IT environment that meets their specific needs and serves them well into the future.

- The Financial Intelligence Center of South Africa completed an in-depth analysis of goAML in February 2009. UNODC benefited hugely from the experience of an FIC that has been in business for some years, and is confident that the FIC, South Africa was impressed with goAML.

- UNODC has been working closely with the FIUs of Bermuda and the Palestinian Monetary Authority, and is optimistic that goAML will be deployed to both FIUs in the near future.

- UNODC is in close talks with the Commission on Integrity in the Republic of Iraq concerning the possible deployment of goCASE. The Indonesian Corruption Eradication Commission recently visited UNODC in Vienna and are also highly interested in the goCASE system.
Updates from UNODC’s “goPartners”

EFCC, Nigeria
goAML was essentially re-launched in Nigeria in February 2009, and since then the number of Cash Transaction Reports (CTRs) submitted to the Nigerian FIU (NFIU) using the goAML application has increased significantly, as has the quality of the reports. The new management of the NFIU and of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), the host agency of the NFIU, have endorsed goAML as their only business solution and have immediately and successfully moved to further enforce compliance with the reporting requirements of Nigerian anti-money laundering laws and regulations and thus with the reporting schema of goAML.

NFIU analysts are now making full use of the analytical features of goAML and cases are flowing to the various investigative units of EFCC. The EFCC is also a major user of goCASE and those goAML generated cases that the EFCC turns into investigations will be handled in goCASE.

January/February also saw the completion of Phase 2 of the deployment of goCASE in EFCC. This included the installation of the latest version of goCASE in all the EFCC user offices and training of 30 staff, many of whom have joined the organization since goCASE was first deployed.

In a very important development for the future of the EFCC and goCASE, the application has now been installed in the Training and Research Institute (TRI) of the EFCC. The TRI has an impressive IT learning facility and in future goCASE will form an integral part of the EFCC recruit training curriculum. A separate and specialized “Train the Trainer” exercise is underway for the TRI teaching faculty.

Financial Intelligence Centre (FIC), Kosovo
goAML was installed in Kosovo in September 2008. All 9 retail banks in Kosovo are now reporting Cash Transaction Reports (CTRs) via XML upload. A new version of goAML WEB has been installed with the ability to fill in Suspicious Transaction Reports (STRs) online, and a new version of the reporting instructions has been rolled out.

Financial Intelligence Centre (FIC), Namibia
goAML was installed in FIC, Namibia in July 2008. Templates for Suspicious Transaction Reports (STRs) have now been customized to suit specific local needs and the latest version of goAML (v1.2.8) was rolled out in February 2009.

Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU), Tanzania
Following a competitive bidding process, the FIU, Tanzania has recently signed on for goAML. USAID provided considerable support towards the establishment of the FIU, Tanzania, including the initial funding for goAML. Deployment of goAML is scheduled for 5 May 2009.

Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau (PCCB), Tanzania
goCASE will be deployed to PCCB, Tanzania in April 2009. PCCB will work closely with the FIU, Tanzania.

New features of goAML

- Increase of data loading capacity from 50,000 to 15 million reports per day.
- General system performance increased by a minimum factor of 10.
- New layer for business rule based acceptance or rejection of submitted reports.
- New set of administrative and management reports to monitor and report on standard operating procedure driven efficiencies for handling Suspicious Transaction Reports (STRs) and Intelligence Cases.
- Now possible to manually load Cash Transaction Reports (CTRs), Border Cross Reports (BCRs) and Electronic Funds Transfer Reports (EFTs) through the client and web application.
- Enhanced catalogue search and lookup features for all fields.
- New lookup features allow users to search by transaction number and date range, value range and reporting institution.
- New “virtual object” feature allows analysts create assumed identical lists, social networks, money laundering rings and link seemingly disparate objects such as persons, accounts etc. Transactions of any virtual object can be simultaneously retrieved whenever a member of the virtual object is involved in a new transaction.
- Transaction screens have been enhanced to indicate when a person, account or entity is a member of a virtual object.
- Now possible for analysts to freeze the layout of a diagram so that further layers are more easily identified and formatted.
“go” Family of Products

Provides FIUs with electronic data receipt, data cleansing, data storage, document management, tactical and strategic analysis capability including data visualization, workflow and task management.

Provides law enforcement, regulatory, anti-corruption and prosecution agencies with an integrated case and information management system, workflow and task assignment, electronic case file, data visualization and prosecution file management system.

Equips Government agencies with the IT and communications infrastructure to host the “go” solutions.

To be developed:

Provides evaluators with a comprehensive assessment framework, allowing them to compile “Detailed Assessment Reports” of countries’ compliance with anti-money laundering (AML) and countering the financing of terrorism (CFT) requirements.

Provides law enforcement, prosecution, regulatory, anti-corruption, asset forfeiture and recovery agencies with a workflow driven tool to identify, track, manage and realize criminally-derived and stolen assets.

Provides domestic, regional or international clusters of organizations with the facility to collect, manage, store, analyze and share information and intelligence.

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