

Mexico Mérida Movement Week of May 31- June 4, 2010



Left: Money laundering course participants sort through “trash” to find evidence of money laundering crimes.
Right: Group photo of DOJ/OPDAT Money Laundering Course participants

- **Financial Investigative Techniques Course:** The U.S. Treasury Department, Office of Technical Assistance (OTA) with assistance from the IRS-CI Attache Office - Mexico City delivered a five-day course on Financial Investigative Techniques to a class of 26 SSP Investigators, PGR-SIEDO Prosecutors, and UIF analysts. The class was held at the SSP Headquarters in Mexico City. The course is designed to build the capacity of GOM law enforcement agencies in conducting financial crimes and money laundering investigations.
- **JUDICIAL REFORM TRAINING:** National Institute of Criminal Sciences (INACIPE) continued its year-long program to educate the legal communities in all 32 states on the new criminal justice system. Courses were held in Zacatecas, Toluca (Estado de Mexico), Tepic (Nayarit), and Tuxtla Gutierrez (Chiapas). Approximately 270 police, judges, prosecutors, lawyers, teachers and researchers attended.
- **DOJ/OPDAT Money Laundering Course:** DOJ/OPDAT hosted a hands-on Money Laundering course for representatives from PGR, SSP, CENAPI, UIF and others. This course featured instructors from the Asset Forfeiture Money Laundering Section of the Department of Justice, Assistant United States Attorneys (AUSAs) from several districts, FBI, IRS, and the US Attorney from the Southern District of Texas. OPDAT designed this course to be a step-by-step guide to money laundering investigations and prosecutions. Course attendees participated in exercises as teams, including sorting through “trash” to find and determine the value of evidence they came across. The curriculum for this course was developed in tandem with GOM counterparts and also featured four Mexican instructors. The course received rave reviews from all in attendance. The PGR has requested that several more iterations of the course be given and DOJ will deliver on that request.

- **Interviewing and Interrogation Course:** DOJ/OPDAT sent another contingent of PGR prosecutors and SSP investigators to Colombia to participate in an Interviewing and Interrogation course hosted by OPDAT Colombia. This two week course will help participants develop interviewing and interrogation skills alongside their Colombian counterparts and will help build PGR’s professional responsibility capabilities as well as SSP’s internal affairs capabilities.
- **Code Reform Workshop:** DOJ/OPDAT hosted a Code Reform workshop in Mexico City for members of the commission working on federal code reform. This workshop was attended by participants from SEGOB, SSP, SECTEC, and Legal Counsel to the Federal Executive Branch and was facilitated by the US Department of Justice. Assistant United States Attorneys with code reform experience from Colombia and other countries gave guidance to assist the commission in developing and implementing a Federal Code. As a result of the day-long workshop, Commission members expressed interest in DOJ participating in an advisory capacity during their code writing and implementation process.
- **TRAINING:**
 NAS funded training provided the week of June 7 – June 11, 2010:

Name of Course	Date
Drug and Criminal Investigation Course	June 5-12, 2010.
Sexual Assault	June 5-12, 2010
Train the Trainer	June 5, 2010.