**Session 1.3**

**International Cooperation in a**

**Global Economy**

***Introduction to exercise case study and group work***

**“Swiss Connection”**

**Case Summary**

**This case study relates to a fraud and money laundering activity being undertaken by Chukwuemeka Danwole**

* **Kwami** **Fiavi** **Kalepe**, a Togolesenational living in Lausanne, Switzerland, had opened many banking accounts in his name at the request of **Chukwuemeka Danwole**, who told him that he was living in France and wanted to invest money in real-estate. **Kalepe** opened accounts in nine banks in Switzerland for this purpose.
* Between March 15, 2010 and August 30, 2010, CHF 350,000 was transferred to these accounts from abroad. On the instructions of **Danwole**, **Kalepe** quickly withdrew all of the funds and handed them to **Danwole**, after having taken an undetermined amount as commission.
* **Danwole** also convinced his girlfriend **Marie-Jocelyne Guirand**,a Haitian living in Geneva, to open bank accounts in order to collect funds for him. By December, 2010, CHF 13,745.58 and CHF 12,600 had been credited to the account no 024-872255.40C in the name of **Guirand** from two offshore companies Virgin Islands.
* Between the 9th and 15th of December2010, **Guirand** on the instructions of **Danwole** had withdrawn all the cash from this account.
* Between the end of 2009 and the beginning of 2011, **Danwole** had convinced several people and companies to transfer large amounts of money to the accounts opened by **Kalepe** and **Guirand**.
* **Danwole** ordered the people to withdraw the money and transfer it via money transmitters (money transfer services) to third parties residing in Nigeria and Spain. It was also discovered that in 2010 **Danwole** had transferred money from Switzerland to his sister **Uche Chiamaka Danwole**, his mother **Egoamaka Danwole both who were living in France** and his father **Duke Danwole**, who was living in Nigeria.
* **Chukwuemeka Danwole** was using Facebook account with designated URL “Swiss Connection 1234” to communicate with his aides and accomplices.
* **Chukwuemeka Danwole** was using e-mail account danwole.toblerone@wanadoo.fr for sending and receiving financial instrument to aids and accomplices.
* Funds transferred came from parties living in Europe, United States, Asia and Israel;
* Funds were used to buy various properties in Nigeria;
* In addition to Facebook communication, various telephone numbers were used in Switzerland by **Danwole** for speaking with his sister and mother regarding the progress of construction sites acquired in France, allowing him to complete the cycle of the laundering of these funds.
* **Chukwuemeka Danwole** was arrested in Switzerland on the January 16, 2011 and placed under temporary custody by decision of the Court of Measures of Constraint on January 18, 2011.