

UN Countering Terrorist Travel Programme

Highlights

IOM and UNOCT hold Border Governance Workshop for Law Enforcement Agencies in Nigeria, 8-11 May: IOM and UNOCT, in collaboration with the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Counterterrorism, conducted a four-day workshop in Abuja to enhance the capacity of the Federal Government of Nigeria in border security and strengthen their counter-terrorism efforts across the country.



Western Africa Regional Informal Working Group (IWG), 17 May: CT Travel and the Airport Communication Programme (AIRCOP) implemented by UNODC, organized the second annual regional IWG meeting for over 70 delegates representing law enforcement, counter-terrorism, security, and civil aviation agencies from 16 West African countries and four observer States.



Regional Workshop for the Middle East and North Africa (MENA), 29-31 May: More than 100 participants from 13 Member States in the MENA, attended a regional workshop in Cairo on "Setting-Up A Passenger Information Unit and Processing API and PNR." The workshop was jointly organized by UNOCT and UNODC under the framework of the CT Travel Programme, and hosted by the Government of Egypt.



Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Hungary, 13 June: UNOCT and the Government of Hungary, signed an MoU to formalize their partnership in preventing and countering terrorist travel and serious crimes under the United Nations Countering Terrorist Travel Programme.



CT Travel Programme Donors Forum: Highlighting Achievements, Impact, and Lessons Learned, 19 June: UNOCT, together with the CT Travel Programme partners, organized a hybrid side event, 'Donors Forum on the margins of the Third Counter-Terrorism Week (CT Week) in New York.



Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Djibouti, 23 June: UNOCT and the Government of Djibouti signed an MoU to formalize their partnership in preventing and countering terrorist travel and serious crimes under the United Nations Countering Terrorist Travel Programme.



Member State Implementation (16 'active Member States'1*)

Operational: AIRCOP held six operational working group meetings and six working meetings specializing in the drafting of Standard Operating Procedures/Terms of Reference for the Passenger Information Units (PIUs) of six Member States. They also undertook two study visits, one to the Luxembourg PIU for Botswana (in-person/hybrid) and the other to the Belgium PIU for Togo (in-person).

Legal: The Mongolia Passenger Data Regulations (API/PNR) were adopted, bringing to three the number of legal texts adopted with CT Travel support. During Q2, the Terrorism Prevention Branch (TPB) held 27 legal working groups or engagements. Additionally, TPB circulated the first draft of the recommended legal provisions on maritime traveler data.

Transport Industry: ICAO held eight working group meetings with seven different beneficiary countries as well as five connectivity meetings.

Technical: Four Member States entered pre-production, bringing the total to two in production with goTravel Software Solution; eight in pre-production; and four close to pre-production. In terms of activity, OICT held 15 working group meetings focusing on goTravel deployment or installation, and 30 software maintenance support-related meetings.

INTERPOL: Participated in or led three technical integration meetings for Botswana, Israel, and Norway, and attended two Programme-related trainings or conferences.

IOM: Held 26 meetings or activities related to the coordination, and implementation of the CT Travel Programme, including two dedicated Programme Management Team (PMT) meetings in coordination with IOM field operations. CT Travel participated in the IOM Immigration and Border Governance Retreat.

About CT Travel

The objective of the UN CT Travel Programme is to build Member States' capabilities to prevent, detect and investigate terrorist offenses and other serious crimes, including related travel, by:

- Collecting and analyzing travel information such as passenger data, namely Advance Passenger Information (API) and Passenger Name Record (PNR);
- Improving the use of international databases with known and suspected terrorists and criminals, such as the databases of the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL); and
- Enhancing international information exchange, in line with UN Security Council resolutions [2178](#), [2396](#), and [2482](#).

The detection capabilities, that the Programme helps establish, commonly referred to as Passenger Information Units (PIUs), are in charge of processing passenger data provided by the transport industry using the [UN 'goTravel' software solution](#), based on solid legislation and regulations established with the Programme's assistance.

CT Travel Strategy

The Programme provides assistance to Member States across four key pillars of work:

Pillar I

Legislation support for API and PNR

Pillar II

Operational support for Passenger Information Units (PIUs)

Pillar III

Transport industry engagement

Pillar IV

Technology support for goTravel

CT Travel:
2019 - Present

66 Beneficiary Member States



31 Members States assessed incl. CARICOM



29 Roadmaps developed



2 Countries in production with goTravel

12 Countries in pre-production testing goTravel



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Executive Summary | Key Successes in Numbers

Throughout Q2, UNOCT led 58 All-of-UN activities in collaboration with one or more partners, with a view to ensure coordination across the pillars of the CT Travel Programme. 15 communication products, seven press releases or web stories and eight tweets, were published. 241 actions and activities were registered in the "CT Travel Activity Tracker" for Q2 across all partners.



April: UNOCT USG, Mr. Voronkov, met with ICAO SG, Mr. Salazar, to discuss the eighth review of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, the Third United Nations Counter-Terrorism Week, CT Travel, and the TAM Programme, to detect and counter terrorist travel and threats to aviation security.

May: One National Consultation for Malawi on API and PNR, held in Lilongwe on 3-4 May, a Border Governance Workshop, held in Abuja on 13 May, a Regional Informal Working Group on API and PNR held in Côte d'Ivoire, on 16-17 May, and a Regional Workshop for the Middle East and North Africa held in Egypt on 29-31 May.

June: An Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Hungary was signed on 13 June, a Privacy and Data Protection Workshop held in the Budapest Regional Programme Support Office (RPSO) on 13-14 June, the CT Travel Programme Donors Forum: Highlighting Achievements, Impact, and Lessons Learned, that took place on 19 June, and an MoU with Djibouti signed on 23 June.



Building Sustainable Regional Approaches to API and PNR Implementation

Regional Informal Working Groups (IWGs)

- **West Africa IWG:** CT Travel held four West Africa IWG meetings in Q2.
- **Eastern Europe and Central Asia IWG:** Two Eastern European IWG meetings were held in Q2. In May, a meeting on Connection with Airlines in the Kyrgyz Republic was held, and in June, a meeting on ICT issues, PIU connectivity, and lessons learned from Albania PIU was held.
- **New IWG Meetings:** CT Travel held four meetings relating to the development of new IWGs for two separate regions; South-East Asia and the MENA region.

Upcoming Activities

July:

- Regional Forum on Migration and Maritime Security
- API and PNR Awareness-raising Workshop for Kenya

August:

- National Consultation for Fiji
- National Consultation for Samoa

September:

- CT Travel Interactive Training for Iraq
- Rules-Based Targeting and goTravel User Training for the Philippines
- ICAO TRIP Symposium
- National Consultation for Algeria
- UNODC/TPB/AIRCOP Experts' Mission to Turkmenistan and Tajikistan
- IDSF Conference in Vienna
- Passenger and Cargo Border Team Global Meeting

Training Approach

CT Travel Programme has a variety of training courses available for Member States:

- CT Travel foundational course covering four [eLearning modules](#) on the basics of API and PNR, the international legal framework, establishment of a PIU and a Passenger Data Single Window, and Hit and Match, delivered self-paced online;
- An Interactive [CT Travel Training course](#) delivered in-person or hybrid over four-five days and covering all key aspects of the Programme;
- A Specialised Rules Based-Targeting Training designed for operators and analysts in the Passenger Information Unit;
- A goTravel-user basic training designed to apply the RBT training in the goTravel system; and
- A Technical IT training on the deployment and installation of goTravel.

Here is the [link](#) to the brochure on the website.

CT Travel Training Delivery: One Rules-Based Targeting training took place for Mongolia in April, and one joint training for Nigeria was held in May. In addition, one Privacy and Data Protection Workshop was held in June at the UNOCT Regional Programme Support Office in Hungary, with the presence of 20-plus experts from eight different countries.

CT Travel Training Development: Development of new eLearning and microlearning modules, on (i) Maritime, (ii) Human Rights, and (iii) goTravel is ongoing.

66 Beneficiary Member States

The Programme welcomed three new beneficiary countries throughout the quarter, bringing the total to 66 Member States.

