

## UN Countering Terrorist Travel Programme

### Full-Return of In-Person Activities

Quarter 1 2022, is significant in that it signalled the full return of in-person activities since Q1 2020.

Over the quarter, there were 13 activities/events at which the CT Travel Programme participated in-person:

**January:** Opening of the Azerbaijan PIU, CT Travel Training course in Côte d'Ivoire, Presentation of the Swiss Roadmap, Signing of IOM MoA.



**February:** Operational workshop in The Gambia, Briefings to the Government of Kenya, UNOCT meeting with Botswana PIU DG.



**March:** Briefings to Nigeria in Abuja, Pillar 4 working group in Botswana, UK Security and Policing exhibition, Targeting and goTravel Training for Norway, UNOCT Beneficiaries forum, API and PNR Workshop for Iraq in Amman.

### Highlights

**Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with IOM, 28 January:** UNOCT and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) signed a MoA formalizing the partnership between CT Travel and the Immigration and Border Management programming of IOM. The agreement establishes a framework that will allow joint support and technical assistance to Member States to enhance national capacities to detect and interdict the travel of terrorist and other serious criminals.



**Arrangement on Cooperation (AoC) with ICAO, 11 February:** The Under-Secretary-General of UNOCT, Mr. Vladimir Voronkov, and Secretary-General of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Mr. Juan Carlos Salazar signed an in-person AoC to further strengthen cooperation, and advance their joint initiatives to counter terrorism.

**CT Travel Beneficiary Member States:** One new beneficiary joined the Programme in Q1 – the Republic of Mali.

### Capacity Building

**Training Courses:** Foundational and interactive training courses were delivered for two Member States, Côte d'Ivoire in hybrid format, and Norway as an in-person targeting and goTravel training.

**Legal:** Four legal working group meetings with four beneficiary countries and provided legal advice to one beneficiary country.

**Operational:** Three operational working group meetings, one 3-day operational workshop, and four virtual study visits.

**Technical:** 39 technical working group meetings, 55 support/maintenance tickets, and the design and business requirements of the maritime module finalized during Q1.

**Transport Industry:** Seven Pillar III working group meetings for six Member States; The finalization of the Philippines API National Implementation Guide; and four connectivity meetings with two Member States and two brokers.

### 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, commonly referred to as Passenger Information Units (PIUs), that the Programme helps establish 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

Technical support for goTravel

CT Travel:  
2019 - Present

50 Beneficiary  
Members States



20 Members States  
assessed



19 Roadmaps  
developed



21 Countries  
testing goTravel





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### Ensuring an 'All-of-UN' Approach to Programme Implementation

#### MS Coordination

- **Master Implementation Plan:** National Implementation Sites have now been developed and agreed for a further six Member States (France, Norway, Switzerland, Moldova, DRC, South Africa) bringing the total to 20.
- **Internal Coordination:** Nine internal coordination meetings, with (eight PMTs on implementation and one dedicated meeting for francophone Member States).
- **Bilateral coordination:** CT Travel held 29 bilateral meetings with 15 Member States to progress implementation and support coordination efforts.

#### Developing Training Structures

In close cooperation with the programme partners and donor countries, including certification, online training platforms, train-the-trainer (ToT) modules, etc.

#### CT Travel Training Course Delivery

- **Targeting Training Course, Norway (in-person):** 21 participants from the Norwegian police, customs and security service, supported by international experts from The Netherlands and Finland.
- **Interactive Training Course, Côte d'Ivoire (hybrid):** 24 participants (six of them joining online) from agencies such as National Civil Aviation Authority (ANAC), Air Côte d'Ivoire, Customs, National Aviation Services, etc.
- **API and PNR Basics eLearning (self-paced), South Africa:** 28 participants from the South African Revenue Service (SARS) and the Department of Home Affairs have been enrolled on the self-paced foundational eLearning course.
- **API and PNR Basics eLearning (self-paced), Namibia:** 29 participants from the Ministry of Home Affairs of Namibia, Immigration and Security (MHA), Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA), Police, Revenue Agency (Namra), Ministry of Work and Transport Republic (MWT), etc.

#### Cooperation with International Organizations

- **IATA:** CT Travel joined the three monthly virtual IATA Facilitation Exchange Calls, which are monthly discussions to provide updates and new information related to passenger data exchange, travel and entry requirements and other facilitation matters that influence the air transport industry.
- **IOM:** CT Travel and IOM finalised the selection of a new IOM-CTTP Coordination Officer and engaged in regular coordination meetings with IOM Field Operations, particularly those in Azerbaijan, Kenya, Nigeria, and Sri Lanka.
- **OSCE:** CT Travel and OSCE finalised the text for the MoA for the Secretariat role that OSCE will play in the Eastern Europe IWG.
- **WCO:** CT Travel contributed to the WCO Passenger Facilitation and Control Working Group, and also progressed with the MoA for collaboration with the CT Travel Programme.

### Upcoming Activities

#### • April:

- Namibia desk review
- Workshop for Kenya focal points

#### • May:

- First Meeting of the West Africa Regional Informal Working Group (IWG)
- CT Travel Mission to CARICOM
- In-person training course in Azerbaijan
- INTERPOL Regional conference on 'Tackling emerging terrorism trends in Africa'

#### • June:

- Philippines study visit to UK
- Kenya in-person 2nd workshop for focal points
- In-person training course in Ghana
- Virtual launch of the Southern Africa Informal Working Group (IWG)

### Training Approach

CT Travel Programme has designed a week-long online blended learning course that covers all aspects of the training syllabus, which are:

- The threat environment;
- An introduction to the CT Travel Programme;
- International legal and regulatory framework related to API and PNR data;
- The operationalization of a Passenger Information Unit (PIU);
- State and industry engagement;
- Technological support and the 'goTravel' software; and
- Maritime passenger data.

Participants will be able to engage through a mix of live sessions and prerecorded lectures at their own pace and even come back to the information once the course is finished. Every video also offers a PDF file for reference after the course. Recently, a new legal case study was added to the programme. Each training is preceded by a pre-training week, 3 hours of self-study, where we explain the terms API and PNR.

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

### 50 Beneficiary Member States

Azerbaijan	Kenya	South Africa
Benin	Kyrgyzstan	Sri Lanka
Botswana	Mali	Sudan
Côte d'Ivoire	Mauritius	Switzerland
Djibouti	Moldova	Tajikistan
DRC	Mongolia	Tanzania
Eswatini	Morocco	The Gambia
France	Namibia	The Maldives
Ghana	Niger	The Philippines
Iraq	Nigeria	Togo
Israel	Norway	Vietnam
Kazakhstan	Sierra Leone	CARICOM

\*CARICOM (representing 15 Member States)